ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH (FOUNDED IN 1849) 2016 Blairholm Avenue, Burlington, On. L7R 1V4

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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

Tuesday7:00 p.m.Wednesday, Thursday & Friday9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday6:15 - 6:45 p.m.Saturday11:30 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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

"And he cured many who were sick with various diseases..."

- Mark 1:34

Monday February 2 – Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40 - No Mass Tuesday February 3 Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 7 PM – Filipe Francia Wednesday February 4 Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 9 AM – Nora O'Keefe Thursday February 5 - St. Agatha Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13 9 AM – Julia Klassovska Friday February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 9 AM – Joan Galea Saturday February 7 Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 5 PM – Chester Gzik Sunday February 8 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time lob 7:1-4, 6-7; I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners) 11 AM - Robert McClure



Our Parish

Monday February 2 Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR <u>Tuesday February 3</u> CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall <u>Wednesday February 4</u> Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR Women's AA 6:15 PM – Hall <u>Thursday February 5</u> Cenacle Group 9:30 AM - WR Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR Choir Practice – 7:30 PM - Church <u>Friday February 6</u> AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. MESSAGE

All women of the parish are invited to the C.W.L. **Lenten Retreat Day** on Tuesday, February 24. This event will be facilitated by Fr. Mike Isabelle and will run from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be served. The cost is a donation of \$15. Registration forms are available at the church doors – please be sure to register by February 19. For more information, phone Marie Arponen at 905-637-1677.

Our **General Meeting** will take place on Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. We are having a **guest speaker** who will talk about his walk on the Cross of Victory Pilgrimage. All are welcome.

St. John's Parish Breakfast

On Sunday, February 22, come and enjoy a delicious breakfast after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Tickets cost \$7/adults and \$3/children (5 to 12), children 4 and under eat for free. Tickets will only be sold at the door. The menu, prepared by the Knights of Columbus: eggs, bacon, sausages, beans, pancakes, hash browns, coffee, tea & juice.

Development and Peace "Sow Much Love"

For the next two weeks, we are all invited to petition the government and the House of Commons to commit to adopt international policies that support small family farmers' rights to preserve, use and freely exchange seeds. These rights play a vital role in the struggle against hunger and poverty in the Global South. You can find more information at the Brant Street entrance. Petition sheets are at all doors of the church. When signing, please be sure to follow the instructions about using block lettering, etc.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. John the Baptist conference has brand new high quality clothing in sizes for infants up to size 6. Any parishioners with young children who need clothing are invited to the parish hall any Tuesday in February from 10:30 a.m. until noon. A volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul will be there to help you with your selections.

IN THE SCHOOL

Calling all parents of grade 3 students at St. John School: Please join us along with our grade 3 students for an informal "Golden Time Together" gathering following the 9 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass on February 18. We will meet immediately following the Mass in the parish hall. The Mental Health Liaison Nurse and the Public Health Nurse will be available to lead in a special activity that you can take home. Light refreshments will be provided.

IN THE DIOCESE

A Day of Prayer

Attend a Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, Friday, January 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee are provided. To register, phone 905-388-3966 or email <u>sssperthshire@sympatico.ca</u>.

Praying with the Sisters of St. Joseph

Come away and pray for awhile. All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue in Hamilton on Saturday, February 28 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The day includes Mass, lunch and time for prayer. Please phone 905-528-0138 to register by February 22. The contribution is \$20.

Lenten Reflection Evenings

Priest, Prophet, King... through this presentation, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with scripture and realize your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, we come to see Jesus more clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. The cost for this series, being provided by the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life, is \$25 and will run on Thursday evenings starting on February 12 at the Chancery Office. Please contact Monica at 905-528-7988. ext. 2238 or visit the website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

IN OTHER PARISHES

Snowshoeing Adventure!

Young adults (ages 19 to 39) – February 22, 6-8 p.m., discover the magic of winter by snowshoeing through the woods, under the light of the moon at the Royal Botanical Gardens. We will begin with a basic introduction then hit the trails, capping it off by a bonfire with a hot cup of cocoa. Snowshoes supplied. Share this experience, share our faith journey and share peace with like-minded young adults. If no snow, the adventure will be a winter hike. To register, please contact Mary Tessari at <u>mtessari@bellnet.ca</u>.

Burlington Welsh Male Choir Concert

On Sunday, February 15 at 3:30 p.m., St. Gabriel's Church will host a parish concert, featuring our own parish musicians and the Burlington Welsh Male Choir. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$10/child (16 and under); \$50/family (2 adults + 5 children maximum, in the same family). For tickets, phone Peter Posocco at 905-336-3239 or the parish office at 905-336-7144. Proceeds go to St. Gabriel's Church.

Share Lent D&P Workshop

Anyone who would like to get involved in helping run the Share Lent program in your parish is encouraged to attend one of the meetings:

Hamilton: Tuesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 East 37th St., Hamilton.

Halton: Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2265 Headon Rd., Burlington

A Day of Reflection

Hear Fr. Dominic Borg, ocd, biblical scholar, retreat master and speaker give a presentation *"Living Lent in Preparation for the Great Feast of Passover."* The date is Saturday, February 14 from 9 a.m. (Mass) to 3 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, 2261 Parkway Drive. Cost is \$20 including coffee break and lunch. For tickets phone 905-319-3528 or 905-334-4155, before February 6.



