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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.



Mass Intentions

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?”
- Psalm 27

Monday March 9

Daniel 9:3, 4b-10++; Luke 6:36-38 – *No Mass*

Tuesday March 10

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

7 PM – John Patterson

Wednesday March 11

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

9 AM – Anima Sola Souls

Thursday March 12

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

9 AM – Donald Guerin

Friday March 13

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

9 AM – Intentions of Marnie Kervin

7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 14

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

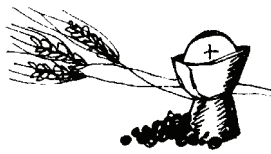
5 PM – Arthur & Rose Duffy

Sunday March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Al Clarke



C.W.L. Message

Thank you to all the women who attended our Lenten Retreat. A special thanks to Fr. Ciallella and also to Lori Skinner, Joan Moore and Marie Arponen for their hard work. May you all have a very prayerful Lent and a Blessed Easter.

There will be a **General Meeting** on **Monday, March 9** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

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.

SHARE LENT: “OUR COMMON HOME”

Yesica Patiachi Tayori of Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, “We, the indigenous peoples... will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of indigenous peoples.” D&P partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application, helps the indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure their rights and territories are respected. On this International Women's Day let us salute the courage of women like Yesica who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Visit and watch devp.org/campaign/yesica.



Our Parish

Monday March 9

CWL General Meeting – 7 PM – Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday March 10

CWL Crafts – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday March 11

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday March 12

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

First Reconciliation – 7 PM – Church

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday March 13

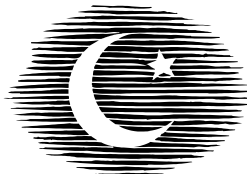
AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Saturday March 14

Men's Group Meeting – 8 AM – WR

Sunday March 15

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



Men's Group Meeting, March 14

Meet up with men of the parish at the St. John's Men's Group for an exploration of our faith. “*What Catholics Believe 7: Examining the Sacraments of Initiation: Part 2,*” will be the topic of our meeting on Saturday, March 14, 8-10 a.m. in the Warren Room. All are welcome. The event and coffee and snacks are free.

MARCH 8, 2020

TALENT SHOW!!

Don't hide your talent. Come and share with us at the St. John's Talent Show in April 25. We are hoping this year to have acts from people of every age. So, if you sing, play an instrument, juggle or have any special talent at all, please phone 905-632-2954. Thanks and we hope to hear from you!

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Winter Escape Marketplace**. We hosted almost 20 vendors and a very busy Tea Room. This was the first year for this event and it was a success! Everyone enjoyed themselves and we raised over \$800 which will be added to the proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar to make improvements within the church. Congratulations to the door prize winners: Jim McCarthy, Marnie Kervin and Joanne Hamilton.

IN THE DIOCESE

Lenten Day of Prayer

Attend a Lenten Day of Prayer at St. Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site) on Friday, March 13, 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (Mass at 9 a.m.) Bring a bag lunch and coffee mug. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email ssspertshire@sympatico.ca.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? On Sunday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m., you are invited to attend a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest). Details are available on the poster at the Brant Street entrance or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Diocesan Choir – The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and ordinations of priests and deacons. We invite interested Music Ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2 and take place each Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For information and to register, phone the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988.

Learning to Cope (Level 1) is a ten-week support program offered in Hamilton starting Tuesday, March 24 from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West. A newly written Level 2 program will be offered for the first time on the same evening (past participants are welcome) and Level 3 and 4 will run at the same time and location on Wednesday evenings. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. Come on your own or bring a friend and find your strength.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced. Would it help to have people around you who understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. No need to register and no cost. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 if information is needed, but you may just drop in between 7-9 p.m.

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

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is an effective method of prayer, fasting and outreach which has saved more than 16,000 lives and saved families from the pain of abortion. You can change hearts and minds in Oakville from February 26 to April 5. For maps and details, visit 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or contact Steve Germann, 905-333-6472. There will be group prayer at the vigil site weekly at 10 a.m. on Saturdays **mornings**.

You are invited to attend **Mass for Life** with Bishop Crosby at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Burlington on March 18 at 7 p.m.

Reminder

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

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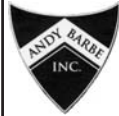


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