

# St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church

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#### Parish Staff

Rev. Piotr Machnacki, SAC, Pastor Rev. Jacek Kryn, SAC, Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. Randy Matters, Deacon Peter Posocco, Music Director

# **Vocation Director**

Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988 x2246

#### **Office Hours:**

| Monday, Wednesday, Thursday | 9 a.m2p.m. |
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| Tuesday                     | closed     |
| Friday                      | 1 p.m6p.m. |

#### **Sunday Masses**

English 5:00 p.m. (Saturday), 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Polish 9:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Sunday)

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Wednesday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, closing with Benediction at 9:30 a.m. and every First Friday following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, ending at 8:00 p.m.

#### **New to the Parish**

If you are new to St. Gabriel's please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. Be sure to complete a registration form. You are welcome to become involved in any of the organizations or ministries that may interest you.

# **Parish Hall Bookings**

If wish to inquire about using our Parish Hall

for any upcoming functions, please contact parish office. Parish Schools

| Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School | 905-335-1544 |
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| St. Gabriel's School                 | 905-332-3333 |
| St. Mark's School                    | 905-336-3911 |

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Fridays from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Those wishing to have their child baptized should call the Parish Office. Parents should be registered members of St. Gabriel's Parish. Please remember that Baptism dates fill up fast, so call early.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Anyone wishing to marry at St. Gabriel's must contact the Parish Office one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding. At least one of the couple must be a registered member of St. Gabriel's Parish. We do not celebrate weddings during Lent. It is required that all couples attend a Marriage Preparation Course. Please contact the Parish Office for registration information.

#### Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you have a family member, loved one or friend in the hospital, or shut-in at home, please call the rectory office so that arrangements can be made for their pastoral care. Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick are available to all who are seriously ill.

#### **Catholic Funeral Rites**

When death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-661-5985, or visit their website at www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

#### **Priesthood or Religious Life**

For information on Priesthood or Religious Life please speak with one of the parish priests or contact the Diocesan Vocation Director Reverend Michael King at 905-528-7988. The Vocation Office website is: www.vocationinfo.ca

#### Notre Dame Catechetical Correspondence Program

Registration forms are available in the narthex for the Notre Dame Catechetical Correspondence Program available to children who do not attend a Catholic school, Grade 1-8. For information, contact Anne Jamieson at 905-528-7988.

#### Halton Catholic District School Board Trustee Jane Michael, Trustee for Wards 3 & 6

905-319-6582 michaelj@hcdsb.org

# MASS INTENSION FOR THE HOLYWEEK

#### HOLY MONDAY, APR. 10

- 8:00 a.m. + Manuel, Ernesto, Joe, Serafin Pereira No evening Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass in our Cathedral in Hamilton

#### HOLY TUESDAY, APR. 11

| 9:00 a.m. | + Larry Young           |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| 6:30 p.m. | + Mirosław Trofimiuk    |
| 7:00 p.m. | Altar servers practice. |

#### HOLY WEDNESDAY, APR. 12

8:00 a.m. + Beth Essar *After Mass, Holy Hour with Benediction* 6:30 p.m. + Krystyna i Stanisław Kucharzyk

#### HOLY THURSDAY, APR. 13

8:00 a.m. No morning Mass 7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of Lord's Supper (Engl. & Pol.)

After Mass overnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00 a.m. Po Mszy Św. całonocna Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny 8:00 rano.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APR. 14**

No morning Mass

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord for Youth and Children.(Collection for the Holy Land)

- 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (*Collection for the Holy Land*)
  6:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Engl. & Pol.)
- 7:00 p.m Liturgia Męki Pańskiej (Taca jest przeznaczona na Ziemię Świętą)

#### SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL, APR. 15

No morning Mass.

12:00 a.m. Blessing of the Easter food/ Święcenie pokarmu 1:30 p.m. Blessing of the Easter food/ Święcenie pokarmu 3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter food/ Święcenie pokarmu 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil / Wigilia Wielkiej Nocy (*Engl. & Pol.*)

#### SUNDAY, THE RESURECTION OF THE LORD, APR. 16

7:00 a.m. Msza Święta Rezurekcyjna

za ś.p.Bolesława Berka

No 8:00 a.m. Mass in English

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass in English.

- 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass in English, for Parishioners
- 12:30 p.m. Dziękczynna w rocznicę ślubu

Mass Collection from April 1/2 \$ 8807.75

# The Sacrament of Penance

The Christian message of Easter and its focus on renewal is needed more than ever in this troubled world. Each one of us is also in need of renewal on a personal level. Going to confession would be a good way to experience this renewal and the saving grace of God. The Priest is available in confessional on Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Friday 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for all who seek reconciliation with God. For special request please make an appointment.

#### Wednesday Morning Holy Hour

Every Wednesday after morning Mass, there is the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and spend some time with God. He is truly present in the monstrance on the altar. Spending time with God will fortify us with graces and fight the evils of the world. Come for a few minutes or more. Just come. You will be blessed.



# **EVENTS IN OUR PARISH**

#### BANNS OF ORDINATION

Our parishioner Rev. Mr. Michael Kevin D'Souza is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the Diocese of Hamilton on May 6, 2017 at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Canon Law obligates Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

Please remember him in your prayers.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

In our church the Divine Mercy celebration will be hold on April 23, at 3:00 pm, with guidance of Rev. Michael King.

#### CWL MEETING

Our next Meeting will be on Monday April 17, 2017 (Easter Monday) at 7:00 p.m.in the Parish Centre. Gloria Nardi-Bell will be giving a Presentation on St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton immediately after the Opening Prayer. All are welcome to attend.

#### SOUPER SUNDAY

Thanks to all for your kind support. We hope you had a "Souper" meal and enjoyed good company. \$134.95 was donated to the parish. Also, goods were donated to the food bank. Our next Souper Sunday will be: April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday Remember, a free-will offering will be accepted for the needs of the church as well as non-perishable food items for the food bank Bon appetite!

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# 2016 SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 2016 SPIRITUAL REPORT

| Number of Families                            |            | 700       |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Persons                                       |            | 1500      |
| Students in elementary                        | school     | 750       |
| Baptisms                                      |            | 73        |
| Conversions                                   |            | 5         |
| First Communions                              |            | 79        |
| Confirmations                                 |            | <b>84</b> |
| Marriages                                     |            | 15        |
| Funerals                                      |            | 36        |
| Shut-ins receiving Holy                       | Communion  | 20        |
| 2016 FINANCIAL REPOR                          | <u>RT</u>  |           |
| Total Revenue: \$                             | 636,674.69 |           |
| Total Expenditures: \$                        | 531,301.69 |           |
| Total income: \$                              | 105,373.00 |           |
| Outstanding loans: \$89,000.00 - paid in full |            |           |
|   |            |           |

CRA balance: \$26,125.00 - paid in full

At the end of 2016, the parish's finances were substantially improved. This was primarily the result of reduced staff hours/salaries and the commitment of volunteers to undertake custodial duties. The Parish has paid off all its outstanding debts to the Chancery (\$89,000). These funds were cleared at the beginning of 2017. The loan balance had been reduced somewhat through funds raised from Parish events. We also had to settle <u>an outstanding installment of \$26,125 owed to the</u> <u>Canada Revenue Agency. This amount was billed for payroll</u> <u>benefits owed to our former employees. That portion was paid in</u> <u>01 2017.</u>

The Cathedraticum for 2015 [reduced by 50% by the Chancery] was included in our total payment of debts. The

Cathedraticum for 2016 will come due this year. At this time, we have not yet received the total amount owing.

We all are very grateful for your financial support and permanent generosity!

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Piotr Machnacki, Pastor

The Parish Finance Committee

P.S. For additional information please contact the Financial Comity.

#### OLD GREETINGS CARDS

All the cards you have received over the years and don't need anymore: Christmas, Easter, Birthday, etc. can be used again by Sister of St. Clavier. They create the new cards from the old ones and by selling them, Sisters support the catholic missions around the world. Please bring your cards and place them in the big basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

#### **CLEANING CREW**

We wish to thank all the volunteers of our parish, particularly those, who participate in cleaning the church each week. We are still looking for new members. Please, consider offering your time and joining the cleaning crew. Thank you.

# EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

#### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **Sunday, June 25, 2017**, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2016. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). **To register go to:** www.hamiltondiocese.com

#### **BIRTHRIGHT HAMILTON**

Giving hope at Birthright means finding a way to bridge the gap between the fear people feel when they face an unplanned pregnancy and the hope they find when their needs have been met. Offering free pregnancy tests, counseling and many other services, we help those facing a pregnancy say "yes" to life. Can you help us reach out to them in their time of need by becoming a volunteer? Please call Birthright at 905 527-3677 and ask for Eva.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

June 3rd, 2017 – Father Edward Hinsperger invites you to join him in celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017, at St. Ignatius Oratory, Deemerton (3 km east of Mildmay). Meet and greet at 1:00 p.m., followed by the celebration of Eucharist at 3:00 p.m.; please bring a lawn chair. Boast and roast at 4:00 p.m., followed by a 5:00 p.m. buffet dinner; cost is \$15, children under 12 eat free. An RSVP is required for the meal only; please reply by Tuesday, May 23rd, c/o 519-830-1270 or lenar@sympatico.ca. In lieu of gifts, donations will be gratefully accepted for St. Ignatius Oratory.

#### THE PORN CULTURE

Pornography continues to be a growing crisis in our society and the link to human trafficking has been documented. Children as young as 8 years of age through to all ages of adults are being negatively impacted by the porn culture in which we live. The Waterdown Stop Human Trafficking Committee is hosting their annual conference on Saturday, April 29th from 9 - 1 pm. Their speakers, Michelle Brock and Glendyne Gerrard, will offer practical ways for all to respond to this crisis. You will also have a chance to view a powerful documentary on the impact of pornography titled Over 18.The conference is being held at Notre Dame Centre, Emmaus Room, 1921 Snake Road, Burlington. To register call 289-813-0703, or e-mail

stophumantraffickingwaterdown@gmail.com; cost is \$10 per adult to be paid at the door.

#### CURSILLO WEEKEND

So, if you are over 18 years of age, and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider this joy-filled Cursillo Weekend in the fall. The October Cursillo Weekend takes place at the peaceful St. Ignatian Deemerton Retreat Centre near Mildmay, Ont..Transportation to the Centre is provided.

•Women's is Thurs Oct 12 to early Sunday evening 15th, 2017 •Men's is Thurs Oct 26 to early Sunday evening 29th, 2017 For more information speak with a "Cursillo (cur-see-yo) member" in your parish, or search website: <u>www.cursillohamilton.org</u>

#### EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE

By becoming a Hospice or Bereavement Peer Support Volunteer with Acclaim Health. We provide comprehensive training and ongoing support and education. Our volunteers support people in our community who have a life threatening illness or who are bereaved. All it takes is an hour or two a week! For more information, please contact Dee Kearns at 905-827-8800 ext. 2313 or <u>dkearns@acclaimhealth.ca</u>

**Your actions** in church show respect for God and for the community that gathers there. If you are stopping by the church to pray, even just for a moment, your actions should respect the place and its purpose.

Spit out your gum, turn off your cell phone before you step into a sacred space and time.

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