



Monday, March 4 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Jim Murphy, Suzanne Kienapple

Tuesday, March 5 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Robert Holliday, Francis Raffo

Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday

7:30a.m. – Virginia Calenda

12:10p.m. – Dorothy Barrett

7:00p.m. – Betty Weiler

Thursday, March 7 – Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. – Matthew Hanson, Valentino Girardi, Gloria Gandour

Friday, March 8 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Colum Corrigan

7:00p.m. – Lucia Zanarini, Dr. Romolo Carere,
Intentions of Patricia Grierson

Saturday, March 9 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Denise Brazolot, Alessandro Brombal,
William (Bill) Barrett, Giovanni (John) Artuso

Sunday, March 10 – First Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$7,641.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

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!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2019

Wednesday, March 6th begins the holy season of Lent, our annual forty day journey with the Lord. Mass will be celebrated with the distribution of ASHES at 7:30a.m.; 12:10p.m.; and 7:00p.m. A para-liturgy with the distribution of ashes will take place at our three parish schools. Lent is a time set aside by the church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the great feast of Easter. During this time we must consciously try to love God and one another more through acts of penance. Lenten penance should be external and social as well as individual and internal. During Lent you are encouraged to build on your own personal faith journey through attending an extra Mass; scripture reading and reflection; daily meditation and examination of conscience; celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation; praying the Rosary; visit to the Blessed Sacrament (Exposition every Tuesday following Mass until 5p.m.); Stations of the Cross; fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent.

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – Mass at 7:30a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 12:10p.m.; Friday Stations of the Cross at 7p.m. followed by Mass except Friday, March 22nd when we welcome back John Miller and friends for a Lenten reflection in song and prayer.

In accordance with Canon Law ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE. All persons who have completed their 14th year of age are bound by the law of Abstinence, that is "NO MEAT". Those who have completed their 18th year of age up to age 60 are bound by the law of Fast and Abstinence "NO MEAT AND NO EATING BETWEEN MEALS." Those with health problems may be exempt.

WELCOME

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Kynslee Willow Allen-Woodham; Nora Jane Braham; Molly Krystyna Cherubin; Joseph Frank Cursio; Thomas Christian DiLoreto; Olivia Jacqueline Livingstone and Leo Andrew Joseph Weber. We congratulate their families.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our grade two children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week for the first time.

On Monday at 7p.m. . St. Paul School and the Correspondence children.

On Tuesday at 7p.m. . students of St. Ignatius School

On Thursday at 7p.m. . students of St. Michael School

We welcome them to this celebration.

THANK YOU

I wish to extend our thanks to Barbara Sockett who, for many years, co-ordinated our Baptismal Preparation Program and who led the team and attended all baptisms. She has decided to retire from this ministry and we are very grateful for her many hours of service to our parish. May God bless her with continued health and happiness. We welcome Maria Smith who has offered to continue this wonderful ministry.

OTHER NEWS**VOCATION NEWS**

For the Lord your labour is not in vain. Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE: MARCH 6th TO APRIL 14th

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days For Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers. In Guelph the Vigil is located at Kimberley Park (facing Eramosa Rd.) down from the Guelph Community Health Centre from 7a.m. to 7p.m. daily. For more information contact Guelph & Area Right to Life 519-836-6311. Bishop Crosby will celebrate a Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, March 12th at 7p.m. in our Basilica.

E-BOOKS

The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives offers a wide selection of eBooks on topics related to the Catholic faith including scripture and bible study, family and relationships, ministry, social justice and church history. These can be accessed via the Diocese of Hamilton website at <https://hamiltondiocesebfl.overdrive.com>. The eBook collection provides 24/7 access to our library resources and can be used by anyone regardless of location. More information can be found online at <https://bfhamiltondiocese.wordpress.com> or call the Library at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2270. All are welcome to benefit from our resources.

DECREE FROM BISHOP CROSBY

Effective on the Second Sunday of Lent each year, beginning on March 17th at 2:00p.m. there is to be observed in every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton a Holy Hour of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse. It is our prayer that the annual Holy Hour will be an instrument to bring about the healing of victims and their families and an end to the abuse of minor and vulnerable adults.

ARE YOU SEPARATED AND/OR DIVORCED?

Has a separation or divorce caused you to feel upset, or like you are on roller coaster? Would you like to minimize the impact on yourself and feel stronger. LEARNING TO COPE (LEVEL 1) is a ten week support program offered in Kitchener starting Tuesday, March 19th from 7 to 9:30p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. Cost is \$35. For more information contact the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249. If you have already completed Level 1, 2 or 3 join the next level and continue the journey toward healing and connect with others experiencing the same change in their lives.

MICHAEL HOUSE

Michael House is looking for an overnight staff member. Overnight Staff working at Michael House will work as a team member with other employees and volunteers to ensure Michael House is a positive and safe environment. See job description on the bulletin board and reply with resume and cover letter to Employment@michaelhouse.ca.

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