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### PARISH STAFF

Father James S. Petrie, Pastor

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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
<b>Sunday, December 29</b> <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Community	
<b>Monday, December 30</b> 1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40	No Mass		Rev. Mark Morley
<b>Tuesday, December 31</b> 1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Alfred Cole	Rev. Jason Kuntz
<b>Wednesday, January 1</b> <b>The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b> Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	Mass- Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Intentions of Ratnakumar Family  Maria Henrietta Fernandes	Diocesan Priests
<b>Thursday, January 2</b> <b>St. Basil the Great &amp; St. Gregory Nazianzen</b> 1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28	No Mass		Rev. Mark Sullivan
<b>Friday, January 3</b> <b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> 1 John 2:29; 3:1-6 John 1:29-34	No Mass		Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
<b>Saturday, January 4</b> 1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Felizardo Coutinho  Volario Barsotta	Rev. Gregory Merkley

### Rectory Office Hours

The office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.  
 We will be open Thursday, January 2  
 9:30 am – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:30 pm  
 Friday – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm



### SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 and 11:00 am

#### Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 and 11:00 am

#### Solemnity of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 4th

5:00 pm

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 and 11:00 am

All Masses take place at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School located at 709 Bolingbroke Drive in Milton.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

*On behalf of Fr. Jim, Deacon Leonard and the staff at St. Benedict Parish, we would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year.*



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for all the generous donations for the Christmas Angel program. This year we were able to assist over 25 families and raised \$6000. They were very grateful and appreciative of the donations received.

**On behalf of all the members, we would like to wish you a blessed Christmas and the happiest of New Years!**

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary at St. Benedict & Holy Rosary parishes is pleased to announce that they will bring the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue** or **The Divine Mercy Image** to the homes of families as a way of increasing family prayer & bringing blessings to families. The Legionaries will accompany the statue or image to the home & will pick up the statue or image at an appointed date & time. These visits normally take place in the evenings. To arrange a home visitation please contact Cherry Muller (647-470-0385) or Lorna D'Souza (905-805-0752).

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### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB). HCDSB invites all members of our parish community to join in the celebration of our journey in faith as a Catholic education community. There are a number of the events and activities planned to commemorate this milestone. For details, visit the HCDSB website at: <http://bit.ly/HCDSB50>

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**CCYMN Hope Comes Home Conference** - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation- *Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For more information about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit [www.hopecomeshome.com](http://www.hopecomeshome.com). If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at [nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528-7988 ext.2245.

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**Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced** - Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

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### HEALING IS POSSIBLE

We are all in need of healing from wounds caused by past experiences, relationships or wounds caused by our own sinfulness. Join us for a day filled with hope as we look at a holistic approach to healing.

**Save the Date:** February 1, 2020

From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish

The conference includes Mass, lunch, and speakers such as: Tima Borges, Author of “Leaving Bitterness Behind: A Catholic Approach to Healing Past Hurts”; Dr. Wendy Hofman, Program Director at Hamilton Diocese; William Stanus, Psychotherapist with a focus on EMDR and Fr. Louis de Vaugelas, LC.

**To register visit:**

<http://regnumchristiontario.org/event/healing-is-possible/> or contact Ester at 416-990-3136.

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### PRISON MINISTRY

Holy Rosary Church has an active prison ministry. We are inviting members of St. Benedict's Parish to join us. Volunteers regularly visit



both Maplehurst and Vanier correctional facilities which are both located in Milton.

Vanier is for women and Maplehurst is a prison for men. Pope Francis placed a special emphasis on ministering to those in prison when he took the extraordinary step of naming the threshold of each jail cell a Holy Door of Mercy. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry and perhaps joining our dedicated group of volunteers at Vanier please call **Nuala Harold** at **647-405-9196**.

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### MISSION CATHOLIQUE FRANCOPHONE DE MILTON

Prions ensemble en français tous les dimanches de 13h à 14h. Messe en langue française à l'école St-Nicolas à Milton, 720 Woodward Avenue.

Curé Père: Father Fulbert Jonas

Appel à bénévoles: nous avons besoin de vous pour la mission! Contacter Père Jonas au 905-877-4373 de 14h à 17h.

Let's pray together in French. Every Sunday from 1pm to 2pm. Mass in French language at St-Nicolas School, 720 Woodward Avenue with Father Fulbert Jonas.

We need volunteers. Please contact Fr. Jonas at 905-877-4373 from 2pm to 5pm.

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