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Parish Community



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *As the Eucharistic family of Our Lady Immaculate we believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We foster a welcoming and active faith community by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure. We continue to grow in the Spirit loving and serving God and each other.*

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 Amy Grey, Secretary
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, Sub-Organist
 Bruce Taylor, Organ Scholar

Parish Office Hours:

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-731-2563

Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School
 9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-823-2455
Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
Saint Ignatius of Loyola School
 251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Kellie Angerilli.....519-822-6192

Welcome to Newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office, at the back of the Church or on our website.

Hospital Registration:

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

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon
 First Fridays 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Sick and Shut-in Ministry:

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

High Schools:

Bishop Macdonell High School
 200 Clair Road West
 Principal: Michael MacPherson...519-822-8502
Our Lady of Lourdes
 54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Valerie Markes.....519-836-2170
Saint James High School
 57 Victoria Road North
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St. John Bosco
 19 Northumberland Street
 Principal: Sandra Cummings.....519-824-8909

Bequests:

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

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 First Saturday of the Month: 8:00 am - 8:45am

Sacrament of Baptism:

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

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the Parish at least one year in advance before the proposed date of the 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. www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 3rd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Charles Bone, Peggy McGarry, Anton Semlok

Tuesday, February 4th –

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Mary Bouffard

Wednesday, February 5th – St. Agatha

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Fadi Karam
8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Meghan Nahirny

Thursday, February 6th – St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Sister Judy Kidd

Friday, February 7th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Marye & Pierre-George Ingram

Saturday, February 8th

4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Vicki Anderson, James Baily, Jean Mickus, Intentions of Ethan Duong, Amber Baily and Family, Massimo Marconi, Ann Forester

Sunday, February 9th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass**
11:00 a.m. – **Mass**
1:00 p.m. - **Baptisms**

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the Presentation of the Lord, beginning on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Maureen Harron and for the intentions of the Fernandes Family.

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your gifts collected in the amount of \$(see next week's bulletin) in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you to be a Priest, Religious or Deacon contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**

Email:

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Parish Envelopes 2025

The 2025 Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. They have been sorted into Alphabetical Order, if you are unable to find your envelope or are a new Parishioner that would like to use the weekly envelopes, please drop by the Parish Office to register and receive a box.

Church Choir – Seeking Female Singers

The Senior Choir is seeking female singers for the spring season. Please see Joe in the choir loft or inquire in the Parish office for more information

Family Day Bowling and Dinner

Are you looking for a fun and affordable way to celebrate Family Day? The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce their 1st Family Day Bowling Day on Sunday, February 16th from 2-4 pm at Splitsville on Woodlawn Road. Dinner, refreshments and fun will follow at the Parish Hall. The pricing for this family event is \$25 per person (\$100 Cap for families) for 2 hours of bowling with shoe rental, as well as refreshments and dinner at the Parish Hall. Bowling only is \$20 per person; Dinner only is \$10 per adult or \$5 for children 5 and under. Tickets will be sold after weekend masses until February 8/9. Get your tickets early to reserve your spot before tickets sell out! We look forward to a great Family Day of bowling, food and fun!

OTHER NEWS

Canada Learning Bonds

Interested in starting an educational fund for your children to fund post-secondary opportunities? If your answer is yes but you believe that you cannot afford it the Canada Learning Bond is for you. If your net income is \$53,359.00 or less and you have children born after 2004, you can qualify for free government money to be set up for your child(ren). For more details, please email: socialjusticeclbquelp@gmail.com or leave your contact information with the parish office and a volunteer from St. Vincent De Paul Particular Council Social Justice Committee will contact you. They will go over the details with you and assist you with your application.

Frassatis' Carabiners Young Adult Group

Are you interested in spending time with other young adults (20s and 30s) who are striving to live the Faith? If so, The Wellington Deanery's Young Adults' Group, Frassati's Carabiners, is for you! Names after Blessed Pier Giorgio

Frassati, the Carabiners take a page out of Frassati's playbook, focusing on faith formation, camaraderie, and of course, lots of fun! If you are interested in learning more about the group and/or want to become involved, please contact Elise at frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com. The group posts their events and events of other local groups on a Facebook Messenger group chat. There is something for everyone, and it's a great way to become connected!

Guelph Catholic Moms Group

Calling all Moms! Join us for a free, fun, faith-filled afternoon every first Wednesday of the month at St. John the Baptist (45 Victoria Rd North, Guelph). Join us on Wednesday February 5th, 2025, from 4:30p.m till 6:00p.m. This meeting we will have a copy of St. John's Bible courtesy of the Hamilton Diocese. Following the viewing we will be doing a Versal craft, kids are always welcome. Please RSVP by Feb 3, 2025 to www.st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

World Day of Prayer

St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League invite you to this year's World Day of Prayer Service written by the women of Cook Islands on Friday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall (409 Paisley Rd, Guelph). This global ecumenical movement brings together over 150 countries to observe a common day of prayer. Join in solidarity as we pray in and with the women of Cook Islands. For more information, please call Sharon Huska at (519)821-4505.

Guelph & Area Right to Life: Fundraising Dinner

Save the date for our annual Fundraising Dinner on February 21st, 2025, at 6:00p.m. at the Mandarin in Guelph (565 Woodlawn Rd W, Guelph, On N1K 1E9). Enjoy an evening of great food and fellowship in support of Guelph and Area Right to Life. Your participation helps sustain our work in the community. Bring your family and friends for this memorable evening in support of a worthy cause.

The Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs

Sponsored by the Wellington Catholic District School Board last October, raised almost \$28K through donations and sponsorships. The funds were distributed to the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, the Canadian Mental Health Association of Waterloo and Wellington, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Central Wellington Food Bank. The funds help support breakfast and nutrition programs in schools, mental health services for families, food for families facing food insecurity in Wellington County, and food vouchers and support for families in need in Guelph. Congratulations to the Wellington Catholic District School Board! Great news as we begin the Jubilee Year of Hope!

Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate

Marian Residence Catholic Retirement Home, located in Cambridge is owned and operated by the Solisisters. For more information or to come for a tour, please email info@marianresidence.ca or call (519)653-0363. You can also take a virtual tour at www.marianresidence.ca.

Get to Know the Catholic Women's League – CWL

Attention: Women of the Parish The Catholic Women's League, known as the CWL, is a not-for-profit federally incorporated organization. The CWL is officially recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops as a private association of the faithful. We are affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organization, holding membership in the conference of International Catholic Organizations and having consulting status with agencies of the United Nations. The CWL is rooted in Gospel values and unites Catholic women from over 1,000 parishes across Canada to deepen their faith, serve their communities, and advocate for social justice. We are a Catholic sisterhood of over 63,000 members across Canada, with most of the membership being in Ontario. We have nearly 6,000 members in our own Hamilton Diocesan Council! The Catholic Women's League exists to nurture a bond between faith and action, as a network of women who encourage one another in prayer, discipleship, and leadership, offering a space to grow in our relationship with God and share that love with others. Through prayer, education, charitable work, and social justice advocacy, CWL members bring compassion and Christian values into our communities and the world. As a member, you will benefit in the following ways: Faith and Spiritual Growth; Living Out Your Catholic Values; Growing in Sisterhood & Friendship with other Catholic Women; Serving God's Church and People and Being a Voice that Makes a Positive Difference in our Community and World. You will also experience Personal Development, through our focus of fostering a spirit of learning, mentoring, and growth. We do this by being welcoming, inclusive, transparent and operating with integrity, professionalism, and respect. Members have opportunities to develop valuable leadership, communication, and organizational skills that benefit their personal and professional lives. Membership in the Catholic Women's League of Canada is an invitation to deepen your faith, connect with others, and bring Christ's love into our world. As members, we are united in purpose, guided by faith, and empowered by each other. It's a wonderful journey of service, sisterhood, and spiritual enrichment that can transform not only our own lives but also the lives of those around us. The Hamilton Diocesan Council, to which our parish is a member, warmly invites all women ages 16 and up to join the CWL or attend a meeting to learn more about the CWL. Please contact the Parish office for additional information. We look forward to welcoming you.



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