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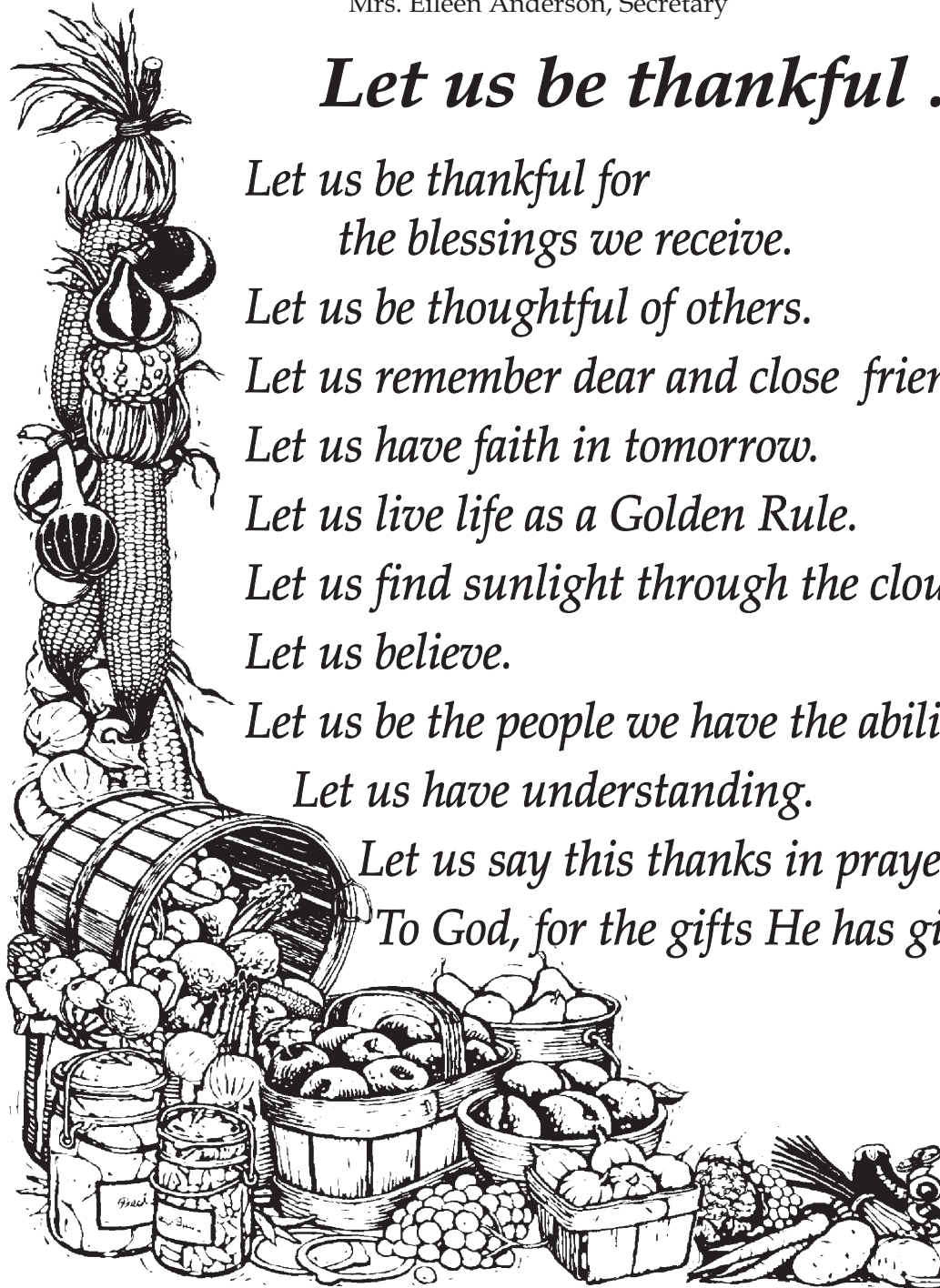
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Let us be thankful ...

*Let us be thankful for
the blessings we receive.
Let us be thoughtful of others.
Let us remember dear and close friends.
Let us have faith in tomorrow.
Let us live life as a Golden Rule.
Let us find sunlight through the clouds.
Let us believe.
Let us be the people we have the ability to be.
Let us have understanding.
Let us say this thanks in prayer
To God, for the gifts He has given.*



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, October 10 <i>Ordinary 28</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, October 11		No Mass	
TUESDAY, October 12	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Sir Knight Jim Stone	
WEDNESDAY October 13	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Mary Stansic	
THURSDAY, October 14	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Luis Botelho	
FRIDAY, October 15	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Josefa Sasnicka † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Saverio Coccia (I) Special Intentions (I) Cristo Vasilaros	
SATURDAY, October 16	4 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	Cote Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Rosalina dos Anjos & Joaoa Caetano Costa; Victor deGannes; Ignatius Clarke; Patrick McCarthy; Robert O’Gorman; Edward Duffy & Anne Hamilton. Int. of the Falls Family	This week’s Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of Andrew Syme.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! It’s been another challenging year, but we still have so much to be thankful for! Let’s focus on the things we are grateful for rather than dwell on the difficulties – it will do the soul good! And most of all, take time to count your blessings, and pray a prayer of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father! I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation this past year – the pandemic has brought us its challenges, but so many of you have stepped up to help the parish continue to worship in a safe environment! To all our volunteers – Ministers of Hospitality; Pew Cleaners; Lectors; Eucharistic Ministers; Decorators – and everyone else that has pitched in one way or another, Thank You! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the parish is deeply appreciative! Have a great weekend everyone, and don’t eat too much turkey! - Fr. Dave

From the Diocese - COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical

ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

Community Unity Halton Hills Fall Yard Clean Up

With the autumn season upon us it is time for the CUHH annual Fall Clean Up. We have identified homes which are in need of leaf raking and simple yard tidying and are looking for families to volunteer. If your family would like to be part of a Family Raking Group please contact Celia Stokoe for details at cuhhholycross@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation.

Halton Alive Gala

October 16th, 2021 - A virtual/drop-in hybrid event! Let’s celebrate life together and support the life-affirming educational work of Halton Alive! Let us take you on a journey through activity *stations* that allow you to participate in all your favourite Gala elements including a main stage, testimonials, silent auction, candy raffle, prizes, flower making & in-person drop in for hot apple cider, swag bag and to meet the team! Order your Gala experience Individual \$50 | Couples \$75 Sponsor the event. Proceeds support the work and mission of Halton Alive in the local community. Full details www.haltonalive.ca/gala or call 905 632 3232.

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Georgetown Bread Basket needs our help! Holy Cross Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive! Please return your donations to the Church on this weekend, October 9-10. All donations will be taken to the Georgetown Bread Basket after the noon Mass on October 10.

Printed Bulletins

Due to changing COVID protocols which take into account new evidence that touch points are not a significant infection risk, we will once again be offering a printed bulletin at Sunday Masses. We will also continue to send out bulletins via email to those who wish to receive them electronically.

Dr. Simone - Canadian Food for Children - OPEN

We have resumed collections for Dr. Simone's Mississauga Warehouse. Please remember to wash and fold your clothing and bedding donations. If you have any questions about what is acceptable please contact the warehouse directly at 905-274-9239 or visit their website canadianfoodforchildren.net.

Baptism Prep Team Volunteers Needed

Our Baptism Prep Team is looking for new members to help Father Dave with the celebration of baptism. Volunteers arrive before the baptism celebration to help set up for baptism and direct the families during the baptism. Please contact Father Dave or the parish office for more details.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in November 2021 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Worldwide Marriage Encourage Experience

Join us for a Virtual/Online weekend - October 22-24. Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact Marge & Gerard McCauley at 905-792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com or visit the website wwme.org

Holy Cross HELPS Donations

Holy Cross HELPS is still going about their important work of helping those in need in our community and are still gratefully accepting donations. If you wish to contribute to their good

work, simply drop an envelope marked 'Holy Cross HELPS' into the locked mailbox outside the office door with your name and envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

'Virtual' Children's Liturgy

We really miss welcoming our little ones each Sunday for Children's Liturgy. Until we are able to safely offer this program again, we have an online option – visit our website to follow our link to 'Children's Liturgy' each week to find some fun information and activities for families!

Links2Care

Need help bathing? Links2care offers free PSW help for Halton Hills seniors and adults with disabilities. Contact 905-873-6502 or email info@links2care.ca

Religious Instruction for Public School

Parents of children enrolled in **Public** or **Private** schools are invited to enroll them in our parish's religious instruction program. The lessons are home-based and children work at their grade level and their own pace. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton and administrated through our parish. The successful completion of the appropriate Grade Levels is **required** prior to the child's reception of the sacraments. For example a child in Grade 2 should have completed the Level 1 program and be enrolled in Level 2. A child preparing for Confirmation should have completed all levels (and enrolled in Level 7) prior to Confirmation. For more information and registration kindly contact the Parish Office.

2022 Weddings

Couples planning to marry in 2022 should contact the parish office. Kindly note that we require one year's notice of marriage to allow time for marriage preparation and the completion of the necessary documents. This requirement also applies to couples from Georgetown who are planning marriages outside the Diocese of Hamilton.

Evenings with His Excellency

(Formerly called "Fridays with Father")

Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Join Bishop Lobsinger for "Evenings with His Excellency" on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Canadian Martyrs Church, (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton). Each month we will methodically go through the "Catechism of the Catholic Church". There is no registration, no fee and no homework. Come ready to learn and ask all the questions you always wanted to ask about our Catholic Faith. **The first "Evening with His Excellency" is Friday, September 10, 2021.** If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to go to <https://canadianmartyrshamilton.com/> to watch live. (All COVID 19 protocols will be required, including masks while in the church and proper social distancing.)

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