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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

"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant as I had pity on you?"

- Matthew 18:33

Monday September 18

I Timothy 2:1-7++; Luke 7:1-10 - No Mass

Tuesday September 19

I Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

7 PM – Intentions of Kim Scharer

Wednesday September 20 - St. Andrew Kim and companions

1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35

9 AM - Mary Grace Easson

Thursday September 21 - St. Matthew

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

9 AM - Joe DeSantis

Friday September 22

1 Timothy 5:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

9 AM – Anthony Ferro

Saturday September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

5 PM - Julia Kamaitis

Sunday September 24 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

9 AM - Pro Populo

11 AM – Albert & Joseph Yonan



Our Parish

Monday September 18

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday September 19

CWL Craft Group - 10 AM - Hall

RCIA - 7:30 PM - WR

Wednesday September 20

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Thursday September 21

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Friday September 22

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall





C.W.L. Message

Thanks to all the women who attended our meeting last week. We all need to show the Light of God in all acts of service in our parish and League lives.

Join **Life Chain** on Sunday, October 1 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Fairview St. and Maple Ave. This annual event is a prayerful, peaceful and silent witness for the unborn. Please pick up a sign at the corner of Fairview and Maple and join pro-lifers across North America to make a visual statement.

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.

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.

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.

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 Church has been chosen as one of 17 sites for **Doors Open Burlington**, Saturday, September 30. We will be welcoming visitors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for this cultural event.

IN THE DIOCESE

The Sisters of Social Service are holding a **Day of Prayer** at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, on Friday, September 22, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch; tea, coffee and muffins will be provided. To register, please phone 905-388-3966 or email sssperthshire@sympatico.ca.

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

As we know, all of the Sacraments require preparation. 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), to prepare them for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

Confirmations at our parish are celebrated in the fall for children in grade 7. If your child does not attend a Catholic school, please contact Father Bob as soon as possible so you may have adequate time to prepare with the Catechetical Correspondence Courses.

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)

This ten-week support program for persons experiencing difficulties through a separation or divorce starts Tuesday, September 19 (7 to 9:30 pm) at the Chancery Office. For more information, please phone the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs.

KEYS

This 10-week, video-based program is meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better 'me' in all your relationships. The program runs Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. starting September 28 at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. The cost is \$45. Phone 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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 40daysforlife.com/oakville.

Bring your family bowling at Burlington Bowl, 4065 Harvester Rd., on Sunday, September 24 from 2-5 p.m. to raise funds for cancer treatment. The cost is \$25 per person or \$5 for children under 5 years. Come out for a fun afternoon with family and friends, to enjoy pizza, pop and bowling. Contact Tim at salisbury3d@gmail.com or visit www.kofc5073.ca.

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.

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