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Parish Community



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Music Ministry

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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.

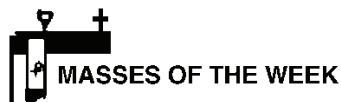
Correspondence Course:

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 17th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass and Blessing of Shamrock** - Romano DiGenova, Anne Nelson, Jennifer Umphrey, Padraig O'Cleirigh

Tuesday, March 18th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – David Frederick DeGenova, Bruno Menegotto

Wednesday, March 19th – St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

6:30 p.m. – Vespers (Evening Prayer)

7:00 p.m. – **Solemn Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph**

8:30 p.m. – Reception for St. Joseph's Day after Mass

Thursday, March 20th

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Domenic DiGenova, Constantino DiRenzo

Friday, March 21st

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Bianca Carter

9:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – **Mass** – Katherine Nixon

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22nd

8:00 a.m. – Holy Hour

9:00 a.m. – **Lenten Mass** – Nicholas Law

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Arcangela & Giuseppe Ridi, Betty MacIntyre, Marion Watson, Christina Anyanwu, Jakob Thelen & Family, Intentions of Amanda Anyanwu

Sunday, March 23rd – Third Sunday Of Lent

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** (Pastoral Intentions)

11:00 a.m. – **Missa Pro Populo**

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 2nd Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, March 16th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Patrick Heffernan and Barbara Heffernan.

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 \$26,729.82 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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**

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Message from Parish Office

If you have a Mass Intention booked on the following date **March 19th – 7:30a.m. and 12:15p.m.** can you please contact the Parish Office we have had to move your intentions to another date and time.

Wellington Deanery Jubilee Mass

You are all very welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger, in celebrating a Mass for the Jubilee Year for the faithful of Wellington Deanery on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Tuesday, March 25 at 7: 00p.m at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. The Jubilee Indulgence will be granted, under the usual conditions, to the faithful who participate in this Mass. You may also have your Jubilee Booklet stamped if you wish. May Our Blessed Lady, Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope, guide us through this Jubilee of Hope and draw us close to Her Son.

Family Bowling/Dinner Update

For those who purchased tickets for the Family Day Bowling and Dinner event, that was cancelled due to the snowstorm last weekend, we have rescheduled the event to Sunday, March 30th, 2025. Bowling will be from 2:00p.m to 4: 00p.m. then dinner in our Parish Hall from 4: 30p.m to 7:00p.m. 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 and dinner only is \$10 per adult or \$5 for children 5 and under. For those who have purchased tickets already, if the new date works for you, then you can simply attend the new date with your existing tickets. If the new date doesn't work for you, then a refund will be issued. Ticket sales as well as refunds will take place after weekend masses starting on March 1st and 2nd.

Bishop Macdonell High School 50th Reunion

Calling all classmates of the 1975 graduating class at Bishop Macdonell High School. This is your 50th anniversary year and organizers are seeking contact information. Please send your email address to Eileen (nee Coady) Brown at eileenbrown@rogers.com to be included

on the invite list for the reunion being held in October. Also, please join the Facebook group called: '1975 Grade 12 Grads of Bishop Macdonell', as updates will be posted there as well.

50th Anniversary of Ordination for Monsignor Dennis Noon

Mark your calendar – On Sunday April 6th, 2025, our retired Pastor, Monsignor Dennis Noon, will celebrate his 50th anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Monsignor was our Pastor at the Basilica of Our Lady for 16 years before he retired in 2019. To mark this very special anniversary, Monsignor will be the Celebrant for both Sunday Masses on April 6th, 2025. Following each of the morning masses, there will be a reception in the Monsignor Noon Parish Hall with light refreshments and an opportunity to congratulate and recognize Monsignor. We hope that you will be able to attend!

Liturgical Ministers of Hope Retreats

To support our wonderful Liturgical Ministers within our parishes, during this Jubilee year, the Diocese of Hamilton Liturgy Office is planning three Liturgical Ministers of Hope Retreats — special days of renewal, reflection, and spiritual growth for Liturgical ministers to deepen their commitment to serving God's people through their ministries. The retreats offer an opportunity for ministers to prepare for Easter during this Year of Hope and for the parish to grow the number of parishioners who might consider a ministry within your parish. We encourage all Ministers of Music, Ministers of the Word, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Hospitality, and Sacristans who serve in liturgical ministries to attend this enriching retreat as well as any parishioner who is considering a Liturgical ministry. We ask that you inform your Parish Liturgical Ministers that this retreat is known to all ministers, possibly even including them in your bulletins. We have scheduled the retreat locations in parishes to minimize travel. We are hoping for a good turnout of Liturgical Ministers. Lastly, there will be an opportunity for the Liturgical Ministers to gather for a brief snack after the retreat to meet long-time and possibly new friends. There is no cost; however, we would like people to register to determine an approximate number of people to plan for. Additional information and registration are available at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/02/liturgical-ministers-of-hope-retreat-three-dates/>

Dates: March 22, 2025

Location: Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph,
Priest: Fr. Francisco Cruz

Schedule:

- 10:00:** Opening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 10:30:** Talk – Who is a Liturgical Minister of Hope?
- 11:00:** Stations of the Cross
- 11:30:** Talk – How do Liturgical Ministers nurture Hope?

12:00: Closing Prayer and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12:30: Liturgical Ministers Gathering

OTHER NEWS

MARTYR SHRINE - SMALL RELIQUARY

Saturday March 29, 9a.m to 3p.m: Join us as we welcome Fr. Bert Foliot a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine. He was ordained 52 years ago, been a pastor of numerous parishes in Toronto and Winnipeg. He has also done ministry among Indigenous Peoples for 25 years. He served as the rector of Regis College in Toronto and was the director of the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. He was a superior of Jesuit Communities for 45 years. Presently, he is a member of the Jesuit staff at Martyrs Shrine and is pastor for the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island. For 7 years he walked from Guelph to Midland, Ontario with the Guelph Walking Pilgrimage. This all-day talk will be about the Shrine's 100 years and a 400 year story of love and discovery with St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions. The day begins with Mass at 9a.m with blessings from the relics, discussion on the Martyrs and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Lunch is provided. **No cost to attend.** **RSVP required - please call St Joseph Parish Office at 519-822-4614.**

Lift Jesus Higher Rally "Power from on High"

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. Join the Catholic Renewal Ministry on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Variety of speakers. Closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo. Tickets are \$30.00 and bus tickets are \$20.00. For tickets and bus transportation please call: Ana Percic 519 824 8456. For more information on the rally go to <https://www.ljhr.ca/>

Vacation Bible School – St. John The Baptist Parish

Is hosting a Vacation Bible School for the week of July 14, 2025. Please contact the office at 519-824-7311 if you or your child are in grade 7-12 and would like to volunteer.

Holy Rosary – Tax Clinic 2025

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be receiving files to issue tax receipts for low-income seniors and pensioners, people with disabilities, and social assistance recipients. This service is FREE. Drop-off & pick-up/ in-person. For more information and dates and times that they will be open please call (519) 760-5448.

40 Days for Life Prayer & Worship Night – March 29

Join Guelph and Area Right to Life for a 40 Days for Life Prayer & Worship Night on Saturday, March 29 at 7:00 PM at River of Life International Fellowship (40 Margaret St, Guelph, ON). We are honored to welcome Ramona Trevino, former Planned Parenthood manager. For more information, <https://www.guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life>.

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