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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. (3:30 Mon.) Friday: 9 am - 12 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the office.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



Mass Intentions

"The child grew filled with wisdom, and the favour of God was upon him."

- Luke 2:40b

Monday December 29

I John 2:3-II; Luke 2:22-35 - No Mass

Tuesday December 30

I John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

7 PM - Emil Svab

Wednesday December 31

I John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

5 PM – Ursula Cusack

Thursday January 1 – Mary the Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

9 AM - Special Intentions

11 AM – Mary Adam

Friday January 2 - St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen

I John 2:22-28; John 19-28

9 AM - Joseph Poliziani

Saturday January 3

I John 2:29, 3:1-6; John 1:29-34

5 PM - Rev. James R. Mihm

Sunday January 4 – *Epiphany of the Lord*

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners)

11 AM – Ivars Jansons



Our Parish

Monday December 29

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Wednesday December 31

Legion of Mary – 1 PM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Friday January 2

AA Meeting - 9 PM - Hall



C.W.L. Message

The Craft Group is on a break until Tuesday, January 6.

Happy New Year everyone!

May peace and happiness be with you

and your families.

The Children's Choir rehearses every Sunday in the Warren Room at 10:30 a.m. for 20 minutes.

Welcomed into our parish community through Baptism on December 6, 2014:

Christopher Czyrka

Congratulations to his parents, Godparents and family.

All donations for 2014 should be received by the parish office no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, December 31 at which time the parish books and the office will be closed. Any and all donations left after noon on that day will be applied to the 2015 tax year.

Thank you for all your support this past year. May you have a blessed and happy 2015!

The parish office will be closed from December 31 at noon until 9 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2015.

Childrens' Liturgy News

A reminder - Children's Liturgy is taking a break during the Christmas holidays. We will start up again on January 11. Children's liturgy welcomes children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 and takes place during the 11 o'clock Mass each Sunday.

Thank you all very much for the thoughtful Christmas cards, generous gifts and prayers that you were kind enough to send my way for Christmas. They were all very much appreciated.

- Fr. Bob



Welcome to all who are visiting our parish during this season of Christmas. We pray that you are nourished by our Liturgy. If you are new to our

community, please fill out a registration form and return it to the office or place in it the collection basket. Registration forms are located at all doors of the church where you can also pick up a set of church envelopes.

IN THE DIOCESE

World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis will attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip, departing September 22 and returning September 28, 2015. Both Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm will be attending. The theme is Love is our Mission - the Family Fully Alive, with every keynote address and workshop based on the concepts of marriage, family and relationship. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6-12 years and day care for those 5 years and younger. The first 100 people to register for the Hamilton Diocese trip will have both their registration and transportation (by bus) paid by the Diocese, leaving only the cost of hotel and food. For details and to register, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2250. Or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Project Rachel

Healing after an abortion is possible. At Project Rachel, caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that may follow an abortion. We offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please phone (905) 526-1999.

IN OTHER PARISHES

The 5th **Annual Women's Day of Reflection**, "*Nurturing the Nurturer*" will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Raphael's Parish Centre, 4072 New Street, Burlington. Tickets are \$30 and will go on sale January 17, 2015. For tickets and information, phone Charlie at 905-681-6221.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BIG BAND CONCERT

The Burlington Knights of Columbus, in support of their many activities, are proud to sponsor the Toronto All-Star Big Band Concert on Saturday, January 25, 2015 for an afternoon performance. Come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. The price per ticket is \$38.50 plus applicable taxes and fees. For tickets, phone the box office at 905-681-6000.

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Vocation View

The old law said that every first born male shall be dedicated to the Lord. Is there a priest, deacon, sister or brother from your family? Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation. To speak to someone about the priesthood or religious life, contact Rev. Kuzma, Vocation Director, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or visit www.vocationinfo.ca.

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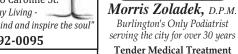
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