



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, February 13** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Anne Paik, Intentions of Colleen Ellis

**Tuesday, February 14** – Feast: St. Cyril & St. Methodius

7:30a.m. – Patricia Collins, Anne Therese Oosterveld

**Wednesday, February 15** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Evelyn Krusky

6:30p.m. – Living and Deceased CWL Members

**Thursday, February 16** – Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. – Intentions of Massimo Marcone,

Charles Sammut, Sofia Grace

**Friday, February 17** – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Nancy, Carmela & Dominic Cosentino,

Isidro Cabling

**Saturday, February 18** – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Nicoletta Marino, Nan Anderson,

Arlene Hebden-Chandler, Anna Bergant

**Sunday, February 19** – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$8,017.75 – January 30<sup>th</sup> &

\$8,778.00 - February 6<sup>th</sup> in support of your parish

community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Irene Marucci, Will Medeiros, Mary Ruth Kerr, Joan Crawley and Frank DiBattista who were called to eternal life. May they and all our loved ones rest in peace.

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: THE GARDEN OF STEWARDSHIP**

*The concept of Stewardship shows that it extends to the soul, the arts, the mind, history, technology, politics, emotions, the planet, decisions, money, relationships, the body and perhaps others. If Stewardship consists of many gardens, then obviously it is something that needs to be planted (recognizing God as the source of all we have through prayer and thanking God for all those gifts), tended (cultivated and nurtured) and harvested (sharing with others and giving back to God.) The following acts of Stewardship suggest many different ways that we can be stewards. The garden of our soul is where God cultivates us. If we don't allow God to cultivate us, our efforts at planting, cultivating and harvesting will be like gardens with little light, rain or other essentials needed for vigorous growth.*

*- attend adult religious education whenever possible. Good stewards learn more about God and their faith.*

*- read the readings for Sunday sometime before you go to Mass each week. God's stewards recognize Sunday as the "source" of their week*

*- read the readings for Sunday at least once after Sunday during the week. Good stewards recognize Sunday as the summit of their week*

*- make some time in your schedule to regularly participate in a parish or neighbourhood faith sharing group*

*- take off your watch when entering church for Mass to symbolize this is God's time (turn off your cell phone too!)*

*Gratitude arises in that space where our deepest longing finds the glass to be half-full rather than half-empty.*

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **CHURCH RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES**

In the alcove behind the altar you will find your 2016 receipts for church donations and your 2017 church envelopes.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Isaac Tucker Bloemendal; Isabel Rey Hipolito and Heather Zoe Richardson. We congratulate their families.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Neighbouring churches and our own have recently been victims of theft during church services and vandalism to cars in the parking lot. Always leave your car locked and items out of sight. Never leave personal items unattended. When going to Communion take your purse or wallet with you. When you see someone acting suspiciously please inform one of our ushers or greeters. We have people trained to respond to various issues.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> is the date of our next general meeting. Please join us for Mass at 6:30p.m. For those interested, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Waterloo Region Interfaith Community Breakfast will be held Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Room at Bingemans. More information to follow.

**BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS SERIES**

As Catholics, the Mass is the centre of our faith. We know the responses and gestures but do you know what it means? The Basilica of Our Lady will host a DVD series based on the New Translation of the Mass by Edward Sri (Ascension Press) that will explain their profound significance to help us better understand the Mass. Come and learn the biblical background to the words, prayers and gestures and gain helpful insights to get the most out of Mass. Discover how the Mass is a true representation of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the Cross. Explore three key aspects of the Mass as Sacrifice, Real Presence and Holy Communion. Each session will include a DVD presentation and group discussion. Bring your Bible and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church if possible. The DVD series is based on the Revised Standard Version . Catholic edition of the Bible. Registration is limited to 30 participants so register early at the parish office 519-824-3951. This will be offered in the Newstead Room March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-3p.m. at a cost of \$5.

**OTHER NEWS****THE GOSPEL & THE HOLOCAUST**

At Holy Rosary Parish on three consecutive Tuesdays Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Community Room, Father Eric Jensen SJ will offer sessions on the Gospels and the Holocaust partly based on Garry Willis' book *The Future of the Catholic Church* with Pope Francis. All welcome.

**ST. JOHN'S BIBLE: SEEING THE WORD**

- A Senior Adult Workshop Series 5 Wednesday afternoons starting March 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30p.m. . 3:30p.m. at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. Come and explore the history and making of the newly acquired St. John's Bible, the first hand written, illuminated bible in 500 years. Using images from this work of art enter into the beauty of the scriptures by Seeing the Word. This program will be facilitated by David Dayler. The cost is \$35 and includes resources. Please register by Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> by contacting Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238

- A special program on the Saint John's Bible *Aspects in the Bible: An Intertextual Approach* will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4p.m. Fr. Michael Patella OSB and Sabrina Hall who will consider some of the insects featured in the St. John's Bible. Cost is \$30. Pre-register by March 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca) or call 1-800-694-4769.

**SUNDAY SMILE!**

*Early one morning a priest heard a noise outside his door. When he opened it he saw a donkey fallen over dead. Not knowing what to do about the situation, he called the local magistrate and related the situation. The magistrate couldn't resist jabbing at the priest and said, "Father I thought the first duty of a priest was to bury the dead." Without any hesitation the priest replied, "No, the first duty of a priest is to notify the next of kin."*

**HOMEWOOD HEALTH CENTRE**

Homewood is looking for dedicated individuals seeking an opportunity to volunteer their time to help others. Various volunteer positions are available. Orientation and training are provided. For information call Volunteer Services at 519-824-1010 ext. 2262 or email [mschuett@homewoodhealth.com](mailto:mschuett@homewoodhealth.com).

**JUST A THOUGHT!**

*The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.*

**IGNATIUS LOYOLA HOUSE**

- Knowing the Heart of Jesus facilitated by Father Bill Clark SJ Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
 - Lenten Taize March 3-5<sup>th</sup> facilitated by Fr. Erik Oland SJ; Fr. Dan Leckman SJ and Tarcia Gerwing  
 - Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment March 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>  
 - Les Miserables: A Lenten Retreat facilitated by Fr. Dan Leckman SJ & Trevor Scott SJ March 17<sup>th</sup> . 19<sup>th</sup>  
 - A Lenten Journey with the Earth March 17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> facilitated by Father Bill Clark SJ; Yvonne Prowse & Tarcia Gerwing  
 - Cost \$260 live-in; \$160 commuter . For more information contact 519-824-1250 or email [loyolhouse.com](mailto:loyolhouse.com).

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance.) Please refer to the poster at the south transept door of the church for information on how to register for the celebration or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**WELCOME IN DROP-IN-CENTRE FOOD DRIVE**

The Welcome In Drop-In-Centre feeds 150 people per day. They are in need of non-perishable food items at this time. Please drop off your food donation by the St. Joseph statue (front north side transept) before 12p.m. on February 19<sup>th</sup> for pick up. Please give generously.

**RETROUVILLE: MARRIED SINGLE LIFESTYLE**

The Married Single Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouville teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 please call 1-905-664-5212 or email: [hamiltonretrouville1@coqeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouville1@coqeco.ca).

**VOCATION SEEDS**

No eye has seen, nor ear heard, or the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him. If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation of the Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email: [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

**GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP**

One By One, a Guelph based non-profit organization, invites the parishioners of Our Lady Immaculate and Holy Rosary parishes to join us in the Latin America Project this summer (July 8-17, 2017). This mission trip to Guatemala will continue our work for the Latin America Project. This project supports the efforts of the people of struggling Mayan communities to improve their communities through the funding and completion of specific work projects as identified by community leaders. In addition, visits to local Mayan cultural sites are intended to assist all in coming to a more inclusive understanding of the Mayan people and their continuing struggles. The all-in cost for the mission is \$2500.00 per person. To obtain more information and/or to register contact Peter Ingram, Mission Coordinator at [ping13@yahoo.ca](mailto:ping13@yahoo.ca) or Ted Laxton, Mission Leader at [tlaxto3232@rogers.com](mailto:tlaxto3232@rogers.com).

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. in the Community Room at Holy Rosary Parish. The topic for the meeting is *Sharing Our Faith Through Stories* by a guest author who will help us write about how our faith has been experienced in our own lives.

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)

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