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St. Eugene's PARISH

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Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday – 5:00pm
Sunday – 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – 7:00pm
Wednesday to Friday – 8:30am
(please refer to the schedule inside the bulletin for any changes)

Praying the Rosary:

Wednesday to Friday – 8:00am

Perpetual Help Novena:

Wednesday following the 8:30am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday mornings following our 8:30am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays: 6:30pm – 6:50pm
Fridays: during the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Saturdays: 3:45 – 4:45pm or upon request

Sacrament of Baptism:

One month notice is required

Pastoral Staff:

Father Peter Jurzyk, *Pastor*
Ms. Kim MacLellan, *Parish Secretary*
Mr. Arturo Maldonado, *Music Co-ordinator*

Office Hours:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays:
9:00am – 1:00pm
Thursdays from 9:00am – 12:30pm
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Sacrament of Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office one year in advance.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Sundays during the 11am Mass

Legacies and Bequests

Remember St. Eugene's Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy and/or monetary donations.

Communion to the Homebound:

Please notify the parish office of any elderly or infirm in our parish who are unable to attend Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Third Sunday of Advent	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday December 17 th Third Sunday of Advent	9:00am	For the People	
	11:00am	Int. of Rita Powers on her birthday	
Monday, December 18 th	No Mass		Rev. Junghyuk Choi
Tuesday, December 19 th	8:30am	✠ Eileen Dobrucki	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Wednesday, December 20 th	8:30am	✠ Antonio & Paola Sergi, Clifford Mill Deceased members of the O'Halloran Family	Missionaries
Thursday, December 21 st	8:30am	✠ Mary Valeri	Rev. James Malone
Friday, December 22 nd	8:30am	✠ Guerino Pala	Rev. Stephen Csiszar
Saturday, December 23 rd	5:00pm	✠✠ Vincenzo Tassone Nancy Partito Joe Raposo Linda Quaranto Robert Smith Maria do Amparo Deceased members of the do Amparo Family Calogero Piscitello & Rosaria Bono Deceased members of the Piscitello Family Nghiep Giang & Thai Sao Ngoc	Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends,

Today we begin the second part of Advent that is intended as a direct preparation for Christmas. During weekdays, the readings of the Gospel speak of the events that lead us up to the birth of Jesus and the first readings present important prophecies about the Messiah. All memorials are optional because the liturgy wants us to be focused on the Mystery of Nativity of the Lord. I would like to pay our attention to the texts, which we usually skip while celebrating Mass. I am talking about antiphons. In general, each Mass has two antiphons: an entrance one and a Communion one. Usually, we do not hear them during Mass because they can be replaced by hymns, which we sing at the beginning of the Mass and during Communion. If there is no hymns the antiphons are to be recited. We can find them in the Roman Missal (the big book from which a priest says Mass). They are also available in our Sunday Missals for Sundays, in *Living with Christ* for each day, and in any book with daily

readings. They are usually excerpted from Holy Scripture or the Fathers of the Church and now they have a short form. They speak of the mystery of the day and help us be concentrated upon what we commemorate and make present in the liturgy. Here are some examples of the antiphons that are prescribed to this week:

Christ our King is coming, he is the Lamb foretold by John.

His name will be called Emmanuel, which means God-with-us.

The Angel said to Mary: Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

The antiphons' texts are not only beautiful and helpful for us to be more engaged in the mystery of the day but can also become a part of our everyday prayer during this part of Advent.

Although we are approaching Christmas and the weekday readings speak of the Saviour who is to be born and of Mary as the Holy Mother of God, in today's Gospel we hear the voice of St. John the Baptist who calls us to make straight the way of the Lord. This appeal takes on a special meaning when we reflect on a spiritual preparation for Christmas. This week we have the last

chance before Christmas to approach the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and wash our hearts, sometimes deeply wounded, in the unfathomable ocean of God's mercy. Let us take advantage of that opportunity.

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Collections: for December 10, 2017

- Regular Collection: \$3,455.51
- Repairs & Maintenance: \$1,067.00
- Raffle Tickets: \$3,182.00

Our Parish is having a CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!!!
Get your Tickets!! They are on sale at the doors of the church, and are also available at the parish office. You are also welcome to take a book home with you to sell to family and friends. The proceeds from this raffle is to help the parish pay down the debt to the chancery office.

Get your tickets today – the draw is this weekend!
Sunday, December 17th at 12:15pm.

- Prizes:
1. Samsung Galaxy S8 Smart Phone 64GB
 2. \$1000.00 cash
 3. Tablet 32GB
 4. \$500.00 cash

Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

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News From around the Diocese

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

After the amazing success of last year, the Catholic Young Adults groups from across the Diocese of Hamilton (& beyond) are coming together for One, Big, Thrilling Christmas Party! All young adults near and far are invited to come out. If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, this will be the place to be to meet other Young Adult Catholics. An Awesome pre-Christmas social, dinner, live entertainment, door prizes and a DJ and dance floor.

Saturday, December 16th beginning with Mass at 5:00pm
Cocktail social at 6:00pm, Catered dinner with wine at 6:45pm
Live entertainment, music, photobooth, door prizes, cash bar, and so much more! \$20.00 donation (\$40. value) at the door.
Location: St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 715 Centre Rd., Waterdown. Please RSVP before December 14th to jpeter@hamiltondocese.com or call 905-689-4857 ext. 8

Notre-Dame-du-Perpetuel-Secours Church is having an Adoration-Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, on the last Friday of the month, Friday, December 29th at 7:00pm. All are welcome. 243 Cumberland Ave, Ham.

News from our Parish

Contribution envelopes for 2018 are available this weekend at the Parkdale doors of the church.

Please note: **Income Tax receipts for 2017 contributions** ~ all donations towards our parish **must** be received by Christmas Day 2017, to be recorded as a contribution for this year, 2017. Any donations, in any form (cash or cheque) received after Christmas Day, will be recorded as a contribution towards 2018.



Advent Confession Schedule for this coming week:

- Tuesday, December 19th - 9:00am - 9:30am
- Wednesday, December 20th - 9:00am - 9:30am
- Friday, December 22nd - 9:10am - 9:40am
6:15pm - 7:00pm

Italian Confessions will be heard during these times on Friday, December 22nd

Saturday, December 23rd - 3:15pm - 4:45pm

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Tuesday, December 19th is changed from 7:00pm to 8:30am



Mass Schedule for Christmas

Sunday December 24th - 4th Sunday in Advent

Masses are Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9am & 11am

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th - 6pm

Christmas: 12 Midnight and 10am Christmas Day

A GREAT BIG **'THANK YOU'** goes out to all our parishioners and all who have donated monetary gifts, gift cards for groceries, and bought presents for the children, for Christmas. Baskets for each family are being prepared full of groceries and goodies so everyone can have a Happy Christmas!

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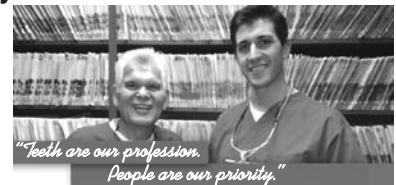
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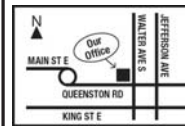
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