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"We are connected to our past, committed to our future and compassionately focussed on being a Family of Faith with something for everyone"



Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Requested by
Tuesday, April 19	7:00 p.m.	+ Noreen Bourgeois + Pierre Caron & Etienne Avouampo	Donna Baglole Lisette Caron
Wednesday, April 20	8:00 a.m.	+ Mary Manni	Trudy Allensen
Thursday, April 21	8:00 a.m.	+ Mary Manni	Carol O'Brien
Friday, April 22	8:00 a.m.	+ Frank Smyk	Helga Blackwell
Saturday, April 23	5:00 p.m.	+ Bernadette DiCarlo + Sylvester Moser + Joe Stortz	Carol O'Brien Paul & Cathy Strauss The Stortz Family



EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Today we celebrate the greatest of the Church's liturgical feasts, Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Jesus

has conquered the grave; the tomb in which he was laid is now empty. Today is however only the first day of Easter. Lent is 40 days but Easter is 50 days long and will conclude with Pentecost as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. For those who were received into the Church, who received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, the 50 days of Easter is meant to be a time to reflect on the mysteries of the faith in which they have been received. Above all it is a time to reflect on the gift of the Sacraments that they received on that Easter night. All of us can participate in this time of reflection. Through the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, through the grace of the Sacraments we have received God's very life. May these Easter days lead us to a deeper appreciation and a deeper love for the gifts that we have received.

BISHOP CROSBY'S EASTER MESSAGE: Visit our parish website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca/news-2 or the Hamilton Diocese website for this special Easter letter from Bishop Crosby.

PRAYERS FOR CANADA: All are invited to pray in the church on **Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m**. Join together in praying for Canada, Ukraine and the conversion of Russia.

JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. before Mass, and at 7:30 a.m. before morning Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration...May our Adoration never cease." - Pope John Paul II. If you would like to spend time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel please call: Frank or Sheila (519) 658-9414

EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES: Thank you for your contributions towards the Easter flowers. Flowers have been placed in memory of your loved ones and their names will be kept near the altar and remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: A reminder that the parish office is closed on Easter Monday, April 18th.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Are you, or anyone who you know, unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion at home? Please contact the office and Father Ed and Deacon Michael would be most willing to visit. In light of the Covid situation and the fact that some people would prefer to keep their outside contacts to a minimum, we will allow family members and close friends to bring communion. Please speak to Father Ed and we can give some instruction on how to take communion to one's family/friends.



CONFIRMATION 2022:

The following Confirmation Liturgies will take place this month:

Our Lady of Fatima: Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.

St. Gabriel: Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth: Saturday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m. Please continue to pray for these students as they prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The devotion to the Divine Mercy, arises from the private revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina, was a Polish Religious who lived just before the Second World War. The message she received from Jesus

was to spread the devotion to his mercy, in particular through the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Feast of the Divine Mercy is observed on the Second Sunday of Easter. The Gospel for that Sunday speaks of the Resurrection appearance of Jesus in which he breaths the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles for the "Forgiveness of sins." From the power of His Resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit our sinful lives and our sinful world are transformed by the mercy of God.

PARISH OFFERINGS

April 9-10, 2022

Sunday Envelopes (100):	\$2,465.00
Easter Offerings (5)	\$ 125.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 358.34
Share Lent (29)	\$ 855.00
Good Friday (3)	\$ 50.00

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking for ways to support the parish, please visit www.stmaryhespeler.ca/donate



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Plans are in the works for the future start-up of our children's ministry.

There are two upcoming meetings:

-Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

to plan for a Summer Bible Camp (tentatively scheduled for July 11 - 15) AND

- Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

to plan for Children's Liturgy which will commence in

If you are interested in assisting with either the Summer Bible Camp in July or Children's Liturgy in September, please attend the appropriate meeting or contact the office by phone or email. We can only run these programs if we have enough volunteers.

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CWL GENERAL MEETING: All ladies are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m.**, The Feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

NEW VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE: A new schedule will begin May 7/8 in which positions will be assigned. Please update your availability either through the Ministry Scheduler website or by contacting the office.

COFFEE SUNDAY: On Sunday, May 1st we will continue our Easter celebration with a coffee Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Please join us in the small hall off the kitchen immediately after these Masses. After the 11:00 am Mass we will honour and thank our 11:00 am Mass cantor, *Anita Dwyer*, who will be moving out of our parish in the near future. Come join us for refreshments and fellowship.



HAPPY EASTER FROM COUNCIL 4916 He is Risen! Msgr. Paul J. Meyer Council

4916 wishes all our fellow parishioners and their families a Blessed and Joyous Easter.
Our monthly meeting for April has been rescheduled to **Thursday, April 21st** at 7:00 p.m. at St.
Clement Church. Enter via the usual Westminster Drive Door

PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU: The village of Oberammergau in Germany is famous for a Passion Play that it puts on every 10 years since the 17th Century. In 2020 the play was cancelled because of the pandemic. Father Ed was supposed to go in 2020 to mark his 25th anniversary of priesthood. Recently he discovered a trip that needed a chaplain. This pilgrimage will be visiting northern France and Germany, including the Passion play from September 12-24th, 2022. For more information please contact the parish office or see the flyer by the doors of the church.



THANK YOU! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the People and Planet First campaign with your Share Lent donation. **Thanks to your**

generosity, our parish collected \$ 1,970.00 to date. There is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR April 18 – April 23

Monday Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, V.G., E.V.
Tuesday Very Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
Wednesday Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)
Thursday Rev. Rafal Tomon
Friday Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
Saturday Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.

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