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



Mass Intentions

Monday March 2 Daniel 9:3, 4b-10++; Luke 6:36-38 - No Mass **Tuesday March 3** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++; Matthew 23:1-12 7 PM – Purificacion Castaneda Wednesday March 4 Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 9 AM – Cecil Carter Thursday March 5 leremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 9 AM – Muriel O'Halloran Friday March 6 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 9 AM – David & Kenneth Ramey 7 PM – Stations of the Cross Saturday March 7 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 5 PM - Marija Vlasic Sunday March 8 - 3rd Sunday of Lent Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25++; John 2:13-25 9 AM – Pro Populo (for the parishioners) 11 AM – Edwin Badger



Our Parish

Monday March 2 Emotions Anonymous Meeting - 7 PM - WR **Tuesday March 3** CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall Wednesday March 4 Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR Women's AA 6:15 PM - Hall Thursday March 5 Cenacle Group 9:30 AM - WR Christian Meditation - 12:30 - WR Choir Practice - 7:30 PM - Church March 8th. Friday March 6 AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



Reminder

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

C.W.L. MESSAGE

Once again our C.W.L. Lenten Retreat on February 24 was a wonderful success. We thank all the women who attended, both parishioners and all the guests from surrounding parishes. Thanks to Fr. Isabelle, our retreat facilitator, Marie Arponen, for organizing the entire thing and to Dolene Vanderlie and team for the lunch and hospitality. Also thanks to Fr. Bob for his support. God bless you.

World Day of Prayer 2015

"Do you know what I have done to you?" Everyone is invited to attend World Day of Prayer Services on Friday, March 6, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at St. Raphael's Church, 4072 New St., Burlington. In the evening, at St. Christopher's Church, 662 Guelph Line, Burlington starting at 7:30 p.m.

A Lenten Reflection for Men

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, join Hamilton Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, for an evening of worship, fellowship, good food and reflection on the spirituality of Catholic men in today's Church and world. Registration begins at 5:00 and Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a roast beef dinner and presentation. Location: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave., Dundas. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance as space is limited. For tickets, contact Tom Mancini; 905-632-4692/email teagranny@me.com; Rod Ulmer 905-637-0925/email rodlor@lara.on.ca or John Towler 905-639-5949/ email jctowler@cogeco.ca. Sponsored by the St. John the Baptist Men's Group in Burlington.

WEEKEND OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
January 11, 2015	\$5,644.45
# of envelopes	
January 18, 2015	\$4,820.35
# of envelopes	270

Did you know?



... that we pray the rosary approximately one half hour before the start of each weekday Mass here at St. John's? Everyone is most welcome.

IN THE DIOCESE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 13-15, 2015, in Niagara Falls please phone 905-664-5212 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversary in 2015? If you are, you are invited on Sunday, June 7, 2015, for a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the Brant Street doors for registration or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

IN THE SCHOOLS



St. John School once again invites you to their annual Pasta Night Fundraiser. This social and fundraising event is the highlight of the year where else can you go to enjoy a full sit-down meal for such a low price served by our grade 8 students?

<u>WHEN</u>: Thursday, April 16 (5 p.m. or 7 p.m.) <u>WHERE</u>: The Polish Hall on Fairview St.

Tickets are on sale now @ \$12/adults, \$5/children 4-11 (children 3 and under eat FREE). For ticket forms, visit the parish office or the school directly.

11th Annual Trivia Night at Assumption

The Assumption Catholic Secondary School Annual Trivia Night will take place on Saturday, April 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. Funds go to support local charities. Register your team of 6-8 players. Cost is \$15/player. Contact Tina Di Clemente at (905) 634-1835, ext. 2022 or <u>diclementet@hcdsb.org</u>.

IN THE COMMUNITY

D & P "Sow Much to Give"

Everyone is invited to join us at Canadian Martyrs Parish (Main Street West at 38 Emerson in Hamilton, across from McMaster Hospital) for Father Alberto Franco's presentation about one of our partner organizations in Development & Peace: Inter-Ecclesial Commission for Justice and Peace (CJIP). He will present (in English), sharing his experiences as a prominent human rights defender in Colombia. For over 20 years, Father Franco has defended human rights and supported Afro-Colombian, indigenous and peasant farmers in resisting the occupation of their by paramilitaries and powerful mining land corporations. Come out on Saturday, March 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$10/youth. A separate youth rally (13-18 yrs.) will take place in the theatre next door to the adult rally. For general information, phone 416-251-4255 or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

40 Days for Life

The worldwide Prayer Vigil to end abortion and heal those affected by it takes place from February 18 to March 29 for 40 days of peaceful prayer. Gather outside Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (327 Reynolds Street). To take part, please register at 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

Vocation View

If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham – called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God. If you would like to speak to someone about the priesthood or religious life, talk to the pastor, contact Rev. Kuzma, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988, ext. 2246 or visit the Diocesan website: www.vocationinfo.ca.

