



Monday, February 11 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Giovanni Artuso, Stephanie McLelland

Tuesday, February 12 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Intentions of Colleen Ellis
6:30p.m. – Living & Deceased CWL Members

Wednesday, February 13 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Evelyn Krusky, Ted, Paul, Ken & Rita Leader,
Anne Paik

Thursday, February 14 – Feast: St. Cyril and St. Methodius
7:00p.m. – Francesco & Filomena Grasso, Maria Frazao,
Jacques Lacroix

Friday, February 15 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – Kenneth Keleher, Luisa Della Croce

Saturday, February 16 – Ferial
5:15p.m. – Steve Vasko, Nan Anderson, Isidro Cabling

Sunday, February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$14,233.00 in support of
your parish community in gratitude for God's
blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of
Patrick Shea & Elliott Lane who were called to eternal
life. May they rest in the peace of God.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Attention CWL members and all ladies in the parish . please come and meet our Diocesan Catholic Women's League President Joan Schurter and learn how the League changed her life. We would be so pleased to have you attend our monthly CWL Mass at 6:30p.m. Tuesday, February 12th which will be followed by some refreshments, Joan's presentation and a short meeting. A big thank you to all who turned out for the workshop on the new CWL National Strategy . what an eye opener. Please join us on February 12th and learn a little more about the great CWL ministry to God, the church, Canada and the world. We would love to see you there.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: IS GOD ON OUR SIDE?

If God is all powerful why does God allow terrible things to happen to thousands of innocent people? The voices of grief suffered by family members and friends haunts our thoughts as thousands of human lives and dreams have been affected by on-going conflicts throughout the world. God is simply God, infinite goodness, mercy, justice, truth, compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation and beauty. No government can claim that national and international policies can claim the infinite righteousness and absolute integrity of God. The spiritually more authentic and humble statement might be for governments, like individuals, to say they keep striving to be on God's side. They do this in time of conflict by seeking always to purify their motives and to act in ways that show genuine regards for fundamental moral principles, respect for innocent human life, and a true concern for all of God's creation. If we presume that God is on our side, our moral vision could be blinded. To seek justice is struggling to be on God's side. In Matthew 5:38-48 Jesus says, "You have heard the commandment, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you is offer no resistance to injury. When a person strikes you on the right cheek, turn and offer him the other. You have heard the commandment love your countryman and hate your enemy. My commandment to you is, love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. This will prove that you are the children of God." It is very understandable why these words are so hard to hear. Our whole journey of faith from our baptism to the present compels us to hear these words no matter how difficult it might be to live by them. We will certainly not be on God's side in this war which has no boundaries and no foreseeable end, if we close our ears to the words of Jesus.

OTHER NEWS

COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on upcoming retreats & programs. Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusquelf.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will be hosting their fourth event of the season, on Tuesday, February 12th from 7-9p.m. upstairs at the Albion Hotel. Richard Olson, Superintendent of Learning for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, will be speaking on the topic "Am I Good Enough?". Mentoring Young People in the Promise of the Gospel. Finger food will be provided. A special invite goes out to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40.

A TASTE OF DIVERSITY

Three dinners from around the world; March 5th, May 22nd & November 13th at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre. \$60 each dinner or \$150 for all three! Space is limited. For tickets call 519-824-1250 ext. 241 or email officecoordinator@ignatiusquelph.ca. Dinner themes include Shrove Tuesday with a Ukrainian flair, A Taste of Italy and English cuisine.

VOCATION NEWS

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If you think that 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.

MARY, IMAGE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton, will speak at the Basilica of Our Lady on March 10th at 1:00p.m. Join us as we consider the images of Mary in art and what these contribute to our understanding of discipleship. We will consider the scenes depicted in the beautiful stained glass windows of the Basilica of Our Lady as a point of departure for our own Lenten journey. Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. Hope to see you there!

16th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER

The Celebration of Priesthood & Consecrated Life Dinner sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton will be held on Tuesday, April 30th, 2019 at Liuna Station Hamilton. For details contact Margaret Carreiro at 1-905-628-5682 or www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner.

GUELPH ECUMENICAL WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

The annual week of guided prayer and spiritual exploration will take place February 24th to March 2nd. Registration forms may be found on the information desk.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15th, 2019 call 1-905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website www.retrouaille.org.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

February is the month we celebrate love on Valentine's Day but the commercialism of the day can confuse children and make them believe that love is only about giving and/or receiving something. While that may be part of love, true love unfolds every day in the way we treat each other, help each other and care for each other. True love takes work, requires action and seeks to meet the needs of the one we love. Talk to your children, no matter the age, about what real love actually looks like, so they can grow up to give and expect that kind of love in their lives (Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

27th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto March 2, 2019 9:30a.m.-5:00p.m. Join the Catholic Renewal Ministry with keynote speakers Father Mark Goring, Ralph Martin and Sister Ann Shields, SGL. Closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Tickets are \$25 and bus tickets are \$17. For tickets and bus transportation please call Ana Percic at 519-824-8456.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, June 9th at 1:30p.m. This Mass is for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ years of marriage in 2019. Please see the poster on the south front bulletin board to register.

CORO CANTITALIA

A Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 21st at 8:30p.m. in St. John's Church Victoria Road for the intentions of all past and present members of the Coro Cantitalia Choir.

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