

 **MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 31** – Seventh Day of Christmas

7:30a.m. – Stella Cardow, Olga Maschio

5:15p.m. – Intentions of World Peace

**Tuesday, January 1** – Feast: The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Wednesday, January 2** – Feast: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:30a.m. – Elizabeth Quintanar, Intentions of Susan D'Costa, Intentions of Michael & Pamela Damaren & Family

**Thursday, January 3** – Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. – Gloria Gandour, Roy Ferraccioli, Intentions of Ana Percic

**Friday, January 4** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Stephani McLelland, Intentions of Herman Oswald, Intentions of Kathie Evans

**Saturday, January 5** – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Lynda Montesanti, William Barrett, Alessandro Brombal, Angelo Dal Bello

**Sunday, January 6** – Feast: Epiphany of the Lord

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Stewardship of Treasure:**

*Thank you for your gift in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.*

**PARISH NEWS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Donut Sunday & Ministry Fair and Farewell to Father Chris Tracey
- Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 . Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 . Annual Pasta Dinner



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

*The Holy Family was obviously a place where there was a deep love of God; it was a place where the scriptures and things of God were discussed and honoured. This is suggested by Jesus being found in the temple asking and answering questions. Mary and Joseph had evidently taught Him well, their example of love and obedience paved the way for Jesus to be open to all His heavenly Father would teach Him. Families today are called to be a mini-church asking God for the grace to love Him and be obedient to Him even if we do not always understand. As we ponder on the words of the Gospel let us pray that we as families and as individuals may be filled with wonder and awe at the marvels of God. At the same time we wish to celebrate the gift of faith, family and friends who will walk the journey of the new year with us. May we bring the presence of Christ to the centre of our gatherings, our meetings, our work. For us "the designated time has come" to begin anew, not with resolutions, but with actions on behalf of others. If each one of us took responsibility for Christ in one suffering person their lives would be transformed and we would be living our status as adopted sons and daughters. As we receive the invitations to significant events in the coming year, may we accept the scriptures today as an important invitation to live the new year and promised response for 2019.*

*Monsignor Noon, Father Chris Tracey, Father Mulhall and Deacon Quinto Tami and all the Parish Staff wish to extend our prayers and best wishes for a Happy New Year to all the members of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish. We also thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and many acts of kindness at Christmas and throughout the year. As your pastor I welcome the opportunity to thank all of you for the many ways in which you serve our parish family through your time, talent and treasure. To our Stewardship Committee; Catholic Women's League; Knights of Columbus; Ministers of the Word & Eucharist; Ministers of Hospitality; Children's Liturgy Program Leaders; Musicians; Parish Organist; Music Ministers and Choir Members; Altar Servers; Sacristan; Decorators and our School Communities.*

**NEW YEAR'S DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION CELEBRATING THE MOTHERHOOD OF MARY AND IS THE WORLD DAY FOR PEACE**

**MASS will be celebrated:**

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> .....5:15p.m.

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> .....9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

**PLANNED GIVING**

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate began serving the community in 1999 and remains today a strong symbol of faith. The continued support of parishioners is a wonderful sign of your Stewardship and continues to be important. Ongoing repairs and restoration projects continue and are very costly to fund. Please consider us as you prepare or update your estate and financial plans. A modest gift by the way of bequest, insurance or tangible assets can make a substantial difference to the future of our church. The BUILDING FUND finances immediate repairs and restoration work and helps to pay down our debt while the HERITAGE FUND ensures the Basilica will be in a position of financial security for future generations. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 519-824-3951. We are grateful that the Diocese has taken responsibility for the restoration of our Rectory and offices.

**OTHER NEWS****OPERATION KEEP WARM**

Donations of tents, tarps, sleeping bags and hiking backpacks are needed. They are being accepted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9a.m. and 4p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday between 9a.m. and 8p.m. at 133 Woolwich Street, Guelph.

**JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN AT WELLINGTON CATHOLIC**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>. To attend JK one must be four years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and for SK one must be five years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Please bring . child's birth certificate; a parent or child's baptismal certificate; child's health card/ immunization record/ custody papers (if applicable); proof of tax support for families new to the system (ie most recent tax bill). Students currently in JK program in Wellington Catholic are NOT REQUIRED to register for SK. Any questions please call your school.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Our third event will be held Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. at the Albion Hotel with Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living In A Throw Away Culture." Finger food will be provided. Young adults 19-40 are welcome.

**VOCATION NEWS**

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER**

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan website ([www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)) and click the "Subscribe to our Newsletter" button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with the Diocesan Newsletter and will never be shared with any third party.

**MINI-BUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

Guelph & Area Right to Life is gathering change to support pro-life advertisements on the back of some city buses providing educational information about abortion, euthanasia and local crisis pregnancy support. There is a "mini-bus" to fill with change in a past week's bulletin. Buses can be returned to the church by the end of January. Thank you for your support.



SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)

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