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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 pre-baptismal 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 of the Diocese 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

Guardian Angels Elementary 905-876-2386
Mrs. Rosanna LoPresti, Principal

Lumen Christi Elementary 905-636-9692
Mr. Patrick Mayne, Principal

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary 905-864-0720
Mr. Kevin Brady, Principal

Saint Benedict Elementary 289-851-9353
Mrs. Victoria Hogan, Principal

Jean Vanier Secondary 905-636-8799
Mr. Gino Montanari, Principal

EASTER SUNDAY

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, March 27 Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Our Parish Community	
Monday, March 28 Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matthew 28:8-15	No Mass		Rev. Ted Hughes
Tuesday, March 29 Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18	No Mas		Rev. Gary Palangio, C.R.
Wednesday, March 30 Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Fidelis & Ann Machado	Our Parish Community
Thursday, March 31 Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m. Mass – Birkdale Retirement 611 Farmstead Drive – 10:30 a.m.	Intentions of Saleem Farooqui Intentions of Lorna & Ivan D'Sousa	Rev. Clair Girodat, C.R.
Friday, April 1 Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14	Mass- Jean Vanier High School Chapel 9:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
Saturday, April 2 Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15	Mass – Our Lady of Fatima School 5:00 p.m.	Diamantino Miguel	Rev. Bill LaFlamme, C.R.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC

July 18-22, 2016 (4 nights & 5 days)

Visiting Our Lady of the Cape, St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joachim Shrine, Old Quebec, St. Joseph Oratory and Our Lady of Lourdes in Rigaud. 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 Tax @905-578-3846
Cecilia in Burlington @905-332-8146 or
Mary @905-383-9796



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 will be \$35.00 annually.

Next Meeting: April 5th

For more information, please contact:

Lily Gall 289-878-9909

The Catholic Women's League of St. Benedict's are inviting Men/Women 18 years and older to join them on a day long trip to New York on Saturday, April 9th to visit the Infant Jesus Shrine, followed by some shopping. For further information, please contact Sandra Alva at 905-864-6060.



Blessing for Expectant Mothers

If you are having a child in the near future, you are welcome to join Fr. Jim after mass next weekend April 2/3 to take part in a blessing for expectant mothers.

You are cordially invited to a celebration of
Mass with Bishop Miehm
Friday, April 1, 2016
Year of Mercy Jubilee Church
Sacre Coeur Parish, 30 Guelph Street, Georgetown
6:30 Eucharistic Exposition
6:45 Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:20 Benediction
7:30 Mass



From the Pastor's Desk

The scriptures tell us on this day of the

Resurrection of Jesus: “(The women) went to the tomb...and found the stone rolled away...and they did not find the body of Jesus. They saw two men in dazzling clothes and the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here - He is risen!’” (Luke 24). Our faith tells us that Jesus is alive and well in our world. We have to have the ability to recognize Jesus when he comes into our lives day by day. God blesses us with the gift of Jesus in our lives - He is a gift we can never take for granted. This is a truly wonderful day to ponder on the blessings we have received. The gifts of our families and those who love us. The gifts of our health and laughter. The gifts of our faith and traditions. These are all things that we often take for granted and today is a day to thank Jesus for the gift of life itself.

This beautiful day is the collective effort of many people working together in our parish. I want to thank all who have made these celebrations over the past few days meaningful ones. I want to thank Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, and Deacon Joe DiGrado for assisting me this past week. I want to thank our parish staff, Janis Asdrubolini, Alma Paje and Brendan Joseph, who often work behind the scenes and give much more than is expected of them. I want to thank the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, Children’s Liturgy Leaders and Volunteers for adding to the beauty of the season. I want to thank the volunteers who help set up chairs every Saturday afternoon. They do this without payment and they are faithful to this duty. We are especially grateful to them since without them our ‘church’ at Our Lady of Fatima School would not be the same. They enhance our sacred space and allow the Lord to be present among us. I want to thank the choirs and musicians and their directors, for all they do to enhance our liturgies not just for Easter but for every Sunday of the year. I want to thank the RCIA team (Peter and Ros Wright, Karen Akam, Lollee Reboredo, Marcella Joseph, Renato Asdrubolini, Cordia and Andre Campbell, Gary Fernandes, Gavin Phillips), I express my deepest appreciation for preparing the men and women, who have become part of the Catholic-Christian family by instilling in them a love of God through their own spirituality and dedication. I want to thank all who give of their time, talent and treasure to make this parish one that reflects the love and glory of God.

As a pastor, I am humbled and extremely proud of our parish. You are a friendly, caring and Christ-centred community that I am very honoured to be associated with. The fine work that you do as a parish community through the efforts of the Catholic Women’s League, Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the many other groups of our parish, fully exemplifies the call of Jesus to “go out into the whole world and

proclaim the Good News.” (Mark 16:15). I pray that Saint Benedict Parish continues to make its mark in our society. I also want to thank the building committee of Saint Benedict Parish. Our members are Paul Crawford (chair), Tom Ditoro, Christine Folia, Dion Green, John Leyon, Jennifer Santos, Marcie Theoret, Clarence Walters, Peter Wright and myself. We have hired Larkin Architect Limited in Toronto. Roberto Chiotti and Michael Nicholas-Schmidt are the primary architects for the project. We are moving forward in the design and building phase of the project. It is my wish that we will have a parish meeting to show you where we are at in the near future. I will be looking to establish a fundraising committee in the near future, if you are interested in being involved in the capital fundraising committee, please contact me directly at jpetrie@hamiltondiocese.com.

Finally, it is my wish that the blessings of the risen Lord be with you and your families on this special day! May God Bless You!

Have a great weekend!

Father Jim Petrie

Request from Bishop Crosby on Patient Assisted Dying (Euthanasia)

Assisted suicide will soon be legal in Canada. The twenty-one recommendations that the parliamentary committee has proposed to the Federal Government go far beyond what the Supreme Court mandated. They include a requirement that doctors who have a moral objection to assisted suicide must, against their wishes, refer their patients to a doctor who will engage in this process. No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience!

As Bishop of the Hamilton Diocese, I encourage you to visit our website www.hamiltondiocese.com, to get a fuller understanding of this issue. I also ask you to write directly to your Member of Parliament. Voice your concerns that the law be written in such a way that it protects those who are vulnerable, as well as the conscience rights of individuals and Catholic institutions involved in health care. The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience, made up of numerous partners (including more than 5,000 Canadian doctors) has all the information you will need to write such a letter on their website at www.CanadiansforConscience.ca. History is being made at this moment – as Catholics we have both the right and obligation to participate in this important process.



"Members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be at the doors of the Church after all the Masses this weekend. Your generosity is most appreciated and on behalf of the needy of our Parish community, we thank you.

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