SAINT BENEDICT ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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All are to be welcomed as Christ

- Saint Benedict of Nursia -

LORD'S DAY MASSES (all Weekend Masses are held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School 709 Bolingbroke Drive in Milton L9T 6Z3)

> Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please see inside bulletin for complete schedule and location of weekday Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSIONS) Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm Anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Celebrated the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Contact the parish office to arrange date and to arrange prebaptismal course at least two months before preferred date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF ADULTS

A period of preparation is necessary and it is imperative that individuals complete the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please see Father Jim for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Kindly contact the parish office at least a year prior to desired date of marriage. Preparation course is essential. All Weddings arranged through Saint Benedict Parish are celebrated at Holy Rosary Parish in Milton.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family, please contact the parish office before contacting the funeral home, and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. All funeral masses are held at Holy Rosary Church in Milton. The Catholic Cemeteries Diocese of the of Hamilton website is: www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

PARISH STAFF

Father James S. Petrie, Pastor Reverend Mr. Joseph DiGrado, Deacon Mrs. Janis Asdrubolini, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Office is closed on Mondays, weekends and public holidays.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and your family to Saint Benedict Parish! Please introduce yourself to Father Jim. Registration forms are available on the table at the back of the gym.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office if confinement to home or hospitalization, so sacramental care may be provided.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information in discerning God's call to Church ministry contact our pastor, Father Jim Petrie or contact Father Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 or visit the Vocations Services' website: www.hamiltonvocations.com

PARISH SCHOOLS

<u>Guardian Angels Elementary</u> Mrs. Rosanna LoPresti, Principal	905-876-2386
<u>Lumen Christi Elementary</u> Mr. Patrick Mayne, Principal	905-636-9692
<u>Our Lady of Fatima Elementary</u> Mr. Kevin Brady, Principal	905-864-0720
Saint Benedict Elementary Mr. Josey Guerin, Principal	289-851-9353
<u>Jean Vanier Secondary</u> Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal	905-636-8799

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, January 29	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima	Our Parish Community	•
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13	School		
1 Corinthians 1:26-31	9:00 a.m.		
Matthew 5:1-12	11:00 a.m.		
Monday, January 30	No Mass		Rev. Thomas Vermiglio,
Hebrews 11:32-40			M.C.C.J.
Mark 5:1-20			
Tuesday, January 31	Mass- Jean Vanier High School	Wong Akam	Rev. Francisco Cruz
St. John Bosco	Chapel - 9:00 a.m.	-	
Hebrews 12:1-4	_		
Mark 5:21-43			
Wednesday, February 1	Mass- Jean Vanier High School	Lawrence Justiano Lewis	Society of the Catholic
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15	Chapel - 9:00 a.m.		Apostolate
Mark 6:1-6	1		1
Thursday, February 2	Mass- Jean Vanier High School	Albert & Zena Pinto	Rev. Gabriel Morais
The Presentation of the Lord	Chapel - 9:00 a.m.		Catarino
Malachi 3:1-4	-		
Luke 2:22-40			
Friday, February 3	Mass- Jean Vanier High School	Daphne Sandoval	Rev. Jose Moreira
St. Blaise	Chapel - 9:00 a.m.		
Hebrews 13:1-8			
Mark 6:14-29			
Saturday, February 4	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima	Agnelo Fernandes	Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21	School		
Mark 6:30-34	5:00 p.m.		
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Rectory Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:30 pm Friday: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

SUPPORT REPORT

Sunday Collection (166) Envelopes	\$2230
Loose Collection	404
Building Fund	962
Total	\$3596
Pre-Authorized Debit for January Building Fund Pre-Authorized	\$4030 <u>\$ 890</u> \$4920

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict Parish invites all women from the age group of 18 years and above to join them in their monthly meeting which is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima School staff room. Membership fees are \$35.00 and are due by Jan. 31st

For more information, please contact: Lily Gall 289-878-9909



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Catholic Women's League on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm in the staff room at Our Lady of Fatima School. We will welcome a guest speaker on behalf of Weight Watchers.



3rd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER HOSTED BY JEAN VANIER HIGH SCHOOL

Jean Vanier C.S.S., in Milton, is once again hosting their International Family Dinner on Thursday February 23rd 2017. This event will be held at the School from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Come out for a fun family evening filled with great food from around the world, lots of door prizes, silent auction and entertainment!

Tickets are \$15 per person (Free for kids below 2 years). Seating is limited; please book your tickets early. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

For more information, please contact:

Lenie: 905-462-2093 or Email: jvcsmilton@gmail.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I hope all are well as we continue to enjoy the somewhat milder winter we are having. Let's not take it too much for granted since we are likely going to be back into the colder temperatures as we head into February. But this weather provides some relief to our brothers and sisters who live on the streets and are homeless.

I never cease to be amazed that after five years, newcomers to Milton still don't realize that we exist. Basically, anyone who lives south of Derry Road is in the catchment area of Saint Benedict Parish. The exact boundaries are Derry Road to the north, Highway 407 to the south (just south of Lower Baseline Road), Bell School Line to the west and Highway 407 to the East (just before Ninth Line). Please spread the word to others who may not know this information. As we continue to prepare to build our new church, it is important that we establish firmly our parish community. Also, the new Catholic cemetery will be located in our parish boundaries. Our parish is rapidly growing both in size and in numbers.

You will be receiving in the mail shortly your income tax receipts and the schedule for the upcoming Lent and Easter seasons. If you don't receive this by mid-February, it could be that we do not have accurate mailing information for you. Please contact the office if you don't receive the mailing.

I am planning to be away on vacation, from February 6th until the 18th. Daily Mass will be suspended during this time. The weekend Mass on February 11th and 12th will be covered by the priests at Holy Rosary Parish. I am grateful for their willingness to help out so I can get some rest and relaxation.

Beginning this weekend (January 28th/29th), I am starting a monthly "birthday blessing". At the end of each Mass on the last Sunday of month, I am going to ask everyone who celebrated a birthday over the past month to stand up and you will receive a blessing. You don't have to come up to the front or say or do anything so enjoy the blessing. Don't worry I wont be asking how old you are!

Once again, I am looking for individuals who can bring the Holy Eucharist to persons who are sick and homebound. I am also looking for people to help with the Volunteer Screening Committee. Both ministries are very important to the parish community and we need to "reboot" these ministries. If you are interested, please let me know.

Have a great weekend!

Father Jim Petrie

PARTSH NEWS SOLUTION BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS If you are having a child in the near

future, you are welcome to join Fr. Jim after the masses next weekend February 4 & 5 to take part in a blessing for expectant mothers.

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC

July 17-21, 2017 (4 nights & 5 days) Visiting Our Lady of the Cape, St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joachim Shrine, Old Quebec and St. Joseph Oratory. You will have an opportunity to see and pass through the Holy Door in the Basilica-Cathedral in Quebec City. Fr. Jim Petrie will be the Spiritual Director on the trip. For more info please call Tas @ 905-578-3846 or see Fr. Jim for more information.

LOJ FEAST MILTON OFFERS "BELOVED"

Beloved, let us love one another (1Jn 4:7). This command seems impossible to obey and we don't have to look around us. Just look at ourselves and we'll know how impossible to love others is. But let us not lose hope because right in the beginning of the verse is the key to making this impossible task possible. BELOVED. St. John didn't put that word as a cute term of endearment. He used it because that's what we really are: The BELOVED of God! The truth is, the first step of our Christian life is not to work, or to do, or to strive, or even to love—our first step is to be loved. We have to first permit Him, our God, to love us. We have to first of all be stunned, moved, embraced, gripped by His passionate love. And when our soul is overwhelmed, yes, overpowered by His generosity, we cannot help but love Him back and love others!

The LOJ Feast Milton, a Catholic Charismatic community, invites you to experience the joy of worshipping our God and being transformed through His words as we begin a new teaching series, BELOVED, on the following dates:

FEB 04..... Talk # 3 BE HUMBLE Lose Small To Win Big

FEB 11.... Talk # 4 BE LOVE Let God Love THROUGH You

The Feast, a place of miracles, is held in the gym of the Holy Rosary School, 141 Martin St. Milton. It is open to all! No tickets necessary, only your open heart and open spirit. We have separate activities for youth and children so bring them along! WORSHIP STARTS AT 2:00 PM.

For more info, please call Bing/Angie Buhain at 905-462-5072 or Rey/Elvie Reyes at 647-407-3294. You can also visit our website, lojcanada.com or facebook.com/feast.milton.

Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner and Dance Saturday February 11, 2017 Granite Ridge Golf Club

Our parish Knights of Columbus invite you to shake off the midwinter blues at our annual Valentine Dinner and Dance. Tickets are \$65 per person which includes a fabulous four course dinner with wine, music by DJ Black Creek Music, door prizes and a silent auction. Get a group of friends together (non-parishioners welcome). Contact Daniel Varanelli at dvaranelli@bellnet.ca or 905 875-6699.



