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
 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

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 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

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



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Mass Intentions

"The kingdom of God will be... given to a people that produce the fruits of the kingdom." - Matthew 21:43

Monday October 16 - St. Marguerite D'Youville Romans 1.1-7; Luke 11.29-32 - No Mass Tuesday October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch Romans 1.16-25; Luke 11.37-41 7 PM – Fernando Lopes Wednesday October 18 - St. Luke 2 Timothy 4.9-17a; Luke 10.1-9 9 AM – Deceased Members of the Kervin family Thursday October 19 Romans 3.21-30; Luke 11.47-54 9 AM - George Wirth Friday October 20 Romans 4.1-8; Luke 12.1-7 9 AM – James Maher Saturday October 21 Romans 4.13, 16-18; Luke 12.8-12 5 PM – John Mathews Sunday October 22 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 45.1, 4-6; IThessalonians 1.1-5ab; Matthew 22.15-21 9 AM - Pro Populo 11 AM – John Doyle



Our Parish

Monday October 16 Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR <u>Tuesday October 17</u> CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall <u>Wednesday October 18</u> Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR Women's AA Group – 6:15 PM – Hall <u>Thursday October 19</u> Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR Christian Meditation – 12:30 PM – WR Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church <u>Friday October 20</u> AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

Our **General Meeting** on Monday, October 16, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall is open to all Parishioners. Our guest speaker, Ms. Routledge, a member of *the Burlington Senior's Advisory Committee*, will provide vital information on seniors' issues – medical, social, housing, recreation and transportation. Please plan to attend.

Celebrate an Amazing Life

On October 29, in the parish hall, following the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses, join fellow parishioner **Josef Svoboda** and Novalis Publishing for the launch of Josef's memoir, *Wine from Raisins:* A life *Transformed Through Communist Gulag to Canadian Arctic.* Learn the amazing but true story of faith, courage and ingenuity that brought Josef out of Communist Czechoslovakia to become one of Canada's Arctic environment experts. Complimentary refreshments – hosted by the St. John's Men's Group.

St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. John's Christmas Bazaar is right around the corner coming November 4. We are very grateful to all the help and donations received so far, but we still need your help. We're looking for: Volunteers to help at the bazaar, people who can contribute baked goods, jewellery, décor and Christmas items for the new and gently used goods table, goods or service donations for the **Silent Auction**. Items may be dropped off in the parish hall on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Please contact Peggy Black by email at blackpeg133@hotmail.com or phone 905-309-9865 or Dina Knight at jknight23@cogeco.ca or phone 905-332-8765.

Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Do you have tough questions about our Catholic Faith you'd like answers to, but don't know where to find them? Then your search is over! St. John the Baptist parish invites you to discover **"Formed,"** a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." This site has inspiring movies and video-based studies, audio presentations and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors. Register for free using our parish code RHTGK2. If you have any technical difficulties, please contact the Parish Care Center (Monday to Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) at 1-844-367-6331.

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

Save the date, Sunday, November 12 and join our Music Ministry to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Letourneau Opus 110 Pipe Organ installation with a 3-PM concert and reception. There will be lots of participants including our choirs, parish members and special guests featuring Brent Fifield and the Ensemble Lyrica Chamber Choir.

IN THE DIOCESE

PRIESTS IN THE PUB! – "**Resisting the Devil**" Our hot topics speaker series is back! Join Father Bill Trusz for a great talk, and free munchies on Sunday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. at The Pheasant Plucker" Pub, 20 Augusta Street Hamilton. This event is for ALL adults 19 years of age and over. For information contact jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com or check out 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults' on Facebook.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Most Reverend Anthony Tonnos, Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual ALL SOULS DAY MASS at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, on Sunday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, phone 905-522-7727, or 1-800-661-5985, or visit <u>www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca</u>.

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? **RETROUVAILLE** has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **November 3**, please phone **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

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 Tuesdays from October 24 to November 28, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Diocese of Hamilton Chancery Office. There is no cost. To register, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249 or email: <u>familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com</u> or, on-line at <u>www.hamiltondiocese.com</u>. Attend a **Day of Prayer with the Sisters of Social Service** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, October 27, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring a bag lunch - tea and coffee are provided. To register, contact Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS, at 905-388-3966 or email her at <u>sssperthshire@sympatico.ca</u>.

IN THE COMMUNITY

7th Annual HCCEF Evening

Join us for an opportunity to meet Bishop Douglas Crosby and to hear him speak. It's a fun evening with exceptional food, fellowship and a great cause – proceeds support the HCCEF Student Guardian Program. All are welcome. It's on Wednesday, November 1 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Le Dome Banquet Hall, 1173 North Service Rd. E., Oakville. Tickets are \$75. Please register at www.hccef.org.

Baby Food Drive – Help us fill the local food banks with baby food and formula. Donations can be dropped off at Halton Alive, 760 Brant St. Unit 45a, before October 31. For more information phone 905-632-3232, or email: <u>info@haltonalive.com</u> or visit the website at <u>www.haltonalive.com/baby-food-drive</u>.

40 Days for Life Sept. 27 – Nov. 5

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful witness to end abortion and bring healing to women suffering from the effects of abortion. If you'd like more information and also choose a timeslot, please visit the website at <u>40daysforlife.com/oakville</u>.

Interested in becoming a Volunteer at Birthright? Imagine being pregnant unexpectedly and not knowing where to turn for help. **BIRTHRIGHT** offers a place to go for support and care for those facing an unplanned pregnancy. They provide a bridge over the gap between those first days of fear and the ultimate joy at the birth of a child. Help those facing a pregnancy say "yes" to life. For more information about becoming a volunteer and please phone Eva at 905-527-3677.

VOCATIONS - If you feel you are being called to the priesthood, consecrated life or the diaconate, contact Rev. Michael King, Vocation Director, by phone at 905-528-7988 x 2246, or email Father King at <u>mking@hamiltondiocese.com</u> or visit the Diocesan website at <u>www.vocationinfo.ca</u>

