

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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 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary
 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:

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 9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-823-2455
Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
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 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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 31st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Joe Alessandrini, Silvio Valeriotte, Nicholas Law, Intentions of Carol O'Connor

Tuesday, April 1st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

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

Wednesday, April 2nd

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Padraig O'Clerighy

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Rolando Bugay

Thursday, April 3rd

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Georgina Venchiarutti, Jorgia Sialana

Friday, April 4th

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Manuel Pires

9:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – **Mass** – Mary Peori

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5th

8:00 a.m. – Holy Hour

9:00 a.m. – **Lenten Mass** – Mario Geremia

10:00 a.m. – Confessions

11:00 a.m. – Confessions

3:00 p.m. - Confessions

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Anna & Jan Sokolowski, Maria & Wladyslaw Widziszewski, John Olywa, Primo Baggio, Intentions of Family and Friends of Jeff and Angie Hunt

Sunday, April 6th – Fifth Sunday Of Lent

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

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

10:00 a.m. – Msgr Noon Anniversary Reception

11:00 a.m. – **Missa Pro Populo**

12:00 p.m. – Msgr Noon Anniversary Reception

1:00 p.m. – Church Tours

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 4th Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, March 30th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine

burn in loving memory of Triumfo Magpali and Larry & Olive Hollinger.

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 \$8,609.25 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish line? 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/

Basilica Gift Shoop

This Lent we have in stock several crucifixes, rosaries, and bibles. There are several scapulas and many other items in the store. Bring your own container or purchase a container, if you wish, as we have holy water available in the store.

Easter is coming in just a few weeks. Come down to the gift store and look at the many beautiful gifts for both adults and children.

2025 Donation Envelops and 2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts are now at the back of the church ready to be picked up, as well as the 2025 offertory envelopes. They will be available there until Easter. After they will be moved to the Parish Office where you can get them during business hours. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00a.m. till 4:30p.m.

Let's Make Our Easter Bright!

Seeking help on Saturday, April 5 to help make Our Lady shine! Can you spare a couple of hours to help dust, polish and clean statues, windows, woodwork and pews? Do you need community service hours?

Join us in the church following morning Mass with smiles and enthusiasm. All supplies and training provided. Pizza Lunch, too, when Our Lady is sparkling.

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!

Catholic Young Adult Book Study

The young adult book study group will be discussing "Strong Poison" by Dorothy Sayers on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:45pm. 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 to RSVP.

Shape-Note Singing

All are welcome on Saturday, April 12th from 2-4pm to sing hymns from the shape-note tradition. This tradition dates from the 18th century and was devised as a way to easily teach singing to congregations. It has since spread around the world. These hymns are sung with full voice, in 4-part harmony, for the enjoyment of the singers (not as a performance). It will be in the Lourds Room at the Basilica of Our Lady, and hymn books are provided. For information, contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS

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.

Vacation Bible School 2025

All Parish ministers and youth ministry leaders are invited to join in our annual Vacation Bible School workshop in preparation for summer children's ministry. New to VBS? Looking to learn more about recruiting youth volunteers? Want a peek at the new VBS kits available this year? Come and join us for this informative virtual workshop on April 9, 2025, at 7:00p.m. on zoom. To register, please email catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com

Hospice Wellington: Sanctuary of Music

On Friday April 5th from 11:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. join us at St. George's Anglican Church (99 Woolwich St, Guelph) for an hour of contemplative music in the community, intended to transport listeners into a place of deep comfort. The music comes through organ, piano and songs with guitar, collaboratively shared by Gerald Manning (retired organist) and Hospice Wellington's music therapist, Catherine Manning. No registration required.

Hike for Hospice – June 1, 2025

The annual Hike for Hospice is an event that welcomes families and friends to honour those who have been touched by Hospice Wellington. Teams and individuals register to create their own online teams and invite their fans to support them. The hike takes place in June, most recently in Riverside Park and winds along the beautiful Speed River Trail. The group celebrates

together with a BBQ and samplings of various Hospice Wellington services. For more information, please call Phil Gourlay at (519) 836-3921 x 231 or email pgourlay@hospicewellington.org.

Michael House – Celebrate Spring

Celebrate the season at our vibrant community gathering, featuring local vendors, crafts, interactive workshops, and delicious food. Whether you're shopping for unique finds or enjoying a hands-on experience, this event is a fantastic way to welcome spring while supporting Michael House families. The event will happen on April 12, 2025, starting at 9:00a.m. and goes until 3:30p.m. It will be at the New Life Church located at 400 Victoria Rd N. Guelph, tickets are \$65.00 per person and include the workshop, marketplace shopping, snacks, lunch and door prizes. For more details and to register please go to <https://michaelhouse.ca/event/celebrate-spring-2025/>. If you are interested in being a vendor, we would love to have you! Please contact Maria at maria@michaelhouse.ca.

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.

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2025

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Tickets are \$90.00 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to serrahamilton1965@gmail.com. You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can pay by credit card using the following link: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Food for Thought (Matthew 11:28)

God sees you. He knows how hard you've been trying, how exhausted you feel, and the worries that keep you up at night. He understands the weight you carry, even the burdens you don't talk about. You don't have to carry it all alone. He's not asking you to have it all figured out, just trust that He's still in control. Let go of what's too heavy. Breathe. Rest in the truth that He's working, even when you can't see it. You're not forgotten. You're not alone. And this season won't last forever. If you needed this reminder today, please share it with someone else. Amen.

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