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Feast of the Holy Family

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Time	Mass Intention	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
Sunday, December 31 st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9:00am	✠ Fr. Florian	
	11:00am	For the People	
New Year's Eve	5:00pm	✠ John	
Monday, January 1 st Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10:00am	For the People	Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.
Tuesday, January 2 nd St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	7:00pm	✠ Eileen Dobrucki	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wednesday, January 3 rd	9:00am	✠✠ Filippo Ciapanna Angelo Marranca	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thursday, January 4 th	9:00am	✠ Catharine Hayes	Rev. Octavio Cidadao
Friday, January 5 th	9:00am	✠ Frank & Marie Raftis	Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Saturday, January 6 th	5:00pm	✠✠ Liberatore Sanelli Salvatore Chiarelli Giang Nghiep & Thai Sao Ngoc Leonard Wareing	Rev. Peter Raymond

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends,

The Feast of The Holy Family directs our eyes and thoughts the house in Nazareth where the Holy Family mostly lived. Looking at the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph we ask our Heavenly Father to bless abundantly our families, so that they may follow the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth. On the occasion of today's feast it is interesting to mention the Basilica of the Holy House in Loreto, Italy. This is one of the most sacred and most important shrines of the Blessed Virgin. Yet, the history of Loreto presents to believers and honest disbelievers one of those eloquent questions of faith ever posed to rational scepticism... It is said that the House of Nazareth, the home of the Holy Family, had been brought by angels from Nazareth to the Dalmatian coast and later, by the same angels, transported to Loreto where it stands today enclosed in a huge Basilica. In the center of the House of Nazareth, there is a replica of a

wooden statue of the Madonna. The original one, made of cedar of Lebanon, arrived at Loreto together with the house but has been destroyed. This history seems to be completely legendary but it is based partly on tradition and partly on historically recorded facts, which really make it interesting and noteworthy. Since 1294 numerous pilgrims from all over the world have visited the Basilica of the Holy House and among them there were almost 50 popes who made a pilgrimage during their pontificates. The litany to Our Lady, which in a very beautiful and poetic way sings of her virtues and meaning for heaven and earth, is called the Litany of Loreto.

On January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, which is the holy day of obligation. On this feast we honour Mary's motherhood of Jesus. In 451 Mary was officially called by the Council of Ephesus *Theotokos*, which literally means 'Bearer of God'. We profess that Mary truly bore the Son of God, Jesus Christ who has both divine and human natures. This feast concludes the Christmas Octave that is 8 days in which we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, and it is

the first day of the New Year. Remaining in the joy of the Nativity we ask the Lord to bless us at the beginning of 2018, so that may look forward to the entire year with the hope of His grace.

This week we observe a memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church; and first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month. On January 2nd along with the memorial of St. Basil and St. Gregory we celebrate the day of episcopal ordination of Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Let us pray for the intentions of the shepherd of the Diocese of Hamilton and his ministry among the faithful.

Happy New Year!

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Collections: for December 17th , 2017

- Regular Collection: \$4,202.65
- Repairs & Maintenance: \$35.00
- Sunday Missals: \$46.00
- Raffle Tickets: \$1,204.00
- Flowers: \$335.00

Thank you for supporting our parish by the Christmas Raffle. The draw took place on December 17th at 12:15pm and the winners were called. The list of the winners will be published in January.

Congratulations to all the winners, and ‘Thank-you’ to all who purchased tickets. Also, a ‘Thank-you’ to those who made it happen, and dedicated their time.

A Special ‘Thank-you’ to our sponsors ~ St. Eugene School, The Knights of Columbus, and the individuals who donated towards the raffle.

News From around the Diocese

From the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: www.hamiltonvocations.com

By Baptism we are God’s holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you,

contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton, at 905-528-7988 email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

News from our Parish

A Sincere Thank-you is extended to all our volunteers in the parish ~ our Altar Servers, both the children and adults, Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers Choir Members and Cantors, and the Children’s Liturgy Leaders. And to all those who help with all the little parts to make this parish run smooth – those who help to decorate, and donate flowers and your time, to make the church, both inside and out, look beautiful for all to enjoy!



Contribution envelopes for **2018** are available at the Parkdale doors of the church. They are in alphabetical order, please be sure to check your name and address, as some of the numbers have changed.

Please note: **Income Tax receipts for 2017 contributions** will be available in February. When they are ready, it will be announced and distributed at the Parkdale door of the church.

Our **Catholic Women’s League** will hold a luncheon meeting on Sunday, January 7th 2018, after the 11am Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome, and encouraged to attend.



The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God will be celebrated with Masses on Sunday, December 31st at 5:00pm (New Year’s Eve), and Monday, January 1st 2018, at 10:00am

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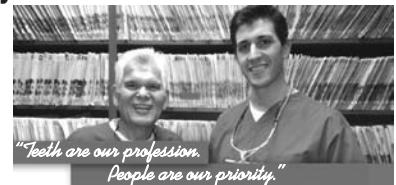
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