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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

# 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.



# Mass Intentions

"The Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

- John 14:26

Monday May 2 - St. Mark

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a - No Mass

Tuesday May 3 - St. Philip & St. James

I Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

7 PM – Michael Jacubcak

Wednesday May 4

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

9 AM - Resureccion Orzal

Thursday May 5

Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

9 AM - Yvonne Roach

Friday May 6

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23a

9 AM – Verla Rogan

Saturday May 7

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

5 PM – Celeste & Antoniu Rei

Sunday May 8 – Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

9 AM - Mildred Wilbur

11 AM – Pro Populo



# Our Parish

Monday May 2

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday May 3

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

Wednesday May 4

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday May 5

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 1 PM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday May 6

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



# C.W.L. Message

Many blessing are wished for our First Communicants. Our next general meeting is on Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome to come and hear our **guest speaker**, **Deacon Rob**. CWL National urges us to raise awareness that true compassion is found through palliative care. Please join us at Tuesday evening Mass, May 3 to support the campaign "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again offering to sponsor a limited number of Summer Camp and Recreational Day Program opportunities to students in grades one to eight. For more information about registering, please phone 905-979-6460 or email us at <a href="mailto:stvatsj@gmail.com">stvatsj@gmail.com</a>. The deadline for submissions is May 13, 2016.

Doctor-assisted suicide: What you need to know Get an authoritative Catholic perspective on this controversial new legislation from Dr. Moira McQueen, Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. Dr. McQueen is a noted expert on this issue and was appointed in 2014 by Pope Francis to the International Theological Commission. Come out for this free public presentation on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. This event is sponsored by the St. John's Men's Group.



The following children were baptised on April 24, 2016

Summer Rose Cooper, Ellie Murtagh & Elora Murtagh

Congratulations to their parents, Godparents and families.

# **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

April 24, 2016	\$5,480
# of envelopes	298

March for Life 2016 in Ottawa on May 12. Attend Mass at 10 a.m. in Notre Dame Cathedral, 12 p.m. rally on Parliament Hill, 1:30 march through down Ottawa. Also hear testimonies and at 4 p.m. an Easter Catholic prayer service. To reserve a seat on the bus phone Sandra at 905-528-3065. The bus will leave from the car-pool parking lot at Guelph Line and North Service Rd. at 3:45 a.m. and will return at 11 p.m. For more information, contact Christl Towler at 905-639-5949.

# IN THE DIOCESE

# **Heal Your Heart**

Are you dealing with a loss in your life such as the death of a spouse, child or miscarriage, divorce, job loss, loss of home, health, pet, culture, infertility, romantic relationship, ailing parents? You are invited to join a series of Group Bereavement Workshops aiming at mending conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. This is a 6-week course on Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. beginning April 27 and each Wednesday until June 1 at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. To register, go to <a href="https://www.hamiltondiocese.com">www.hamiltondiocese.com</a> or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 including material.

# **Grief Relief**

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? Grief Relief is a six-week educational series dealing with grief. You are welcome on Wednesdays from May 4 to June 8 from 1:30 - 3 p.m. at the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office. There is no cost. To register, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

The Canadian Government has introduced **Bill C-14**, an Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying). This proposed legislation, which responds to the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in early 2015, will make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal and more accessible. To express your concerns about the legislation, visit www.hamiltondiocese.com or www.canadianforconscience.ca/.

# IN OTHER PARISHES

Give Mom or Grandma a special treat and make reservations for the **St. Raphael's English Tea Party** on Saturday, May 7. Two sittings – 1 to 2:25 p.m. or 3 to 4:15 p.m. Admission \$8/adults, \$4/children (5-12). Kids can make a free corsage as a gift. Enjoy tea, sandwiches, goodies, raffle tables. Contact Charlie at 905-681-6221 or <u>bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca</u>.

On Thursday, May 5, St. Raphael's Church, 4972 New Street, the Catholic Women's League will host their **Annual Dessert Card Party** to raise funds for a Syrian refugee family and for their new elevator project. Get a group together and play Bridge or Euchre for only \$15. Starts at 7 p.m., come and enjoy desserts, doors prizes and a 50/50 draw. Phone Helen at 905-634-7481 for tickets.

**St. Ann's Parish Spring Carnival** is taking place on Thursday, May 12 to Sunday, May 15 at T.B. McQueston Park in Hamilton (Upper Wentworth just south of Limeridge Mall). Amusements, rides, games and food for all ages.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

Father Allen Varlaki invites you to join a relaxing "Journey of St. Paul to Greece & Turkey" from October 29 to November 8. Enjoy a 7-night cruise of the Aegean Sea and 2 nights in Athens, then on to Corinth, Istanbul and more. For further information contact Joanne at 1-866-296-3345.

The Cross of Victory Pilgrimage takes place from Saturday, August 6 to Saturday August 13. For information, search Cross of Victory Pilgrimage 2016. The All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner is on May 14 at 6 p.m. in St. John's parish hall. Tickets \$12 after Mass at church doors Apr. 30/May 1.

**Vocation View -** If you feel that God may be calling you to the priesthood or religious life, speak to the pastor or contact Rev. Wojciech Kuzma, Vocation Director, at 905-528-7988 x 2246 or by email at wkuzma@hamiltondiocese.com.

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