



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 18 – Ferial: Weekday
9:00a.m. – *Alessandrina Franceschi, Mary Reid*

Tuesday, February 19 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – *Intentions of Christine & Eugene, Lynda Montesanti*

Wednesday, February 20 – Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. – *Intentions of Father Eric Jensen, William (Bill) Barrett*

Thursday, February 21 – Ferial: Weekday
7:00p.m. – *Elizabeth Quintanar, Patricia (Connolly) Buzas, Erasmo Spinazze*

Friday, February 22 – Feast: Chair of St. Peter
7:30a.m. – *Doris Hudson (Weiler), Joseph Giberson*

Saturday, February 23 – Feast: St. Polycarp
5:15p.m. – *Dorothy May O'Handley, Special Intentions, Alessandro Brombal, Angelo DalBello*

Sunday, February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$10,610.75 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Patrick Bennett and Elizabeth McKinnon who were called to eternal life. May they rest in the peace of God.

***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:
PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE
EUCHARIST***

The Eucharist is the summit of our faith, in which the entire story of our salvation is made real in a miraculous and powerful way. The Church asks all of us to examine our conscience to make sure we are truly prepared to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Are we in a state of grace, that is, not aware of any unconfessed grave sin? If not in the state of grace then we should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation first. Have we observed the one hour fast from food and drink (except for water and medication) before receiving Our Lord? Do we believe in the Real Presence; do we believe that Christ is present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity? Are we faithful to the moral teachings of the Church in our personal and public life?

PARISH NEWS

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!

OTHER NEWS

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@ignatiusguelph.ca. Dinner themes include Shrove Tuesday with a Ukrainian flair, A Taste of Italy and English cuisine.

VOCATION NEWS

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious consecrated, or priesthood. 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.

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?

Retrouvaille 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 hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website www.retrouvaille.org.

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.

CORO CANTALIA

A Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30p.m. in St. John's Church Victoria Road for the intentions of all past and present members of the Coro Cantalia Choir.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Love is a choice, or more importantly, how we love is a choice. We can choose soft, complimentary and caring words, or we can choose harsh, cutting and angry words. Emotions in any relationship can run high at times, but we can control our emotions if we choose. We can take a moment to breathe deeply, ask ourselves if we want to hurt or offend the one we love and decide what the better words and tone to discuss an issue might be. When we choose wisely, we love more fully and our spouse responds in kind. Love is a choice. Make wise decisions and your marriage will flourish (Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE DOCUMENTARY

Join us February 22nd at St. Raphael's Church New Street, Burlington from 7-9p.m. for a screening of the Development & Peace documentary *After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village* with special guest Jess Austin from the Philippines.



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese of Hamilton and for shared ministries. Answers to questions will appear periodically in parish bulletins.

What are the potential benefits of the campaign's focus on campus ministry?

We know that many Catholic young people who go away to college and university are going to Mass less when they graduate. We want to help college and university students form networks and communities that help them to be comfortable living out their faith. In short, the Diocese wants to support Catholic students during an important time in their lives. Campaign funds will be allocated toward staff and program costs for chaplaincy programs associated with post-secondary institutions within the Diocese.

How would the hospital ministry goal be beneficial?

Hospital ministry is a way for the Church to be Jesus for us during a difficult time, providing comfort, peace and healing as we tackle big questions. The campaign goal will serve to improve what we already do to make the Church present to a population that might not be present in our parishes. Funds will provide for pastoral formation and training for those who minister to the sick, whether it be priests, deacons, seminarians or lay hospital ministers. Resources for and promotion of palliative care, which aims to relieve the symptoms, pain and stress of a serious illness.

Why the focus on prison ministry and help for migrant workers?

These goals aim to help raise the consciousness of the Diocese at large to these populations and their needs. The Church is there, too, and the Church needs to be there for them for the same reason it ministers to all of us. Funds from the campaign will enhance the mission and the vision of prison ministry, in particular by formalizing the structure of the ministry in the Diocese. That will include the training of deacons and lay volunteers to help them share the healing and compassion of Jesus with those confined in correctional institutions. For migrant workers, the Diocese is committed to ensuring their spiritual and pastoral care for the period they spend in the area providing labour in the industries in which they work.

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