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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Saturday, December 26th ~ Saint Stephen

5:00 p.m. (L) The Unborn ~ The Culture of Life
 + Marica & Ivan Niksic + Bill Whelan
 + Joseph Fasullo + All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 27th ~ Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention
 9:15 a.m. + Maria & John Kruk
 11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
 12:30 p.m. + Ryszard Glowaczewski

Monday, December 28th ~ The Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. + Carmelo Raimonto
 6:30 p.m. + Mirosław Konarski

Tuesday, December 29th

9:00 a.m. + Russell Tidball
 6:30 p.m. + Henryk Kneblewski (Kowanda)

Wednesday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. + Bruna Ferdinando Lanzalone and Family
 ~ followed by Adoration
 9:30 a.m. Benediction
 6:30 p.m. + All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 31st**No Morning Mass**

5:30 p.m. English
 7:00 p.m. za Parafian

Friday, January 1st ~ Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**No 8:00 a.m. Mass**

9:15 a.m. + Stefan Surma (Malinowska)
 11:00 a.m. English
 12:30 p.m. + Ludwik & Genowefa Osika

No Evening Mass**First Saturday, January 2nd ~ Saints Basil & Gregory Nazianzen**

9:00 a.m. Rodzina Kowandow
 5:00 p.m. + Mary McCarles + Stephen Caracciolo
 + Kathleen McBride

Sunday, January 3rd ~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention
 9:15 a.m. + Adolf Klakulak & Julia Ragona (Alicja Lis)
 11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
 12:30 p.m. + Genowefa & Wincenty Pietras

IN OUR PARISH

Saint Vincent Pallotti says... "Trust God like a child."

Pre-Authorized Debit - We are exploring the option of introducing pre-authorized debit to the parish as an alternate means of making your financial offering. At this time, we are trying to assess whether the interest in this option would make it feasible to implement and we would like your feedback. If you are interested in making use of pre-authorized debit, please contact the parish office. If the response is sufficient, we will begin the paperwork involved to set up the option. Of course, traditional envelopes will always be available for those who prefer this method of making your offering.

LECTORS**New Year's Day Schedule for Lectors**
December 31st, 2015/January 1st, 2016

5:00 p.m. L. Radice M. Muller

7:00 p.m.**No 8:00 a.m. Mass**

9:15 a.m. M. Pajerski A. Pajerska
 11:00 a.m. S. Bunting M. Vukovic

January 2nd/3rd, 2016 Schedule for Lectors

5:00 p.m. R. Bustamante A. Cholewka
 8:00 a.m. P. Cianciolo J. Dodson
 9:15 a.m. L. Terlecki D. Wilk
 11:00 a.m. E. Herod V. Lipinski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**New Year's Day Schedule for Ministers of Communion**
December 31st, 2015/January 1st, 2016

5:00 p.m. J. Doyle N. Meehan
7:00 p.m. P. Lis K. Knul M. Knul

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. H. Krajewska P. Lis D. Szczesiul
 11:00 a.m. L. Bankley E. Kennedy

January 2nd/3rd, 2016 Schedule for Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m.
 8:00 a.m.
 9:15 a.m. H. Krajewska K. Knul D. Szczesiul
 11:00 a.m.

Donation Envelopes for 2016 - If you do not currently use donation envelopes and wish to have a set assigned to you, please contact the Parish Office. If you have a 2015 set and have used them regularly, a set has been automatically issued for 2016 and are available to be picked up in the narthex. ***Please do NOT use envelopes from previous years, as your number may have changed.***

Parish Information - Don't forget to notify the office if you have changed your address or phone number so our records are up to date.

Baptized in the Lord - Our love and prayers are with the families of Eugene John Hogan Harrison Cathcart; Marteen La Madrid Dela Cruz; Noah Faria; Olivia Halina Gordon; Gavin William Lowe; Victoria Catharine-Ann Napp; Christopher Gary Sheehan; Lillian Christina Walter; and Wesley Banff Walter, who were Baptized on December 20, 2015.

The Faithful Departed - Please pray for Mary Domchek, who has recently died. May she live in the presence of the Lord forever.

Knights of Columbus - Any gentlemen interested in information about the Knights and their parish and community initiatives may call Jack Costigan at 905-332-7231.

Sunday Missals - If you would like to have your own missals, they are for sale in the parish store (\$5 each). As well, we have a supply of rosaries, prayer books and other religious articles. Feel free to come and browse.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is a beautiful tradition in our Catholic Church to make pastoral visits during the Christmas Season. And furthermore, our Canon Law challenges pastors to visit the homes of parishioners. The reason for this pastoral visit is very simple - to pray and bless the home, even every year, and meet all members of your family. Sometimes, and especially if you have older mothers and fathers who cannot attend Sunday Mass, you can ask for Holy Communion or even Anointing of the Sick.

There is a sign up sheet in the sacristy for home visits. Please sign up or ask the priests personally after Holy Mass to set up a time for a pastoral visit to your home. It is good to start the New Year with God's Blessing! May this Christmas fill you with the joy and peace of the Child Jesus especially during the New Year 2016. Thank you very much for all that you are doing for the growth of our St. Gabriel Family.

God bless you and happy New Year! Fr. Piotr & Fr. Jacek

First Saturday Mass - Come and honour our Blessed Mother, Mary. On Saturday, January 2nd, and the first Saturday of each month, St. Gabriel's will be offering Mass at 9 a.m. in both English and Polish. The Mass will be followed by a half hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction. All are welcome.

Donations in Lieu of Flowers - When making arrangements with the funeral home for yourself or a loved one, please keep in mind that donations to St. Gabriel Parish in lieu of flowers are always an alternative. Please make your wishes known to the funeral home.

Donation of Stocks, Shares etc. to the Parish - Parishioners may wish to donate stocks, bonds, shares, etc. to the Parish as part of their offertory giving. An income tax receipt for the full value of the shares at the time of the donation will be issued and can offer significant tax savings. If you are interested in this option, please contact Catherine Moskal, Associate Investment Advisor, BMO Nesbitt Burns at 905-301-8315 or catherine.moskal@nbpcd.com.

IN OUR DIOCESE

Candy Canes for Life - Only four days left to donate to for the 2015 income tax year. Visit www.candycanesforlife.ca.

Heal Your Heart - Broken hearts are painful – don't get stuck in the pain of conflicting emotions. Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents) There is help – you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. The goal of the workshops is to provide definitive actions that will mend conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. Join us for this 6 week course being held Wednesdays Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville, 7-9 p.m. For information call Ilse at 905-338-1778; to register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

The Church as a Field Hospital - Pope Francis asks us to think of the Church as a field hospital after a battle, dedicated to healing the wounded. Come explore what that means with David Dayler, author of Being a Man After God's Own Heart and other titles, in a free public event January 14, 7 p.m. in the parish hall at St. John the Baptist Church, 2016 Blairholme Ave., Burlington. David Dayler is Director of the Office of Discipleship and Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton. Sponsored by the Men's Group of St. John's Parish.

Mercy: A Study in Scripture - A Senior Adult Workshop Series, 7 Wednesday afternoons, starting January 6, 2016 1:30- 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. By exploring the theme of Mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy in our lives today. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. Cost: \$75 includes the textbook & other resources. Contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528 7988.

Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

*In your charity please pray for all who minister in the church.
"Here I am, Lord, send me."* (Isaiah 6:8)

Monday, December 28 th	Father Raymond Reitzel, CR
Tuesday, December 29 th	Father Jim Valk, CR
Wednesday, December 30 th	Ordo Canonorum Regularium Sanctae Crucis
Thursday, December 31 st	Father Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
Friday, January 1 st	Father Gregory Michel
Saturday, January 2 nd	Father Robert Love

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Please contact Joanne Kanerva, Youth Minister at 905-336-7144 ext. 28; stgabescyo@hotmail.com or check for updates on Twitter @ THEGABESZONE regarding the following:

The Gabe's Zone Youth Group - Fridays, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Students grade 4 and up are welcome to attend this fun, faith filled group experience. Older students needed as leaders!!!

Preparation for Communion 2016 - Students who do not attend a Catholic school and wish to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist should attend the Parish class of preparation beginning on February 7 at 9:30 in the youth room of the Rectory. Children who are in need of Baptism can also join this class for a period of preparation. For info call Joanne Kanerva.

Prayer Buddies Program - Children from our Catholic schools will be asked to pray for a Parish "Buddy" in need of ongoing prayer support. If you would like to have your name, or the name of a loved one included, call Joanne. Personal details are confidential. Only the information that you allow will be given to the class praying for you.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sundays, 11 a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy is a wonderful way for children to hear God's word in a child friendly way. The Liturgy of the Word is offered to children during the first part of the Mass and they return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist so they can experience the sacred mystery of God's great love and Sacrifice.

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