

# BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

## 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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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

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**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**  
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**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)

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Bill Grant, Lily Murray, Intentions of Ester Amican

#### Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas Aquinas

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass – John Pare

#### Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Pearl Moreau

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Marie Chuso

#### Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Ed Pickersgill

#### Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – St. John Bosco

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Angela Orlando

#### Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 a.m. – 1st Saturday Confessions

9:00 a.m. - Mass Sung in Latin

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - Mass – Moses DiCicco, Primo Baggio, Mr & Mrs Peter Gemin, Daly Kruger, Pdraig O’Cleirigh, McAlpine Brothers Living and Deceased

#### Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Presentation Of The Lord

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

## PARISH NEWS

### Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of all deceased children of the Poole Family, and Nicholas Law.

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 \$14,863.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

### Vocations

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? 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/)

### 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.

### 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.

### Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The young adult book study group will be discussing Pope John II’s “Letter to Women” on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:45p.m. The meeting will be in the Parish Hall of the Basilica of Our Lady, starting with a potluck dinner. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Please contact [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### 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: [socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com](mailto:socialjusticeclbguelph@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.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

### **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.

### **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!

### **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 the majority of 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.



### **Michael House: Warmest Mug 2025: Get Ready to Sip and Support!**

The Warmest Mug Hot Chocolate Fest is back from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to February 17, 2025. This exciting fundraiser invites local businesses to create unique hot chocolate drinks, with a portion of proceeds supporting the vital programs at Michael House. It's a heartwarming way to engage the community, showcase creativity and make a difference in the lives of women and children in need. Visit our website at [www.michaelhouse.ca](http://www.michaelhouse.ca), for more information and to view the participating businesses.

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