



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, February 20** – Ferial: Weekday  
9:00a.m. – Deceased Members of the Seifred Family,  
Annie Fletcher, Peter Vasko

**Tuesday, February 21** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Intentions of Fernanda Pigozzo,  
Intentions of Judy Scheier

**Wednesday, February 22** – Feast: Chair of St. Peter  
7:30a.m. – Chelsea Visentin, Louise Mahoney

**Thursday, February 23** – Feast: St. Polycarp  
7:00p.m. – Debra Fischer, Olga Maschio,  
Intentions of Angela Hoffbauer

**Friday, February 24** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Giovanni Mattucci, Guido Longato,  
Intentions of Jerza Kreze

**Saturday, February 25** – Ferial  
5:15p.m. – Audrey Favrin, Fred Chamberlain,  
Anna Bergant, Eugenio Bolzon

**Sunday, February 26** – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$8,484.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

**+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Mary Schmidt who was called to eternal life. May she and all our loved ones rest in peace.**

## PARISH NEWS

### WELCOME

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Sophia Nadine DiLello; Aurora Eliana Tavares and Domenico Alexandru Varga Toth. We congratulate their families.

### CWL CARD PARTY

Please join us Friday evening at 7p.m. in the Church Hall. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost is \$4. At 9p.m. we end the evening with some delicious sandwiches, treats, tea and coffee. No partners needed, just join one of the tables. Mark your calendar for the following dates, March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be great to see old friends and make some new ones.

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

***“For we have brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it” (1Tim.6:17-19). This passage is one of many in Scripture which helps us to understand and become aware of what the concept of Stewardship is all about and how, by discovering its true meaning, we will undergo personal transformation. We are reminded that all of the “things” of this world are gifts from God and should be used to bring us closer to God – the end for which we are created. Contrary to what many people feel or assume, Stewardship is not a hidden term for fund-raising. It is a powerful concept that will change our faith life as individuals and as a parish for Stewardship is a way of life. It is based on the biblical view of God as Creator and us as His servants. We are accountable to Him for the use of our gifts of time, talent and treasure which He gives us for our life on earth. Stewardship provides us with the foundation for a deepened faith for all of us. Stewardship begins with an awakening of the need that we have that no one can dispute, because it is universal and ever-present. It is the personal need of each one of us to return to the Lord, a portion of gifts He has given us of time, talent and treasure in gratitude for what He has done for us. Putting God in our lives by practicing Stewardship deepens our faith in a way we never dreamed possible. Through prayerful reflection may we let this concept transform our hearts so that we may live a life of greater fulfillment and peace.***

### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

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.

### CHURCH RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES

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

**MINI BUSES**

You are asked to return your green (Pro-Life) mini bus+ banks, full of change, at the end of this month.

**OTHER NEWS****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 *insects 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.rbq.ca](http://www.rbq.ca) or call 1-800-694-4769.

**VOCATION SEEDS**

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be 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 .

**JUST A THOUGHT!**

*Jesus is the divine guest inside of you, all the time – one who loves, understands, sees and hears you. He wants to live in oneness with you, to be the centrepiece of everything you do and everything you are.*

**LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st****IGNATIUS LOYOLA HOUSE**

- 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.

**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) .

**RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? This program has helped 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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: [hamiltonretrouvaille@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille@cogeco.ca) .

**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) .

**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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017**

This year's celebration will be Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2p.m. at Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 206 Victoria Street North on the theme *Am I Being Unfair to You*. Everyone is welcome.

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

Join us Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 5:30p.m. Keynote speaker: Bishop Scott McCaig. Mass with Cardinal Collins and additional talks and testimonies. For Rally and bus tickets call Ana Percic at 519-824-8456.

**RITE OF ELECTION**

On Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> catechumens, together with their godparents, family and RCIA Team Leader and members from parishes in the Deaneries of Bruce-Grey, Waterloo and Wellington will gather with Bishop Miehms to celebrate the Rite of Election at 1:30p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Guelph.

**REDEEMING CONFLICT: 12 HABITS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

Discover how conflict can be a fruitful exchange! In this 5 week program, offered on 5 Tuesdays beginning March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30p.m. at Notre Dame Motherhouse, Waterdown facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D. Min. We will gain valuable insight and understanding through practical habits, faith reflections and saintly models in how we can better dialogue and resolve problems. The fee for this program is \$35 and includes the text *Redeeming Conflict: 12 Habits for Christian Leaders* by Ann M. Garrido. Please register by March 7<sup>th</sup> by contacting Monica at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

**EVENING PRAYER AND THE 3<sup>rd</sup> VOLUME OF ST. JOHN'S BIBLE**

The third volume of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible *Revelation and Letters* will arrive at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Evening Prayer will take place and Thomas Cardinal Collins will speak on the Book of Revelation. Everyone is welcome.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

A group of international Japanese High School Students are coming to Guelph March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. They will attend an ESL class at one of our local high schools and then spend time with their host family in the evenings and over the weekend. If interested contact [kash@mlihomestay.com](mailto:kash@mlihomestay.com) .

**COME AND BE A PART OF CAST**

CAST is the place for our parish teens (Grade 8-12) to get together. Have fun, share faith and give back through service to our community and parish. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 7-8:30p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. See bulletin boards for upcoming events. For questions contact Wendy Obbema at [hrprimary\\_youthministry@rogers.com](mailto:hrprimary_youthministry@rogers.com) .