

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

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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](http://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**



# Mass Intentions

*"Look toward heaven and count the stars...So shall your descendants be."*

- Genesis 15:5-6

## Monday February 22

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 – No Mass

## Tuesday February 23

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31+;; Matthew 23:1-12

7 PM – Intentions of Gerald Louch

## Wednesday February 24

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

9 AM – Maxime Sam Foh

## Thursday February 25

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

9 AM – Margie Gallant

## Friday February 26

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

9 AM – Deceased members of the Bozzo family

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

## Saturday February 27

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

5 PM – Helen Tanko

## Sunday February 28 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Lou McDermott



## C.W.L. Message

The **2016 CWL Lenten Retreat** was an incredible success and a most satisfying way to deepen our Lenten experience. We extend a special thank you to Fr. Isabelle and everyone who attended. We can't forget to thank everyone who helped plan and carry out the event, especially **Marie Arponen** and **Dolene Vanderlelie**. Thank you!

## World Day of Prayer 2016

Everyone is invited to attend World Day of Prayer Services on Friday, March 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline St., Burlington. In the evening, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3455 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome – please join us.

## A Jubilee of Mercy Evening

Everyone is invited to attend a free public event on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in our parish hall. Learn more about the **Year of Jubilee of Mercy**, declared for 2016 by Pope Francis. Fr. Bill Trusz, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and one of 800 "Missionaries of Mercy" chosen by the Pope, will explore the many ways we can integrate this important virtue into our personal lives and that of our parishes. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Men's Group. Refreshments provided.



## Our Parish

### Monday February 22

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – 2 PM – WR

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

### Tuesday February 23

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 PM – WR

### Wednesday February 24

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

### Thursday February 25

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Men's Group Event – 7 PM – Hall

Not Catholic but Curious Lectures – 7 PM – Rectory

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

### Friday February 26

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



## Reminder

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

## St. John's Talent Show

The St. John's Men's Group will again be hosting the Annual St. John's Talent Show on April 9 after the 5 o'clock Mass. If you can sing, tell jokes, play an instrument, or have any other special talent, this is your opportunity to shine. All acts must be confirmed by April 3. Please contact Tim O'Brien at 905-632-2954 to get in on the program. A pizza supper will be provided free of charge.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 1, 2016.....\$6,596.75  
# of envelopes.....391

Thank you!

### **Share Lent: Create a Climate of Change**

This week, our virtual pilgrimage takes us to Paraguay where we meet Liz Benitez. Her country is one where 1% of the landowners hold 77% of arable land. Liz's family is part of a peasant movement supported by Development and Peace working to gain access to land for the poorest farmers in the country, the *campesinos*. They have been threatened by the state and police because of their work. "I just want to live peacefully with my family," she says. The Share Lent collection is taking place on the March 12/13 weekend.

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## **IN THE DIOCESE**

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**All women are invited to attend a Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton on Friday, February 26, 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 [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca).

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**LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)** is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 1 (7 to 9:30 pm) at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

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**KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS** is a **ten week video-based program** meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. The program runs Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 3 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45. For more information, phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

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### **160th Anniversary of the Hamilton Diocese**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, February 28 at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will preach the homily for the Anniversary Mass. All are welcome.

### **Retrouvaille – Help for your Marriage**

Is your marriage heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on March 11 in Niagara Falls, phone 905-664-5212 or email [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca).

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## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

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### **Annual Pasta Supper for D&P**

The Annual Pasta Supper for support of the D&P Share Lent campaign is this Friday, February 26 at Michelangelo's at 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton. Doors open at 6 and the meal is at 6:30 with live entertainment. Phone Blessed Sacrament parish at 905-385-3570 for tickets at \$18 or \$10 for grade school students.

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### **40 Days for Life**

Join the international 40 Days for Life effort from February 10 to March 20 for peaceful prayer outside New Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (Third Line and Dundas Street). The vigil takes place every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You may register and get information at [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville).

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Do you ever wonder what the draw is for the **Cross of Victory Pilgrimage**? Come and enjoy free coffee, juice, snacks and fellowship with past and present pilgrims, in St. John's parish hall after each Mass on the weekend of February 20/21. View images and video of this annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, have your questions and concerns addressed and find out how this pilgrimage has continued annually for almost 30 years.

**The Knights of Columbus Hall** is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more. Phone 289-260-7352 for information or visit their website at [www.kofc5073.ca](http://www.kofc5073.ca).



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