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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

WEEKEND LITURGY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon, and by appointment

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday evening Mass

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

First Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office to register for parent meeting for Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Pastor at least nine months in advance.

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For more information or assistance contact our parish priest(s) or see www.vocationinfo.ca

MINISTRY TO SICK/SHUT-INS

Please notify the Rectory Office and arrange Communion.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When a death occurs in your family please advise the priest immediately and they will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, contact the cemetery office at (905) 522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We invite you to take the time to complete a census form, located at all doors of the church. Please drop it into the collection basket.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements MUST be received by the parish office no later than Monday at 3:30 p.m. to ensure publication in the upcoming Sunday Bulletin.



Mass Intentions

Monday April 18 Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 - No Mass Tuesday April 19 Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 7 PM – Gerard MacIntyre Wednesday April 20 Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; John 12:44-50 9 AM - Yvonne Roach Thursday April 21 Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 9 AM – Sandra Bozzo Friday April 22 Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 9 AM – Intentions of Frank & Tess George Saturday April 23 Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 5 PM - Helen Tanko Sunday April 24 - 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21b-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35++ 9 AM - Pro Populo 11 AM – Ron Aarssen



Our Parish

Monday April 18

Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR

Tuesday April 19

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

Wednesday April 20

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday April 21

Cenacle Group - 9:30 AM - WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday April 22

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall

Sunday April 24

Baptisms - 12:30 PM - Church

C.W.L. Message

Your membership adds power to the C.W.L's voice as the League lobbies government on social justice issues on behalf of a national sisterhood of Catholic women.

March for Life 2016 - Join us in Ottawa on May 12 to stand for life. Attend Mass at 10 a.m. in Notre Dame Cathedral, 12 p.m. rally on Parliament Hill, 1:30 march through down Ottawa. Also hear testimonies and at 4 p.m. an Easter Catholic prayer service. To reserve a seat on the bus phone Sandra at 905-528-3065. The bus will leave from the car-pool parking lot at Guelph Line and North Service Rd. at 3:45 a.m. and will return at 11 p.m. For more information, contact Christl Towler at 905-639-5949.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again offering to sponsor a limited number of Summer Camp Recreational and Day **Program** opportunities to students in grades one to eight. For more information about registering, please phone 905-979-6460 or email us at stvatsj@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is May 13, 2016.

Teens and Tweens at the Pipe Organ

Please come by to hear some of Leslie Polci's piano students perform their favourite pop and classical pieces on the beautiful Letourneau pipe organ on Saturday, April 30 at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to encourage our youth and enjoy an evening of tunes including "Phantom of the Opera." A reception will follow and admission is free, however, canned goods for the Partnership West Food Bank are encouraged.

First Communion

On Sunday, May 1, the children of the parish will be receiving their First Communion at a special time set aside for them. This Mass will be at 2 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 3, 2016	\$5,153
# of envelopes	290



Everyone is welcome to a **PASTA DINNER** to help raise funds for the **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage**. Held at St. John's Parish Hall on Saturday, May 14 at 6 p.m. ALL YOU CAN EAT! Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at all doors of the church beginning on the weekend of April 23.

IN THE SCHOOLS

PASTA NIGHT 2016!

<u>St. John School</u> once again invites you to their annual Pasta Night Fundraiser.

WHEN: Thursday, April 28 (5 p.m. or 7 p.m.)

WHERE: The Polish Hall on Fairview St.

Tickets are on sale now until April 15 @ \$12/adults, \$5/children 4-11 (children 3 and under eat FREE). Visit $\frac{http://schools.hcdsb.org/johb/default.aspx}{http://schools.hcdsb.org/johb/default.aspx}$ and print an order form or pick up a form at the school and pay by cheque.

IN THE DIOCESE

Heal Your Heart

Are you dealing with a loss in your life such as the death of a spouse, child or miscarriage, divorce, job loss, loss of home, health, pet, culture, infertility, romantic relationship, ailing parents? You are invited to join a series of Group Bereavement Workshops aiming at mending conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. This is a 6-week course on Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. beginning April 27 and each Wednesday until June 1 at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 including material.

All women are invited to attend a Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton on Friday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee provided. \$25 suggested offering. To register, phone 905-388-3966 or email sssperthshire@sympatico.ca.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversary in 2016? If you are, you are invited on Sunday, May 29, 2016, for a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the Brant Street doors for registration by May 1, 2016.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH? Come to an Information Night on Wednesday, April 20 starting at 7 p.m. at Catholic Children's Aid Society, 735 King St. E., Hamilton. For information and to register, phone Jocelyn at 905-525-2012, ext. 3125. The website is www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

What Happens After You Die?

IDEA Burlington (Interfaith Development Education Association) presents a discussion with speakers from Christian, Buddhist, Muslim and Bahai faiths. This event takes place on Sunday April 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Burlington Central Library's Centennial Room, 2331 New Street, Burlington. For further information, contact Harold Wells at 905-639-4125 or email harold.wells@utoronto.ca

The Cross of Victory Pilgrimage takes place from Saturday, August 6 to Saturday August 13. For information, search Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2016 with your favourite search engine.

Vocation View

Today is the annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Catholics around the world are praying for a generous response to the call to the priesthood and religious life. If you feel that God may be calling you to the priesthood or religious life, speak to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or by email at wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com.

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