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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 Closed

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9 AM MASS - 12 NOON

BAPTISMS

Please take a baptism package from the tables in the church entrances.

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

"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

- John 14:6

Monday May 1

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 – *No Mass*

Tuesday May 2 – St. Athanasius

Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35

7 PM – Nicolazzo Dora

Wednesday May 3 – Sts. Philip & James

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

9 AM – Eva Vermolen

Thursday May 4

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

9 AM – Stan Anslow

Friday May 5

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

9 AM – Charles Leblanc

Saturday May 6 – St. Francois de Laval

2 Timothy 1:13-14, 2:1-3; John 10:11-16

5 PM – Frances Traer

Sunday May 7 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Monique Grenier



C.W.L. Message

Our next **General Meeting**, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall, will feature our traditional May Crowning Ceremony. Also, open to ALL parishioners, our guest speaker, Kim Routledge, a member of the Burlington Seniors Advisory Committee, will provide vital information on seniors' issues – medical, social, housing, recreation. Please plan to attend.

The CWL asks you to join nationwide in **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on Thursday, May 4. Prayer cards are available at the doors of the church. Please take one and pray for the sanctity of human life.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again offering to sponsor a limited number of students in grades one to eight wishing to attend a nearby **Summer Camp** or a **Recreational Day Program**. For more information please phone 905-979-6460 or e-mail us at stvatsj@gmail.com.

April 30 is First Communion Sunday for the children of our parish. Congratulations to these young people, their teachers and parents – please keep them in your prayers.



Our Parish

Monday May 1

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday May 2

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday May 3

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday May 4

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

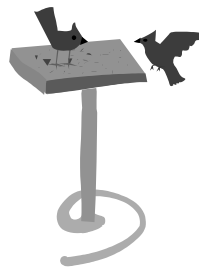
Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Friday May 5

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday May 7

Baptism Preparation Meeting – 10:30 AM – WR

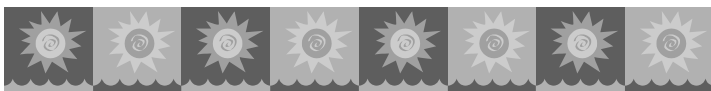


Did you know?...that we pray the rosary approximately one half hour before the start of each weekday Mass (Tuesday - Friday) here at St. John's? Everyone is most welcome.

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Roman Catholic? The RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) begins each year in the fall. We welcome your inquiries and also people who might be interested in coming out as sponsors one night a week. Please phone the church office at 905-634-2485 and leave your contact information so we can get in touch and get you started.

Please remember to pick up your envelope sets from the parish office on Blairholm Ave.



Papal Prayer Intentions for May

✠ That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

IN THE DIOCESE

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private school). These instructions prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation**. Visit www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone Monica at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

On Saturday, May 27 at 11 a.m., Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the **Spring Memorial Mass** at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. All are welcome. For more information, phone 905-522-7727.

Men interested in learning about the **Permanent Diaconate Formation** program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday, May 7 that will take place at St. Michael Church in Waterloo. The meeting will be held after the 11 a.m. Mass. For information or to register, please email Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? On Sunday, June 25, at 1:30 pm., Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Please register by June 1. Details are available on the poster at the Brant Street entrance.

IN OTHER PARISHES

New Friendship Circle – for anyone 55+

Join us at Holy Rosary Parish Centre on the 1st Thursday of each month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Meet new friends, enjoy conversation and help plan group activities. There is no cost. For more info, phone Gary at 905-540-1037 or Nikki at 905-522-9996.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Walk for Life Conference

Support the Culture of Life in Halton on Saturday, May 20, by joining Halton Alive for the annual 5K walk in Burlington, BBQ lunch and inspiring speakers. Don't miss this opportunity to hear two excellent pro-life speakers and raise funds for a great cause. For more details and to register, visit www.haltonalive.com/W4L or phone 905-632-3232.

Cross of Victory Pilgrimage Dinner

All you can eat Pasta Dinner, Saturday, May 13 after the 5 p.m. Mass in St. John's parish hall. Funds raised support the pilgrims on their annual Walking Pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland. Tickets will be sold at the church doors each weekend until May 6/7 and at the doors. Cost is \$12/person and \$6 per child under 10.

March for Life in Ottawa

Come join us for the **20th Annual March for Life** on May 11 as thousands come together proclaiming justice for the unborn on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. A bus will be leaving at 3:45 a.m. and will return at 11:30 p.m. For more information or to secure a seat on the bus, phone Sandra at 905-528-3065.

Vocation View - The Lord's call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "*Lord, what will you have me do?*" If you would like to speak to someone about the priesthood or religious life, contact Rev. Michael King, Vocation Director, at 905-528-7988 x 2246, by email at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or visit the Diocesan website at www.vocationinfo.ca.

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