



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 20 – Feast: St. Joseph
7:30a.m. – Paul Finnigan, Fred Chamberlain

Tuesday, March 21 – Ferial
7:30a.m. – Anne Therese Oosterveld
12:10p.m. – Ruth Kerr, Norm MacMillan & Annette MacMillan, Intentions of Josephine Kus

Wednesday, March 22 – Ferial
7:30a.m. – Jenna Gazzola, Jack White

Thursday, March 23 – Ferial
12:10p.m. – Olga Maschio, Intentions of Monsignor Guiliano Gallorini

Friday, March 24 – Ferial
7:30a.m. – Arcangela Ridi
7:00p.m. – Jakob Thelen & Deceased Members of the Thelen & Neisen Families, Anne, Gregory & Adrian Dunham, Corrie Vreugdenhil

Saturday, March 25 – Feast: The Annunciation of the Lord
5:15p.m. – Francesco Ascrizzi, Eugenio Bolzon, Primo Baggio, Denise Brazolot

Sunday, March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8,188.58 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Miehm has been appointed by Pope Francis as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. Our gratitude and prayers go with him in his new assignment. He will be installed April 19th, 2017.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Couples who will be married in our parish this year or next are encouraged to register for our Spring Marriage Preparation Course March 31st and April 1st. You may register at the Parish Office or online.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH; A FATHER'S PRAYER

St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, grant me the spiritual gifts I need to fulfill my role as father of the family entrusted to me by God. With the help of my wife may I discharge the God-given responsibilities with devotion and respect, with faith and charity. Following your example may I bring to my daily tasks the care and respect that will really make it a collaboration to God's work and true service to others. In spite of social conditions and spells of sickness, may I earn enough to supply my family with food, lodging, clothing and education, in the joy of a heart safe from distress. Teach me the true virtues of a husband and Christian educator. As you went to great pains to feed and educate Jesus, the child of God entrusted to your care, grant that I may bring up my children with love and fairness, with intelligence and tact that I may pray with them and explain to them their obligations as Christians; may I stay calm and patient when they fail or err; without fear of admonishing and correcting them when I must. May I give to each one, according to his or her character and personality, the necessary incentives with special attention and affection. May I not be too often absent from home since my wife and children require my presence. Saint Joseph, grant that I may always live as a true Christian and observe the fidelity, the love and devotion I owe to my wife and children, since I have received from God the difficult and wonderful mission of leading them all to His Kingdom. AMEN.

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

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**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Join us for fun and friendship at our Card Party March 24th at 7p.m. in the church hall. Cost is \$4 and at 9p.m. we have sandwiches, treats, tea and coffee. Our next and final card party will be April 28th. Keep April 23rd open to attend our brunch to honour CWL members. RSVP our president at 519-821-6858 or email cwl.dianejones@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Fun, faith and fulfillment!

SHARE LENT – WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE

Around the globe everyday, there are women and men who work together to transform their lives and the lives of their communities. They steward the natural world around them and advocate for a fairer, more just world. Many women use their talents to change the perception of women in society. Others are entrepreneurial and create activities that support low-income families. Recognizing these efforts, allowing these women to shine is part of our call as Christians to journey toward justice. This call as we see in the book of Ruth is the promise of God. God the provider to the orphan, the widow, the stranger and all the poor. (Deut.10:18; Psalm 146:9) turn His gaze to women who are oppressed and shines His light upon them. OUR ANNUAL SHARE LENT COLLECTION . APRIL 2nd, 2017.

OTHER NEWS**COME & SEE WEEKEND**

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Peter's Seminary in London the weekend of March 24th- 27th. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood and hear their stories and pray for your vocation. To register contact Father Noon.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS FOR PHYSICIANS AND CARE-GIVERS

If you have not yet supported this vital campaign be aware that it is important for the Catholic vote in Ontario to be heard. Speak to your MPP and visit <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca> or bit.ly/callforconscience.

GUELPH SPIRITAN PRAYER GROUP

The Guelph Spiritan Prayer Group is hosting a retreat that welcomes everyone to a day of celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit in our Diocese with a time of praise and worship, powerful talks, insightful teaching based on Sacred Scripture and a healing service before the Blessed Sacrament. Father Pierre Ingram, who is currently a professor at Sacred Heart Seminary Detroit and a native of Guelph, will be our speaker April 8th 8a.m. to 3p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Guelph. Mass will be at 9a.m. Registration is \$10. Bring your own bagged lunch. To register contact Ana Percic at 519-824-8456.

VOCATION SEEDS

But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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.

CAST SOCIAL NIGHT

Like to play board games! All teens (Grade 8-12) are welcome! Please join us for this CAST Social Night at the new Board Room Café, 99 Wyndham St. N., Guelph Thursday, March 23rd from 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Don't miss out. Bring a friend and join the fun. For more information contact Wendy Obbema at hrprimary_youthministry@rogers.com.

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP.

Level 1 (Learning to Cope) Level 2 (Accepting the Situation) Level 3 (Enhancing Self-Esteem) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons move forward from their divorce healthier and stronger. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee \$35 (Level 1); \$45 (Level 2); \$40 (Level 3) and will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks starting March 28th from 7-9p.m. Level 1 & 2 will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount Sts. Kitchener); Level 3 will be held at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Dr. Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish at 1-519-745-7301.

ST. JOHN BOSCO SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. John Bosco is hosting an Open House & BBQ Tuesday, May 2nd from 5-7p.m. As part of the event they are inviting community partners to take part in a Community Showcase. Each agency/ partner will be provided with a table to share information on the service/ opportunities they provide in the community in our gym. If your agency plans to attend please confirm by Friday, March 24th at 519-824-8909.

ELMIRA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Council 8192 is hosting a Fish Fry Friday, March 24th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Two sittings . 5p.m. and 6:30p.m. Take out at 6p.m. Cost for adults \$15; Children (12 and under) \$8; Take Out is \$15. Advance tickets available until March 22nd. Purchase your tickets by calling 519-669-3387. Proceeds to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

A TASTE OF DIVERSITY

Loyola House presents The Taste of Diversity . Three dinners from around the world on March 29th, June 13th and November 15th at Loyola House. Mass at 5p.m. followed by dinner. Tickets are \$60 each for dinner or \$150 for all three. Limited space so contact 519-824-1250 ext. 221 or reception@ignatiusguelph.ca.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, June 25th Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton at 1:30p.m. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in 2017. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only . those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance required). To register for this celebration refer to the poster at the South Transept Entrance bulletin board.

50 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

To mark this special 50th anniversary of Development & Peace a Canada-wide pilgrimage is taking place with each Diocese contributing a block to a solidarity quilt. Come to a special celebration at St. Joseph Parish, 280 Herkimer St., Hamilton on Saturday, March 25th with Mass at 5p.m. celebrated by Bishop Miehm followed by a reception.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Lent is the perfect time to focus on our faith journey. Help your children look beyond giving something up, to the deeper meaning of Lent. Remind them that Lent is about looking forward to Christ's Resurrection, which opens us to the joy of eternity. During Lent help your children reflect on what Christ's coming meant for us . He taught us how to live good and holy lives; He showed us what it means to be faithful to a promise; He gave us the gift of Salvation and the hope of eternity; He reminded us that God has a plan for each one of us. Pray together, attend the Stations of the Cross; read the Bible; commit to fasting as a family (perhaps from arguing with siblings or speaking back to parents), give alms as a family unit. When you take your task of helping your children understand Lent and its purpose to heart, everyone benefits! (Diocesan Family Ministry Office . 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).