



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 11 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Kathleen Rodenburg, Intentions of Jonathan McMillan & Family

Tuesday, March 12 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Angela Tersigni

12:10p.m. – Jack White, Ethel Murphy, Deceased Members of the Gulielmo & Girardi Families

Wednesday, March 13 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Ted, Paul, Ken & Rita Leader

Thursday, March 14 – Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. – Frances & Maurice Zadro, Deceased Members of the Felice Pavan Family, Rod & Kay McKenna & Deceased Family Members

Friday, March 15 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Margaret Rodgers, Intentions of Paul & Jakki Jeffs (50th Wedding Anniversary)

7:00p.m. – Ricardo Scapin, Intentions of Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Intentions of Doreen Mammolite

Saturday, March 16 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Patrick Wyman, Joyce Thompson, Alessandrina Franceschi, Stephanie McLelland, Luisa Della Croce

Sunday, March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$14,956.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Bruce Clayton and Josephine Kaczmarczyk who were called to eternal life. May they rest in the peace of God.

PARISH NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Basilica CWL welcome you to a St. Patrick's Day Coffee and Dessert after the 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses on Sunday, March 17th. We look forward to seeing you there!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2019

Before beginning His public mission Jesus, driven by the Holy Spirit, fasted for forty days as an expression of His trusting abandonment to the Father's saving plan (Mt. 4:1-4). He gave precise instructions to His disciples that their fasting should never be tainted by ostentation and hypocrisy (Mt.6:16-18). Following the Biblical tradition, the Fathers of the Church held fasting in high esteem. In their view the practice of fasting made the faithful ready for nourishment of another kind, the food of the Word of God (Mt. 4:4) and of fulfillment of the Father's will (Jn.4:34). Fasting is closely connected to prayer, it strengthens virtue, inspires mercy, implores divine assistance and leads to conversion of the heart. 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 the noonday 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.

CWL MEET, CRAFT, PRAY!

Starting March 26th in our Church Hall from 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. we are forming a new group for crafters and aspiring crafters . all crafts . all abilities . all welcome! Refreshments provided. This activity will take place the last Tuesday of the month. To express an interest, request transportation or for additional details contact Agnese at 519-836-9804 or agnesenagy56@gmail.com or Janette at 519-821-6190 or castellanja@gmail.com.

OTHER NEWS

VOCATION NEWS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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. Our parish has been asked to participate next weekend. Bishop Crosby will celebrate a Pro-Life Mass on Tuesday, March 12th at 7p.m. in our Basilica.

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 a 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.

LOYOLA HOUSE GUELPH

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Contact us at loyolahouse.com or 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

- Lenten Taize Weekend March 22-24 with Fr. Bernie Carroll SJ; Brother Dan Lackman SJ; Tarcia Gerwin
- Les Miserables Weekend March 29-31 with Brother Dan Lackman
- Retreat with Jonah March 29-31 with Fr. Greg Kennedy SJ

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph March 11th to 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, RR#1, St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS JUNE 9th, 2019

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only . those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the south front transept for information on how to register for the celebration.

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

This is a ten week video based program that all people (married, dating or single) can use to develop skills needed to have a meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better %ne+ in all your relationships! The program is offered at the Diocesan Chancery Office Hamilton on Thursday evenings from 7-9p.m. March 21st to May 30th. Cost is \$45. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Elmira are hosting a Fish Fry Friday, March 22nd in their Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive. Continuous seating 5:30p.m. to 7p.m. Take-out from 5-5:30p.m . Adults \$16; Children (12 and under) \$8 and Take Out \$16. Advanced tickets available at the Parish Office between 9a.m. and 1p.m. 519-669-3387. Proceeds to the Knights charities.