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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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://www.stjohnthebaptist.ca> for articles & photos of all parish activities.

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

VOLUNTEERING FOR A MINISTRY

Email sjtbvolunteer@gmail.com with your name, phone number and ministry you are interested in. The ministry leader will contact you.

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.



Masses of the Week

*Light rises in the darkness
for the upright.*

- Psalm 111

Monday February 10 – *St. Scholastica*

I Kings 8.1-7, 9-13; Mark 6.53-56 – *No Mass*

Tuesday February 11

I Kings 8.22-23, 27-30; Mark 7.1-13

7 PM – Frank Huyge

Wednesday February 12

I Kings 10.1-10; Mark 7.14-23

9 AM – Intentions of Frank & Isobel Flood

Thursday February 13

I Kings 11.4-13; Mark 7.24-30

9 AM – Ethel & Charles Adams

Friday February 14 – *St. Cyril & St. Methodius*

I Kings 11.29-32; 12.19; Mark 7.31-37

9 AM – Nicolas Martin

Saturday February 15

I Kings 12.26-32; 13.33-34; Mark 8.1-10

5 PM – Eva Murray

Sunday February 16 – *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sirach 15.15-20; I Corinthians 2.6-10; Matthew 5.17-37

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Sonny Malone



Our Parish

Monday February 10

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday February 11

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday February 12

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday February 13

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday February 14

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



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C.W.L. Message

To all CWL members who have done and continue to do good works rooted in Gospel values, you are a source of hope for your parish, community and beyond. We pray to Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel to persevere in our efforts.

The C.W.L. Lenten Day of Prayer

All women are invited to our Lenten Day of Prayer on Tuesday, March 3. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with Benediction at 1:45 p.m. Our facilitator will be Father Peter Ciallella. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Registration forms are available at all doors of the Church. All women of the parish and beyond are invited. For additional information, phone Marie at 905-637-1677.

Jesus Stories – Sunday, February 9

Join us in the parish hall on Sunday, February 9 after the 11 o'clock Mass for pizza, popcorn and Jesus stories – The Little Lost Sheep, The Good Samaritan and The Unforgiving Servant. All are welcome.

Break free from pornography

One of the biggest issues that destroys our own happiness and rips apart marriages and families is pornography. It's estimated that 60-70% of men are engaging porn with some frequency. If this is an issue that you or a loved one deals with, we have a powerful solution for you. It's called STRIVE and it's an anonymous, 21-day challenge that men all around the world are taking to break free from pornography. The normal cost is \$49, but STRIVE is being provided for FREE for a limited time for all the men at our parish. All you need to do is sign up at strive21.com and you can begin right away.

Winter Escape Marketplace Saturday, February 29

10 am to 2 pm in the church hall

Beat the winter blues! Visit our first ever **Vendor's Marketplace**. More than 20 vendors will be there. Stop in and relax in the **Tea Room** to enjoy tea and scones with preserves and Devonshire cream.

Save the date!!

3rd Annual Games Night

Come and join us for games, cards, Euchre and Bridge in the parish hall on **Saturday, February 22** after the 5 p.m. Mass. Pizza and drinks will be provided and you are welcome to bring a snack or something sweet to share. Adults and families are welcome and it's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners.

Pancake Supper!

Mark your calendars and come and join us on Shrove Tuesday (February 25) for a Pancake Supper in the parish hall between 4 and 8 p.m. Your free-will offering is appreciated to help cover costs.

IN THE DIOCESE

Attend a **Day of Prayer** at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) on Friday, February 14, 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (Mass at 9 a.m.) Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee on arrival. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

Parenting Tip – Hugs, kisses, spending time together and looking after our children's needs are all ways of letting them know they are loved, but experts are telling us we also need to use words to convey this important message. I love you – three simple words with a powerful impact. Children, especially as they age, need to hear us tell them they are loved, over and over again. So tell them you love them each time you greet them, remind them you love them as they leave, say goodnight and add those three powerful words and your child will know that they are indeed loved.

Marriage Tip – February is often referred to as the month of love, since we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. Real love isn't a fairy tale though – it takes time and effort, good communication and spending time together. This Valentine's Day go big: write each other a love letter, write out a list of the 10 things you most love about your spouse, commit to a date night each month on the 14th to keep the love day alive, look through your wedding album together and remember that moment when you united your love into one. Perhaps most importantly, commit to praying together each day because God is always present to give us strength when we need it.

UNPLANNED MOVIE

Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocese of Hamilton are partnering to bring you a complimentary showing of the eye-opening film, **UNPLANNED**. The film is based on a true story of the youngest Director of Planned Parenthood, Abby Johnson and her journey of transformation. This film viewing will be held at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton, on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. For further information, phone the Hamilton Right to Life office at 905-528-3065 or the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. To register visit www.hamiltonrighttolife.org. While the movie showing is free, donations to Hamilton Right to Life are accepted and appreciated as we strive to educate people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.

Retrouvaille is a program that has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, phone 905-664-5211, or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BIG BAND CONCERT

The Burlington Knights of Columbus are proud to sponsor an afternoon of music as we "**Relive the Swing Era**" featuring the Toronto All-Star Big Band. The concert takes place on Sunday, February 23, 2-4:30 p.m. at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Now is a good time to reserve your seats! The price per ticket is \$45 and tickets may be reserved by phoning the box office at 905-681-6000 or visit the website: www.burlingtonpac.ca.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

Learn more about fostering and adoption by registering to attend the *Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar)* on either Tuesday, February 11 or Monday, February 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information, please contact the Foster and Adoption Recruitment Coordinator, Niamh O'Flaherty at 905-525-2273 or by email at niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca.



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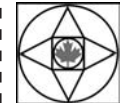
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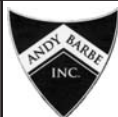


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