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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.

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.



Mass Intentions

"...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

- Matthew 18:20

Monday September 11

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11 - No Mass

Tuesday September 12

Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

7 PM – Deceased members of the Majpruz family

Wednesday September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

9 AM – Intentions of Beverly Carbin

Thursday September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17

9 AM - Milan Jukic

Friday September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebrews 5:7-9; Luke 2:33-35

9 AM – Leo & Annette Lamore

Saturday September 16 - St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

I Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

5 PM - Antonio Santaquida

Sunday September 17 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM - Marcel Laurin



Our Parish

Monday September 11

CWL General Meeting - 7 PM - Hall

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday September 12

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

Wednesday September 13

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA - 6:15 PM - Hall

Thursday September 14

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday September 15

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday September 17

Baptisms – 12:30 PM – Church



C.W.L. Message

You are invited to join us for our next **General Meeting** being held on **Monday, September 11** at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

New Altar Servers

This notice is for any students in grade 4 and up attending public schools or Catholic elementary schools who are interested in becoming Altar Servers. Please speak to Father Bob and pick up an application form from him in the priest's sacristy at the weekend Masses.

St. John's Christmas Bazaar

St. John's Christmas Bazaar will take place on November 4 and we are still looking for help. Can you help at the Bazaar? Or maybe you can donate goods or services for the Silent Auction? Do you have new or gently used Christmas or other items? Can you bake goodies for the bake sale? Any help is appreciated and will help to make the Bazaar a success! Donations and Silent Auction items can be dropped off in the parish hall on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. For any other help that you can offer 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.

RCIA - Welcoming New Catholics

If you are interested in the RCIA program, please phone the office. The program, which takes place on Tuesday evenings at 7:30, will begin soon.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy program will commence on **Sunday, September 24** at the 11 o'clock Mass and will continue each Sunday except for certain holidays. Sign-up sheets are located at all the church doors and you are asked to complete one and have your child bring it down to their first liturgy class, as instructed on the sheet. The program is open to children in Jr. Kindergarten through Grade 4. Anyone interested in volunteering to take part, please speak to Father Bob.

IN THE DIOCESE

Grandparents Workshop

We live in a rapidly changing world where children are experiencing and hearing about issues often beyond what we adults know about. Let's talk about some of them, including same-sex attraction, gender identity, healthy sexuality and how to help our grandchildren navigate the "stuff" of their lives. This informative presentation will take place on Tuesday, September 12 from 1-3 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 175 Emma St., Guelph. The presenter is Teresa Hartnett of the Diocese of Hamilton. Free event – no registration required.

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM

The "Foundations for Ministry" Program is a course designed to offer lay Catholics the opportunity to learn more about the foundations of our faith: This foundation is useful to parishioners who serve in a variety of ministries. The course will be offered in Hamilton starting Thursday, September 14. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and registration forms.

Paths to Prayer - This 6-part Senior Adult Workshop Series is being held on Tuesdays starting September 19, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office. Each session will include discussion, reflection and faith sharing and will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost of \$35 includes the text, *Paths to Prayer*. Please register by September 5. For more information, email Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through high school who are not currently receiving religious instruction (i.e. in a public or private, not Catholic school). These instructions will prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation. For information and registration forms, phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Fostering Faith through Grandparents

Join us for a special celebration on Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Parish in Guelph (28 Norfolk St.). Attend Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments and speakers. There is no charge. Please contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or email mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

You are invited to visit with the Lay Carmelites at St. James Parish, 231 Morden Rd., Oakville. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women, called to seek God's will in the ordinary. They are part of an 800-year-old tradition of prayer, community and ministry. They share a deep spirituality embraced by the Order's friars, nuns and laity, including St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. You are welcome to join us at the next community meeting.

Halton Alive invites you to a fun evening of community, conversation and speakers as you support the local work of Halton Alive at their fundraising Gala and Silent Auction. The evening begins at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Banquet Hall in Oakville on Friday, October 20. Tickets are \$75 by phoning 905-632-3232 or email info@haltonalive.com.

ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered adoption? Would you like to be part of a child's story? Come to an Adoption Information Night with the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton on Wednesday, September 20 from 7-9 p.m. at 735 King St. E. in Hamilton. To register, phone Jocelyn at 905-525-2012, ext. 3125 or email her at jocelyn.jacobs@hamiltonccas.on.ca. The website is www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

Vocations – The community that gathers needs leadership. 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 mking@hamiltondiocese.com or visit the Diocesan website at www.vocationinfo.ca.

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