



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 27 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Jackie McGuire, Denise Brazolot

Tuesday, February 28 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Valentino Girardi,

Francesca, Camilla & Giuseppe Calenda

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

7:30a.m. – George, Maureen & Matthew Goetz

12:10p.m. – Robert Mann

7:00p.m. – Jenna Gazzola

Thursday, March 2 – Ferial: Weekday

12:10p.m. – Intentions of Theresa Heeley,

Salvatore Agro, Christine Bean

Friday, March 3 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Debra Fischer

7:00p.m. – Hugh Gallagher, James Murphy,

Intentions of Monsignor Yoannis Lahzi Gaid

Saturday, March 4 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Bill McLean, Cornelis de Lange, Nicoletta

Marino, Catherine Mahoney

Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$9,167.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Tommaso Fernandes, Joan Malak & Madeline Anderson. May they and all our loved ones rest in peace.

+We offer our prayers and congratulations to Matthew Tersigni and Tessa Campbell on the recent celebration of their marriage.

PARISH NEWS

FAREWELL & THANK YOU

This week we say farewell to our part-time secretary M.J. Soriano who will be leaving us and moving to Vancouver, British Columbia. We are grateful for all her help in the parish and wish her God's blessing on her new endeavours.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2017

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent as we prepare to celebrate again the wondrous mystery of our redemption in the death and resurrection of Jesus. This ancient liturgical season places before us in a special way Jesus' call to inner conversion in His announcement of the kingdom of God. (Mk. 4:17). The call to conversion and the announcement of reconciliation are the great connecting links between Jesus' public ministry and His passion and death. The journey of faith reaches a high point in the celebration of the Eucharist as Jesus continues to offer Himself to humanity as the source of divine life. During this season of our annual forty day journey with the Lord we invite you to build on your faith through daily prayer and Mass, scripture reading and reflection, daily meditation and examination of conscience, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, Stations of the Cross, fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent.

In accordance with the prescriptions of Canon 1253 Ash Wednesday is a day of "Fast and Abstinence." All persons who have completed their 14th year of age are bound by the law of Abstinence (NO MEAT). Those who have completed their 18th year of age are bound by law of Fast and Abstinence (NO MEAT AND NO EATING BETWEEN MEALS) up to the age of 60. Those with serious health problems may be exempt.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

On Ash Wednesday Mass with the distribution of Ashes will be offered at 7:30a.m.-12:10p.m.-7:00p.m. Ashes will be distributed at our schools with a para-liturgy.

OUR LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday-7:30a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday-12:10p.m.

Friday: 7p.m. Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

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 12th, 19th, 26th 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The 42nd Waterloo Region Interfaith Community Breakfast will be Wednesday, April 26th at the Embassy Room at Bingemans, the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council. This year's topic is on Mental Health with Rev. Dr. Peter Kuhnert. Cost is \$20 per tickets or a table of 8 for \$150. If interested contact Diane Jones at 519-821-6858 or Theresa Winchester at 519-265-6094.

RITE OF ELECTION

On Sunday, March 5th 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 Miehm to celebrate the Rite of Election at 1:30p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Guelph.

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

- 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 11th 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 1st at www.rbg.ca or call 1-800-694-4769.

RETROUVAILLE: THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? RETROUVAILLE is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 24th, 2017 please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@coqeco.ca.

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 2nd and 4th 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.

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 or Ted Laxton, Mission Leader at tlaxto3232@rogers.com.

REDEEMING CONFLICT: 12 HABITS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Discover how conflict can be a fruitful exchange! In this 5 week program, offered on 5 Tuesdays beginning March 21st 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 7th by contacting Monica at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

A group of international Japanese High School Students are coming to Guelph March 2nd to 7th. 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.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Forty Days for Life kick-off rally Thursday, March 2nd at 7p.m. in front of Guelph General Hospital. Our parish will be participating the weekend of March 18th/19th. For more information call the Right to Life Office at 519-836-6311.

VOCATION SEEDS

No one can serve two masters. If God is calling you to serve Him 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.

EVERGREEN SENIORS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Are your Utility Bills too high? We have a plan. Join us at 1p.m. March 1st at the Centre, 683 Woolwich Street. No need to register, just drop in!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017

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

25th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Join us Saturday, March 4th 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.