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Feast of the Holy Family

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PARISH LITURGIES CHRISTMAS SEASON WEEK

LITURGIES

December 31 – January 7

Monday, December 31 5:00 pm Mass

HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, January 1 10:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 2

8:30 am + Joan Rupp

Thursday, January 3

8:30 am +Walter & Peggy Ross

Friday, January 4

8:30 am +Arthur Lefebvre

9:00 am **Adoration**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm +Giacinto Simonetti

+John O'Hara

+Anne Marie McNamara

Sunday, January 6

9:00 am For our 11:00 am Parish



"They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lyingin the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus"



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SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2019 are available in the Parish Centre for all who are currently using envelopes. As we approach a new fiscal in January we ought to consider our individual and collective responsibility for the upkeep in our parish facilities, the support of our parish staff and the promotion of God's reign through the many educational and outreach activities of our parish.

FAMILY PRAYER APOSTOLATE

Families today are under stress by the assumed priorities of modern society. Yet the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, remain the model for us and are more worthy than ever of emulation. Designed to promote prayer in parishioners' homes, this apostolate provides families a focal point – a beautiful Holy Family statue – for a special week of family prayer at home. Sign up sheet available in narthex.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Two Saint Dominic parishioners were recognized recently for their extensive volunteer contributions to our parish. Brian Thornton and Judi Kingry were presented the Bishop's Medal of Honur by Fr. Ranjan at ceremonies following 9 am Mass on Sunday, December 9. The citation accompanying Brian Thornton's award underscored his contributions to our RCIA program, to the functions of the Finance Committee and as Minister of the Word for more than 25 years. Judi Kingry was recognized for "countless" volunteer hours organizing our ligurgical ministries and as parish Sacristan.

FOOD BANK

As usual you are invited to bring non-perishable food for the needy and place that food in our bin in the Parish Centre narthex throughout the holy season of Advent. <u>Items required</u>: Baby food and baby formula, canned fish, canned meats, pasta sauces, soups, peanut butter, jam, cookies, juice, sugar, tea, coffee, cereal, powdered milk. Thank you on behalf of those who will benefit. This will be distributed to the Good Shepherd.

CHURCH BULLETN ADVERSTISING

Liturgical Pulbications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2019 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at (905) 624-4422.

2018 BVS COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE

We are writing to thank you for your invaluable help with our 7th Annual Coat Drive. Without your assistance, it would not have been a Event at all. We had so much volunteer assistance in so many varied ways it is difficult to set out the specifics. We successful distrubted almost 700 coats to people who needed them on the day and donating what didn't get chosen on the day to shelters in the area who welcomed the warmth for their clients. A coat in a closet is warmth wasted. Thank you again. The 8th Annual Coat Drive Event will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

HAMILTON DIOCESE NEWS

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 31	Rev. Peter Meyer
Tuesday, Jan. 1	Rev. Jim Petrie
Wed. Jan. 2	Holy Cross Fathers
Thurs, Jan. 3	Rev. Kevin Cull
Friday, Jan. 4	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Saturday, Jan. 5	Rev. Marko Puljic

VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King. Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton (905) 528-7988.

SEEKING THE SACRED The Soul's Slow Ripening

This is the theme for a new afternoon program for seniors starting Tuesday, January 29 at the chancery office. This program follows the book, "The Soul's Slow Ripening": 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred, by Christine Valters Paintner. Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon will lead you through 12 practices intended to give practical ways to deepen our relationship with God. Each chapter includes guided spiritual activities such as Lectio Divina, photography, walking, writing and more. The cost for this

seven session program is \$35 and includes the book. Space is limited, please registr by January 25 with Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone (905) 528-7988 ext. 2238.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Magi follow the guidance of a star that leads them to Bethlehem. In a spirit of deep humility, they present their gifts to the One who is a priest, prophet and king. The gift of gold is for a king, as Jesus is the King for all creation. The gift of frankincense is for a priest, for Jesus is the eternal High Priest of the new convenant. The gift of myrrh is for the anointing of a body at the time of burial, for Jesus fulfills the prophetic word that the Saviour would give His life for the salvation of all people.

During the Christmas season, we too worship the newborn King and place our gifts before Him. The Gospel next week reminds us that the Magi were humble enough to seek direction in order to find their way. On the journey of faith, we also need others to assist us, to pray for us and encourage us to persevere.

As a parish family, may we continue to support one another on the journey of faith and especially remember those in our community who are preparing to be received into the fullness of the Catholic faith at Easter.



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