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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon 1:00pm - 4:30pm

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Welcome to newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available in the pamphlet racks in the back of the church or at the office.

Hospital Registration:

Please be sure to indicate your religion and parish when entering the hospital.

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesdays from 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Sick and Shut-in Ministry:

Contact the parish office if you would like someone to bring Communion or to visit/call you.

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Bequests:

Please consider a bequest to the Church of Our Lady to maintain our parish as a Symbol of Faith for future generations.

Sacrament of Penance:

Tuesday: 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. Saturday: 4:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

First Saturday of the Month: 8:00a.m.- 8:45a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office at least two months prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Application forms are available at the office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the Parish at least nine months before the proposed date of marriage.

Sacrament of Anointing: Available upon request.

Correspondence Course:

This program is available to assist parents in the religious education of their children. It is available from Kindergarten to High School.

Funeral and Burial Arrangements:

When a death occurs in your family, please advise the parish immediately and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial please contact the Cemetery Office at 836-8814 or 1-800-661-5985.

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Monday, May 31 – Feast: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00a.m. – Henry & Helen May, The Butt Family, Intentions of William McGarry

Tuesday, June 1– Feast: St. Justin **9:00a.m.** – Intention of Semlak Family, Kubica, Maruskin, Gergis & Boules Family, Denver Mojtanowski

Wednesday, June 2 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Kubica, Maruskin, Gergis & Boules Families

12:15p.m.–Members of Downey Family, Michael Kavanagh, Special Intentions of Conor Butt & Families

Thursday, June 3 – Feast: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions **9:00a.m.** – Timothy Scherer, Members of Boyle Family, Intentions of Kubica, Maruskin, Gergis & Boules Families

Friday, June 4 – Ferial: Weekday 9:00a.m. -Santhosh George, Mary Burke, Intentions of Kubica, Maruskin, Gergis & Boules Families

Saturday, June 5 – Feast: St. Boniface, Bishop **9:00a.m.** – Pastoral Intentions

Sunday, June 6 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
9:00a.m.-

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please refer to our parish website (www.basilicaofourlady.com) or the diocesan website (hamiltondiocese.com) for the current and updated directives regarding COVID-19 from Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton.

Welcome Back

It us a delight to be able to return to our weekly online bulletin. As many of you are aware we have had quite a time in the Parish Office since Christmas. Angela has been off on sick leave and is still in need of your prayers. The office was closed for a good part of the year due to Covid restrictions, and Sharon was swamped with financial and other administrative work. Hence the bulletin was not able to be published. While I tried to stay in touch through our various social media it is not the same as a weekly bulletin. Now that we have a full-time secretary in the office again, I am very pleased to be able to welcome you all back to our weekly online bulletin. Thank you for your patience over the last few months, and God Bless you all.

PROVINCIAL LOCKDOWN JUNE 2021- RESTRICTIONS AT THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As you are likely aware the Government of Ontario has ordered a province-wide lockdown to curb the coronavirus spread in Ontario. This will affect the Basilica of Our Lady in the following ways:

- All public Masses from June 1st to the 14th are suspended until we receive notification from the Diocese of Hamilton to reopen our doors.
- Any Mass intentions that have been requested will still be honoured. I will offer Mass each day for these intentions.
- Holy Mass will still be broadcast every Sunday on our YouTube Channel (Music at the Basilica)
- The Parish Office will be closed, but phone messages and emails will be checked regularly
- Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals may still proceed with no more than ten people, including the priest in attendance.
- If you need a priest in an emergency, please ask the nurse at your health facility or e-mail me directly at my email: iduffy@hamiltondiocese.com.

I know that it is rather poor timing to ask for financial assistance while I tell you that we are shut down, but if you could continue to make your regular donations it would be very helpful and very much appreciated. Donations can either be mailed in, or placed in the Office mailbox, which will be checked twice daily. Additionally, I will be in the Parish Office from 10:00a.m. until 12:00p.m. on Saturdays for anyone who would like to drop off their donation in person.

Please pray for a swift end to this lockdown, and to the coronavirus, so that we may all resume our usual parish life as soon as possible. Please continue to check our parish website for any further notifications regarding the lockdown and its effects on our parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ, Father Ian Duffy (Rector)

ONLINE DONATIONS - CANADA HELPS

For those parishioners who are choosing to make their weekly or monthly Offertory donation online (through *Canada Helps* via the parish website or directly with Canada Helps) ...It would help us greatly if you would enter the word "Offertory" in the *Message* field on the Canada Helps page. Also, please note, if you opt to donate in this way you will be receipted directly through Canada Helps for these donations for tax receipt purposes and not the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish.

First Communion and Confirmations

Our celebrations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be postponed until the Fall of 2021. Dates

will be sent home from the schools and posted on our website in the near future. Grade two parents who would like their children to make their First Confession email Father Ian at iduffy@hamiltondiocese.com or wait until the Church opens again and come at a regular confession time.

<u>Welcome to Carlos and Susan - Farwell Sharon-</u> Prayers for Angela

We are very pleased to welcome Carlos Diaz to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for his Pastoral Year. Carlos is a seminarian for the Diocese of Hamilton who has just completed another year of studies at St. Peter's Seminary in London. He will be with us for the next year gaining pastoral experience and getting to know the life of a Parish Priest. Carlos was born in Mexico and raised in Kitchener-Waterloo. We welcome him as a new member of our Parish Pastoral Team.

We are also very pleased to welcome Susan Potvin to our parish. If you drop by the Parish Office, you will be warmly greeted with a smile and a friendly "Hello" from our new secretary Susan Potvin. Susan is a resident of Guelph, who comes to us with a rich and varied background both professionally and personally. She is also an artist, so we look forward to some of her work gracing the walls of the Parish Office soon. Please do drop by and introduce yourself.

Sharon Susa, who has served our parish very well for the past number of years, has moved on to a new venture in her life. We thank Sharon for her friendly and dedicated service to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and wish her many blessings in her new career.

Please keep Angela Taglietti, our Administrative Assistant, in your prayers. Angela has been on sick leave since just before Christmas. She is under the care of a wonderful medical team, and is in spirits, despite some setbacks. Angela wrote in an email the other day that she believes "the more prayers the better.

One Heart One Soul Campaign

Thank you very much to all of you who have supported our **One Heart One Soul Campaign**. As you know this major fundraising campaign throughout the Diocese supports our parish, parishes in need, and Diocesan ministries including University Campus Ministries, Prison Ministry, Hospital Chaplaincy, and Ministry of Migrant Workers. As of May 20, we had 224 gifts totalling \$783,236.00. This exceeds our minimum, or "Celebration" goal, and puts us well on the way to achieving our "Challenge" goal of \$825,000.00. 36 percent of our parish households have participated thus far. My sincere thanks to all of you especially to our volunteers. My biggest thanks, however go to Mark Sammut and Angie Hunt, our Campaign Co-Chairs. Without them this would never have happened. Thank you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Even during the Lockdown, I am still available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). You can either call the Parish Office during business hours or email me directly at iduffy@hamiltondiocese.com to arrange a time to celebrate this beautiful sacrament of God's mercy. Father lan

Parenting Tip of the Month – Parenting Tip 130

Covid-19 continues to dominate and control much of our lives. All of this affects children, but since they take their cues from adults in their lives, we can help them to feel resilient. Remind them of how happy you are, despite all that is happening that you are together as a family. Remind them of the beauty of nature that is all around for them to see and enjoy, that technology lets them connect with other family and friends and that through all of this we can continue to pray and ask for God's blessing. When they hear anger and frustration, they feel worried and concern; when they hear optimism and calm, they too feel those emotions as well. Let us remind our children how much we love them; help keep them strong during the pandemic. From: Family Ministry Office.

Marriage Tip of the Month - Marriage Tip 110

Listening maybe the most important aspect of any relationship, but it is also the hardest part for us to get right! Listening requires our full attention, not just to the words spoken, but also to the emotions attached. Doing so allows us to understand how our spouse is feeling and, if we listen attentively, to repeat back what we are hearing. When we do this without first making a defensive reply, issues get resolved and our spouse feels supported. Then we can reverse roles, expressing our thoughts and feelings on the issue, as our spouse becomes the listener. Happy couples work on these skills until they become second nature, thus keeping their relationship bond strong. From: Family Ministry Office.

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around Covid-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com. The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page – click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have any questions, please contact

familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

Pro-Life Virtual Fundraising Dinner Campaign

In lieu of Guelph and Area Right to Life's annual fundraising dinner, they have prepared a video inviting you to hear updates about the impact of their pro-life projects. This fundraising dinner campaign accounts for a significant portion of donations towards their lifesaving efforts. Due to Covid-19, they are unable to host their annual complementary fundraising dinner at the Mandarin but hope to do so next year. View their fundraising campaign video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjSozB6rZ1k This year their fundraising goal in support of local pro-life projects is \$15,000.00. For more information on how you can donate to support the pro-life cause in Guelph and Area, visit http://guelphforlife.com/donate.html or call 519-836-6311



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