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**May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year**



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD & FEAST OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 27 - 31, 2016

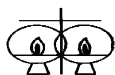
There are no weekday masses or reconciliation.

Saturday 5:00pm FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 +Sheilagh Sehl – Estate
 +William Arnold – Estate
 +Keith Barker Sr. – Mary Chrysler & Family

Sunday 9:00am FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 For the People
11:00am For the People
No 7:00pm Mass

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Numbers 6.22-27 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.16-21



MASS INTENTIONS

January 3 - 7, 2017

Tuesday 7:00pm
 +Sheilagh Sehl – Estate
 +Special Intentions of the Leung Family –
The Family
 +Special Intentions of Maurice & Patricia
 Rousseau on their 50th Wedding Anniversary –
The Family

Wednesday 12:15pm
 +Maria Costa – Louis & Maria Pereira

Thursday 12:15pm
 +William Arnold – Estate

Friday 8:00am
 +Michael Hause – John & Helen Anne Hause

Saturday 4:00pm
 +Reconciliation
5:00pm
 +Hermina Hollo – Mary Chrysler & Family
 +Jim & Genevieve Logel – Your Children
 +Bob Dietrich – Mary & Family

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

December 11 – \$6,978.45 (Collection)
 \$622.00 (Pre-Authorized)
 December 18 & 25 & January 1 – TBA

2017 collection envelopes are available for pick-up downstairs outside the Parish Centre.

Sunday 7:00pm Mass – The Sunday 7:00pm Mass will resume on Sunday, January 8th for the remainder of the school year.

Our next bulletin will be January 8th.

A message from Father Dave:

On A Personal Note This Christmas...

As I celebrate my first Christmas as pastor with you here at St. Michael's, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the blessings that I have received since arriving at the end of June. I thank you for your warm welcome into the parish which has made my settling in as smooth as possible, knowing that I could count on your encouragement and support. As a result, I feel that I can truly say that Waterloo is now my home, and St. Michael's is my parish family. I am excited to begin my first full year here in 2017, and I look forward to working with you as we continue to build up our community of faith! May God Bless you and your families in a powerful way this Christmas season and throughout 2017!

- Fr. Dave



A special thank you to all those who have made our worship over this Advent and Christmas season so beautiful. To our choirs that have worked so hard in rehearsals - *Thank You!* To all those that have helped to decorate, *Thank you!* For all of those involved in our Children's Pageant - *Thank You!* For all of our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Ushers and Collection Counters who go above and beyond all year around - *Thank you!* To all those in our St. Vincent de Paul, CWL, Prayer Shawl, Pastoral Visitation and Social Justice ministries, *thank you* also so much for all of the outreach that you have coordinated to help those in need in our community - your service is truly in imitation of Jesus himself! And for all of you who faithfully support our parish through your prayers, presence, service, and financial gifts, *Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!*

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Canada Revenue Agency states that charitable donations can only be receipted for the year that they have been given. If you would like credit for donations in 2016, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on December 31st, 2016.** Donations given on January 1st, 2017 at the 9:00 & 11:00am Masses will be included in 2017 donations. The Parish Office is open until Noon on Friday, December 23rd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017.

PARISH SECRETARY OPENING

If you love the Lord and working with people apply to our St. Anne's Parish Office. Primary roles include Parish correspondence (phone / email), Mass cards, bulletin, St. Vincent de Paul. Bookkeeping would be an asset. Please contact Father Ray Peter for more information at rrayinstannes@gmail.com or 519-745-5302.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 31 Feast of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm: Alex Winter, Gabriel Pregelj, Cecilia Frantzke

Sunday, January 1

9:00am: Melissa & Nathan Chinnick, Clara Thompson

11:00am: Ryan Leaman, RYanne & Charlotte Tapuska

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 31 Feast of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm: * Tom Connor

1 Abraham Fernandez 2 John Strong

Sunday, January 1

9:00am: * Michael Prudencio-Brunello

1 Pat Corman 2 Jose Prudencio

11:00am: * Denise Doff

1 Sue Durance 2 Marvellous Onuma-Kalu

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 31 Feast of Mary, Mother of God

5:00pm: Lynn West, Joan Fernandez, Bruce Fleming,
Gerdy & Susan Frantzke, Veronica Zarin

Sunday, January 1

9:00am: Gai Brown, Peter Michels,
Betty Lou Borho, Glen Loffree

11:00am: Martin & Diane Jones,
Lorna Kennedy, Dorothy Krauskopf,
Jeannie Krulicki, Teresa Palmer

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm: Alex Winter, Tyler Malizia, Alessia Ovcacik

Sunday, January 8

9:00am: Madeline & Elizabeth Swart, Mark Pawliszyn

11:00am: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Anson Chan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm: * Brenda Richey-Van Bakel

1 Patrick Dietrich 2 Tessa Heffernan-Hendel

Sunday, January 8

9:00am: * Linda Guacci

1 Diana Knoll 2 Katherine Bergman

11:00am: * Lauren Huston

1 Stephen Pacheco 2 Herli Liem

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm: Joanne Winter, Tracey Kuepfer,
John Miller, Alicia Smith

Sunday, January 8

9:00am: Gai Brown, Michelle Borho-Harris,
Laura Haffner, Tony & Pam De Leo

11:00am: Jeannie Krulicki, Theresa Leung,
Denise McClanahan, Jeanette Rousseau,
Martina Smith, Susan Frantzke,
Julie Dreisinger

Discernment Gatherings If you feel called by God to explore the call to the priesthood or religious life, please join our Discernment Gathering on Saturday, January 7th in the JPIISC. For more information or to contact Father King, Vocation Director, please visit www.HamiltonVocations.com



**May the Lord's
light brighten
your day and
may
his love warm
your heart.
Merry Christmas!**

PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

Sunday, January 8th at St. Jerome's
University, Notre Dame Chapel 1:00 –
2:30pm **AND**

At St. Michael's Church 3:00 - 4:00pm



Come prepared to sing acapella and to do a short reading. Music is chosen from contemporary sources (Godspell, Jesus Christ Superstar, Christian Rock). Students must be in High School, College or University. Contact linda.barrttoburns@gmail.com



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, would like to thank our donors of St. Michael's Parish for your generous support for our annual Christmas Project collection in December and through the past year. This Christmas we distributed close to \$10,000 in retail gift cards providing about 100 needy households (within the boundaries of St. Michael's Parish) with a little extra. If you are interested in assisting with the work of the SSV, we invite you to use a form from the rack in the narthex to enable us to contact you. God Bless and Happy New Year!

K-W Birthright has found a new home and has a **New Office Wish List**. If you are cleaning out children's dressers and have any clothes size 0-1 years that are in good repair, they would love them to stock their new store front location.

They are also looking for volunteers for a few hours a month. You will reap the joy of making a difference in the lives of those in need. Call 519-579-3990 or visit kitchener@birthright.org for more information.

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this New Year
for all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us
a mighty flame

so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and
live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.



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