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Monday, December 26

8:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m. O Boze blog dla Marii I Jerzego Ozog

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m. O laski dla Teresy,,Zofii,Barbary, Marii

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 a.m. +Therese Quesnel

Holy Hour and Benediction after Mass

6:30 p.m.+ Zofia Gross, 4th. Anniversary of death

Thursday, December 29

8:00 a.m. +Russell Tidball

6:30 p.m.+ O Zdrowie dla Doroty Pajor

Friday, December 30

8:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration

5:35 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Confessions

630 p.m. O Zdrowie I Boze Blog dla Mateusza

Saturday, December 31

9:00 a.m. O taski dla Julii I Victorii Wilk

5:00 p.m. (L) the Unborn

Sunday, Jan.1

No 8 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. Alfred Kot

11:00 a.m. Pani Kot

12:30 p.m. +Aleksander e Jozef Dorosz (Rodzina)

Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist Schedule

New Year's Eve 5 PM N. Meehan P. Chisholm

New Year's Day 11AM G.&L Binkley A.Salmon

Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration - Every Friday from 5:30 p.m.to 6:30 p.m. there is an hour of Adoration devoted to the Divine Mercy. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in Polish and English. Please join us in an hour of devout prayer.

Mass Requests

Please come to the office to arrange Mass dates for your intentions. Please do not leave money in the Narthex. Thank you.

Missals and Hymnals

Please do not remove Missals and/or hymnals from the Church. Parishioners need to use them. If you wish, you may purchase your own copy from the parish store.

OUR PARISH NEWS

Mass for Parish Volunteers

This parish runs because of the generosity of our volunteers. We invite all volunteers to a special Mass on Saturday, Jan 7,2017 @ 7 p.m. If you can join us, after Mass for refreshments in the Parish Centre, please sign the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

2017 Envelopes

Please pick up your 2017 envelopes from the Narthex. Your donations are tax deductible. If you have not made your 2016 donation, please do so before the end of the year. Thank you.

Parish Store Purchases

Our parish store stocks Catholic items. We sell religious Christmas cards (Polish and English) and stationery paper. Browse Catholic books, rosaries, scapulars, jewelery and varied gift items. Items sell out quickly. Store open after Sunday Masses or by appointment

Volunteer Cleaners

If you signed up to be a cleaner volunteer, you have been assigned to a team. Once a month, you are asked to please come and assist your team. If you cannot come, please exchange with a member from another team. We need to have a full force of cleaners for the job to be done. If you do not have a schedule, there are copies in the Narthex. Each team should elect a team leader so that all tasks will be evenly distributed and completed. Thank so much for your help in maintaining our beautiful church.

Snow Removal

Winter will soon be here. Can you assist with the snow removal of the parish sidewalks? They will need to be cleared of snow and salted every weekday morning before Mass begins. If you are available and wish to assist, please contact Father Peter, the pastor.

Maintenance Committee

Are you a handy person? A tradesperson? Do you enjoy doing repairs and renovations? Join the parish Maintenance Committee. Call our parishioner, **Les Mis 905-333-6496**

THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT OF SWING

THE BURLINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE PRESENTING A TRIBUTE TO DEAN MARTIN & ELLA FITZGERALD WITH THE TORONTO ALL-STAR BIG BAND!

When: Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2:00 p.m. MATINEE
Where: The Burlington Performing Arts Centre
Enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your friends. You can reserve your "GIFT OF SWING" by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. The ticket price is only \$45.00.

Mass in Latin

Beginning in January 2017, the Saturday morning 9 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in Latin.

Parish Bazaar

Thank you to **Polish Hall** for the bazaar donation of \$2500.00 from sale of cabbage rolls and perogis.

Many thanks to the **CWL** for the donation of \$3600.00 to our parish. Proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar.

In our Diocese

Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics A

Senior Adult Workshop Series 6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017 1:30- 3:30pm Chancery Office - Hamilton This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & 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 info.

St. Paul's New Year's Eve

Mark your calendar for an evening of dining, dancing & friendship. **Saturday December 31st** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 2265 Headon Road, Burlington. Catered dinner followed by dancing. Midnight buffet and champagne. Please email stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com or call the parish for information at 905-332-5115.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which children could remember.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book, *HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS*:

The two turtledoves were the Old and New Testaments
The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit----Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

CATECHISM CORNER

51. Who were the first man and woman?

The first man and woman were Adam and Eve, the first parents of the whole human race.

And Adam called the name of his wife Eve. (Genesis 3:15)

52. What was the chief gift bestowed on Adam and Eve by God?

The chief gift bestowed on Adam and Eve by God was sanctifying grace, which made them children of God and gave them the right to heaven.

53. What other gifts were bestowed on Adam and Eve by God?

The other gifts bestowed on Adam and Eve by God were happiness in the Garden of Paradise, great knowledge, control of the passions by reason, and freedom from suffering and death.

He gave them counsel, and a tongue, and eyes, and ears, and a heart to devise; and he filled them with the knowledge of understanding. (Ecclesiasticus 17:5)

54. What commandment did God give Adam and Eve?

God gave Adam and Eve the commandment not to eat of the fruit of a certain tree that grew in the Garden of Paradise.

And he commanded him, saying: "Of every tree of paradise thou shalt eat; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat. For in what day soever thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt die the death." (Genesis 2:16-17)

55. Did Adam and Eve obey the commandment of God?

Adam and Eve did not obey the commandment of God, but ate of the forbidden fruit.

And the woman saw that the tree was good to eat, and fair to the eyes, and delightful to behold; and she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave to her husband who did eat. (Genesis 3:6)

56. What happened to Adam and Eve on account of their sin?

On account of their sin Adam and Eve lost sanctifying grace, the right to heaven, and their special gifts; they became subject to death, to suffering, and to a strong inclination to evil, and they were driven from the Garden of Paradise.

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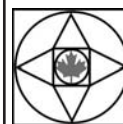
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