## **Holy Rosary Catholic Community**

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Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope you enjoyed your Lord's Day worship. May God bless you and your family abundantly, now and in the New Year.



#### **Mass Intentions This Week**

(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us to pray the Rosary before Mass. Rosary starts at 7:30 a.m.

Tues. Jan. 3	Theresa Thomas
Wed. Jan. 4	Sam DiTomaso
Thurs. Jan. 5	Steve Ceskey
Fri. Jan. 6	Florence Pennachetti
Sat. Jan. 7 @ 5 pm	Anthony Cupido

#### **CHRISTMAS THANKS**

I thank you most sincerely for your extra generous donations towards Holy Rosary Parish during the Christmas Season, and your many kindnesses. As well, I wish to thank all our Liturgical Ministers who helped to make our Christmas celebrations inspiring and prayerful. A very special "thank you" to William Renwick, Christina Puchalski and members of the Music Ministry; to the Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers); Lectors; Eucharistic Ministers to the Assembly and to the Sick; our Altar Servers; Collection Counters; Janet James and our Christmas decorators; and Bonnie Sparks and the school children who dramatized the Christmas story at 5:00 p.m. Mass. I thank the Staff, whose duties increase during the Advent and Christmas Season. Thank you Mary Edmondstone, Chris Gibbons and David Walker. May God bless you all.

Father Martin Vallely

#### **2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

If you missed picking up your church envelopes in December, they are available in the Church office after January 3<sup>rd</sup> during normal office hours.

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

This way of giving for your regular weekly Sunday contributions is available for your convenience—just call Chris at the church office 905-634-7441 to sign up.

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

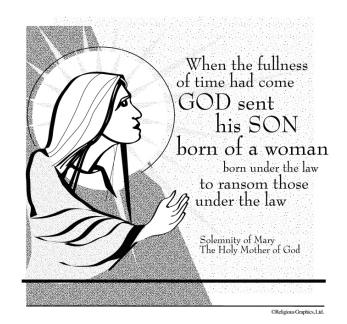
Mon. Jan. 2	Rev. Mark Sullivan	
Tues. Jan. 3	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis	
Wed. Jan. 4	Holy Cross Fathers (O.C.D.)	
Thurs. Jan. 5	Jan. 5 Rev. Edward Mahony	
Fri. Jan. 6	Rev. Peter Ciallella	
Sat. Jan. 7 Rev. Malcolm Katzenberg		

CHURCH OFFICE REOPENS JAN. 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother Of God

January 1, 2017

Rejoice in Christ, the Prince of Peace!



#### REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week! The Gospel for the Epiphany of the Lord is:

Matthew 2.1–12

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish.

December 18<sup>th</sup> Collection

Reg. Sunday	Loose	Pre-Authorized
Envelopes	Collection	Debit
\$4,680.	\$565.	\$1,585.

#### **VOCATIONS**

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or by email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com or you can visit the website: www.hamiltonvocations.com

# THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE 'GIFT OF SWING' Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. Burlington Performing Arts Centre



In support of their many activities, the Burlington Knights of Columbus are presenting a Tribute to Dean Martin and Ella Fitzgerald with the Toronto All-Star Big Band! They welcome you to come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your family and friends. Reserve your 'Gift of Swing' by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. Tickets are \$45pp and would make an excellent Christmas gift!

## EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF MONKS & MYSTICS

Senior Adult Workshop Series—6 Wednesdays Starting Jan. 11, 2017 from 1:30- 3:30pm

This 6 part workshop/study session at the Chancery Office in Hamilton will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Please **register by Dec. 22** 2016. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

## COMING EVENTS for Halton Alive



"Stop Censorship Tour!" **Tues. Jan. 10** @ 7:30 p.m. Learn how the Government of Ontario is actively hiding abortion statistics. Join guest speakers John Sikkema, lawyer,

Mike Schouten, Director of WeNeedaLAW.ca and prolife blogger Pat Maloney. Free will offering to support ongoing efforts of WeNeedaLAW.ca

"The Euthanasia Deception" **Tues. Jan. 31** @ 7:30 pm Join us for this 54 minute film followed by Q & A with producer Kevin Dunn. Come learn about this important issue affecting Canadians. Oakville Banquet Hall, \$10 includes popcorn, drinks. RSVP to reserve your seat at: haltonalive.com/film-nights or call 905-632-3232.

#### Holy Mary, Mother of God



We are still in the midst of the Christmas Time, and on January 1st the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness to know and do God's will. On January 1st the Church also celebrates WORLD DAY OF PEACE where Catholics are invited to pray for peace throughout the world, especially in areas ravaged by war and terrorism. Mary is a good model for prayer and meditation. She reflected on events that happened and were happening. She meditated. In our busy lives today, we often overlook meditation as a prayer. Let us ask Our Blessed Mother's Intercession that we, in this New Year, will come to the Lord for his help and assistance. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.



God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the

future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen.



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