

# BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

## Parish Community



**PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 1827**

**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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KHS, Rector  
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 Father John Iyekowa  
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 Deacon Moices Caballero

**Basilica Staff**

Joe Finochio, Business Manager  
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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  
 Principal: Steve Gulyas.....519-822-4290  
**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> - St. Scholastica**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Angela Greco, Francis & Irene Meagher, Intentions of Lauchie & Pauline Meagher

#### **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
9:00 a.m. - Mass – Mary Peori, Manuel Pires

#### **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
7:30 a.m. – Mass – Marilyn Burns  
8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions  
8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament  
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Josh Scott

#### **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Theresa Heeley

#### **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Cyril & St. Methodius**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
9:00 a.m. - Mass – Diane Figliuzzi

#### **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions  
5:15 p.m. - Mass – Pat & Roberta Dupuis, Joseph Rawus, Magdaline Rawus, Albina Scopel, Victor Scopel

#### **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Sixth 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  
2:00 p.m. – Bowling and Dinner evening

### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the 5<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of the Gojdyz Family, and burn for the intentions of the Donczak 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 \$22,512.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St. Vincent De Paul

Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$2,724.00 towards their work of charity on your behalf.

#### **Vocations**

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. 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/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

#### **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: [socialjusticeclbguelp@gmail.com](mailto:socialjusticeclbguelp@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.

#### **Basilica's Stewardship Committee – Euchre Nights**

We are hoping to reinstate weekly euchre card games in the Church Hall. If anyone is interested in participating and/or helping to organize the events, please contact the church office leaving your name and contact number.

### **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](mailto: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!

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### **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](mailto:info@marianresidence.ca) or call (519)653-0363. You can also take a virtual tour at [www.marianresidence.ca](http://www.marianresidence.ca).

### **Valentine's Gala at St. John the Baptist Parish - Guelph**

Join us on Saturday February 22, 2025, at the Italian Canadian Club, Guelph. Doors open at 6:00p.m.; dinner at 7:00p.m, dancing to follow. Tickets are \$60.00 per person, and this includes: Salad, chicken parmigiana dinner, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea and raffle prizes. Tickets are on sale at St. John's Church after all Masses or at St. John's Parish Office until Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For more information email: [sjsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sjsocialcommittee@gmail.com).

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present. The event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025, from 9:00a.m. till 4:00p.m. at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information see [Recharge Your Spirit at the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#); to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat, 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

### **Sisters of the Poor – Are you struggling with Addiction?**

Be Sober: Have you chosen sobriety or are you struggling with addiction? Or are you a family member of someone who does? The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ offer an ongoing 12-step program to support you. The Be Sober meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30p.m. in the basement of St. Ann Catholic Church (120 Sherman Ave N, Hamilton). The evening is organized into three key components: prayer, training in the 12 steps and spirituality, and group sharing. For further information, please contact (905) 512-8493 or email [besober.skateri@ocaminho.org](mailto:besober.skateri@ocaminho.org). All are welcome!

### **Opening The Holy Door: Spring Book Club**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, "Opening the Holy Door". Tuesdays from 1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m. March 18<sup>th</sup> – April 8, 2025. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>.

### **Hope on the Horizon Program for Young Adults**

The Archdiocese of Vancouver, BC and Catholic Street Missionaries invite young adults 19-30 to join us for the Hope on the Horizon outreach and leadership program happening between July 14, 2025, and August 22, 2025 in downtown Vancouver. The program is designed to introduce young people to the life of street missionary, sharing a life of prayer and service with others who go out into the streets bringing the love of Jesus to the homeless. For six weeks, participants will live a communal life, praying, learning, and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets. There will be street outreach training, faith formation, and personal skills development. We will also enjoy recreational activities together. Food and accommodation will be provided. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon>.

### **Heart to Heart**

February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take time to reflect on your own contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment your spouse, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in the things you do, pray for your spouse daily and make time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong. (Marriage Tip 146 from the Diocesan Family Ministry Office).

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