

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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 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
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 54 Westmount Road
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 57 Victoria Road North
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 19 Northumberland Street
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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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 13th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Hugh McCluskey, Mary Shanagher, Soligo and Fazzari Families, Intentions of Nora O'Brien

Tuesday, January 14th

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Mark Lavery, Intentions of Evelyn Rosauero

Wednesday, January 15th

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Sister Rose Maria Knight

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Mary Peori

Thursday, January 16th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Nancy Azzopardi, Manuel Pires

Friday, January 17th - St. Anthony

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Bernadette Caston, Intentions of Marilyn Langlois, Barbara O'Cleirigh

Saturday, January 18th

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Mary Davies, Radhey Singh, Diana Spencer, Howard Carr, Elio Pravato

Sunday, January 19th – 2nd 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 week of The Baptism of The Lord, beginning on Sunday, January 12th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Joe Zamtrogma, and for the Intentions of Angela Zamtrogma.

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 on January 1st, 2025, in the amount of \$4,124.00 and on January 5th, 2025 in the amount of \$32,609.22 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider Priesthood, Diaconate, or religious life? If He is 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.

Envelope Number #342

Could the parishioner who uses the number #342 please contact the Parish office at your earliest convenience.

Parish Registration/Renewal Campaign

We would like to take this time to thank all our parishioners new and existing for taking part in the renewal campaign and filling out the registration cards. The winner of the statue of Santa with Baby Jesus goes to Thomas Mathew and Jiya Philip who are new members to our Basilica family.

Pilgrimage June 2025 to Spain and France

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain and France from June 3rd to 13th, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage. The price will be \$5,690.00 CDN per person including airfare, accommodation, ground transportation and most meals. To register or for more information please contact Edgar at Gateways International (edgar@gateways-international.com or 1-800-268-0900 Ext 233).

Gift Shop

We are currently reorganizing our new space, but we will remain open after all weekend Masses. This is the perfect time to let us know if you have a special request for statues, jewelry, rosaries, medals, etc. Please drop in for a visit and thank you for your patronage in 2024.

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

Jubilee Of Hope 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan website: www.hamiltondiocese.com. Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for Heros Of Hope – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,
You have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve
as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to
your call to be leaders in our parish community
And for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts
For the building up of your Church
And the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries,
May they touch the hearts of all in our community
Who long for hope, born of our Christian faith,
That never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scotland & Northern England Trip (May 4-17, 2025)

Join us for an almost all-inclusive 12-day trip to Stirling, Durham, Lake District, and the surrounding countryside. Open to members of the parish community and their friends and family. The cost of the trip is \$4,695.00 and a deposit is due mid-July. See the St. Teresa of Avila parish website (www.stteresaelmira.ca) for the events page and itinerary details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

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 Reel Justice Film Festival

Is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes included

women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on January 23, 2025, with She Rises Up, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. We hope you can join us!

A Brief History of St. Vincent De Paul- Basilica Conference



While a student at the Sorbonne University in Paris, young Frederic Ozanam was appalled at the hardships endured by the poor. In 1833 he persuaded like-minded students to join him in forming the Conference of Charity. Then, assisted by Sr. Rosalie Rendu of the Daughters of Charity, (a religious order co-founded by St. Vincent De Paul, a French Catholic Priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor and St. Louise de Marillac, (a woman who devoted her life to active charitable works), they began providing food and firewood to the needy in the slums of Paris. Within a year the Conference had swollen to more than 100 members and was renamed the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. The first conference in Canada was formed in 1846. Our Conference was formed in March 1872 and is one of five Conferences in the Guelph area. Today the Society serves the needy in more than 150 countries across 5 continents. The Conference's main source of funds is donations collected once a month during Saturday/Sunday Masses. The Society of St. Vincent De Paul does not receive any government or United Way funds or grants. All donations received directly benefit the poor. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is: To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. For more information call the Parish office at 519-731-2563 or visit www.ssvp.on.ca.



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