

**Monday, March 2** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Suffering Souls in Purgatory, Marcel O"Brien, Ken, Rita, Ted & Paul Leader, Robert Langlois

**Tuesday, March 3** – Ferial: Weekday

**6:30p.m.** – Suffering Souls in Purgatory, Jim Murphy, Anton Semlak, Intentions of Diane Loeppky

Wednesday, March 4 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Suffering Souls in Purgatory

**12:10p.m -** Guy Soligo & Deceased Members of the Soligo & Fazzari Families

**Thursday, March 5** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Rick & Lillian Porter, Intentions of Maria Semlak, Suffering Souls in Purgatory, Gary Calverley

Friday, March 6 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Suffering Souls in Purgatory, Jon Drolc Jr.

Saturday, March 7 – Ferial

**9:00a.m.** – Special Intentions

**5:15p.m.** –Suffering Souls in Purgatory, Bernice Carey, Eileen Warburton

Sunday, March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

# Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$9,325.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

# **PARISH NEWS**

# **LENTEN REFLECTIONS CONCERT**

John B. Miller & Friends will be performing a Lenten Concert at the Basilica on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m., following the Stations of the Cross starting at 7p.m. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated. For further information please visit <a href="https://www.johnbmiller.ca">www.johnbmiller.ca</a>.

#### **2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Your 2019 Income Tax Receipts are now available for pick up after all Masses in the Basilica, behind the altar in the alcove.

#### SARUM COMPLINE IN THE CRYPT

Compline is the official Night Prayer of the Church, which forms part of the Divine Office, or the Liturgy of the Hours. This Lent we have a unique opportunity to take part in the sung Office of Compline according to the Sarum Rite, which was widely used in England prior to the Reformation. Dr. William Renwick, Professor Emeritus at McMaster University, and Canada's foremost expert in Sarum Rite, will give a brief presentation and then lead the Hamilton Gregorian Schola in sung Compline Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the Crypt area of the Parish Hall. All are welcome and the service will be followed by a Wine and Cheese Reception.

#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS**

On Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Bishop Crosby will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special Mass for 40 Days for Life. 40 Days for Life is a time of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The prayer vigil is taking place daily from February 26<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> in downtown Guelph and all are encouraged to sign up to pray. Visit 40daysforlife.com/guelph for more details, or call 519-836-6311 to sign up.

# **FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE**

On Friday, March 27th, Guelph & Area Right to Life presents guest speaker Vicki Thorn. Ms Thorn is from the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family and will be presenting on the biology of the Theology of the Body. Teens (Grade 9 and up) and parents are welcome to attend, or anyone who is interested! Vicki Thorn will be sharing about the science of attraction and bonding, and how the way we're designed connects to the church teaching on healthy sexuality. The talk will take place at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall of the Basilica. To RSVP, contact info@guelphforlife.com or 519-836-6311.

# **CWL NEWS:**

- The CWL is pleased to present a screening of the film "Unplanned" at 7p.m. on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Based on a powerful true story, "Unplanned" shows how an abortion clinic worker had a change of heart and became pro-life. Admission is free and donations will be collected for Guelph & Area Right to Life. For information and to RSVP, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at info@guelphforlife.com.
- All are invited to the CWL St. Patrick's Tea after both Masses on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with delectable desserts and coffee! (Also, a reminder to CWL members to bake your best desserts and bring them to the Church Hall starting Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 10a.m.-2p.m.).
- A reminder to CWL members: the monthly CWL meeting for March will be taking place at a special time. On Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be at 2:00p.m. and it will be a potluck. Members are invited to bring their favourite meal or dessert and hear updates on what the CWL has been doing.

# **OTHER NEWS**

#### **VOCATIONS:**

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 God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held this year at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 175 Emma Street, Guelph. The service this year was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. We look forward to hearing our guest speaker, Rev. Naomi Miller who is now the Rector at Church of the Apostles. Please join us Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m.

# "WOMAN AT THE WELL" PRESENTATION

On March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Guelph, we have the great pleasure of having Dr. Josephine Lombardi give us a talk on the "Woman of the Well" to start our Lenten journey. Dr. Lombardi is an Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education and Director of Lay Formation for St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough, ON. She has been an advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and her books, "On Earth as it is in Heaven" and "Experts in Humanity," have been featured on Salt and Light TV. Dr. Lombardi is a wonderfully dynamic speaker that we know you will enjoy. Please come and join us!

# **DIOCESAN CHOIR**

The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and Ordinations of Priests and Deacons. We invite interested music ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2<sup>nd</sup> and are held every Monday from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. For further information, and to register, contact the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988 or check online at: https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/diocesan-choir.php. Registration will close as sections are filled.

# PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Lent is an important time in the Church and a great time for parents to talk to their children about it. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, a six week period where we set aside time to reflect on Jesus's suffering and dying, which ultimately led to His Resurrection and eternal life for all who believe and live the faith. Lent is a time for fasting, prayer and reflecting on how much God loves us. Talk to your kids about Jesus and how he tried to change the world; work together as a family to better yourselves as His followers; consider giving something up for Lent and talk about how that small suffering can help relate to how Jesus suffered for everyone. Easter is a time of great celebration, use Lent to help your children understand why! (Family Ministry Office).

## **MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Lent is a great time to build your marriage bond! Instead of "giving up" something, take a fast from criticizing, complaining or even ignoring your spouse; pray together daily and reflect on how you are called to live your marriage vocation; engage in a Lenten retreat and/or attend the Stations as a couple; read and reflect on a passage of the Bible; consider giving of your time and talent as a couple during the six weeks of Lent. Every activity you undertake will benefit your spiritual life and will also build your bond as a couple as you engage in your Lenten practices together. (Family Ministry Office).

## **COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE**

Are you looking to break away and spend time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats and programs at Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph:

- **Lenten Taize Weekend** March 20-22 led by Bernie Carroll, SJ & Dan Leckman, SJ
- Les Miserables Weekend March 27-29 led by Dan Leckman, SJ
- *A Retreat with Jonah* March 27-29 led by Greg Kennedy, SJ
- Holy Week Retreat April 4-12
- Easter Triduum April 9-12

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact <u>registration@ignatiusguelph.ca</u> or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

# <u>ORGANIST NEEDED - ST. TERESA OF AVILA, ELMIRA</u>

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Elmira, ON is seeking out an organist/ accompanist for Saturday afternoon Mass and one rehearsal weekly. This position includes extra possibilities for added services and professional development. The candidate should possess a basic knowledge of the Catholic Liturgy and the ability to work closely with the Pastor and Choir Director in liturgy planning. Compensation is based on competitive salaries and determined upon skill and experience. St. Teresa of Avila is a vibrant parish that is looking to expand its Music Ministry and therefore looking for an individual with a likeminded attitude. Please send your resume to the Parish Office at 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira, N3B 1V3.

# <u>JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES SIMULATION</u> <u>EXERCISE</u>

On Sunday, March 1st at 1:30p.m., the Jesuit Refugee Services of the Society of Jesus will be coming to Holy Rosary Parish to speak and offer a simulation exercise depicting the experience of a Refugee in our St. Ignatius of Loyola Classroom or the Parish Hall, depending on attendance. All are welcome to learn and participate in the Refugee Simulation Exercise as we begin the Lenten journey on the First Sunday of Lent.