

# St. Eugene's PARISH

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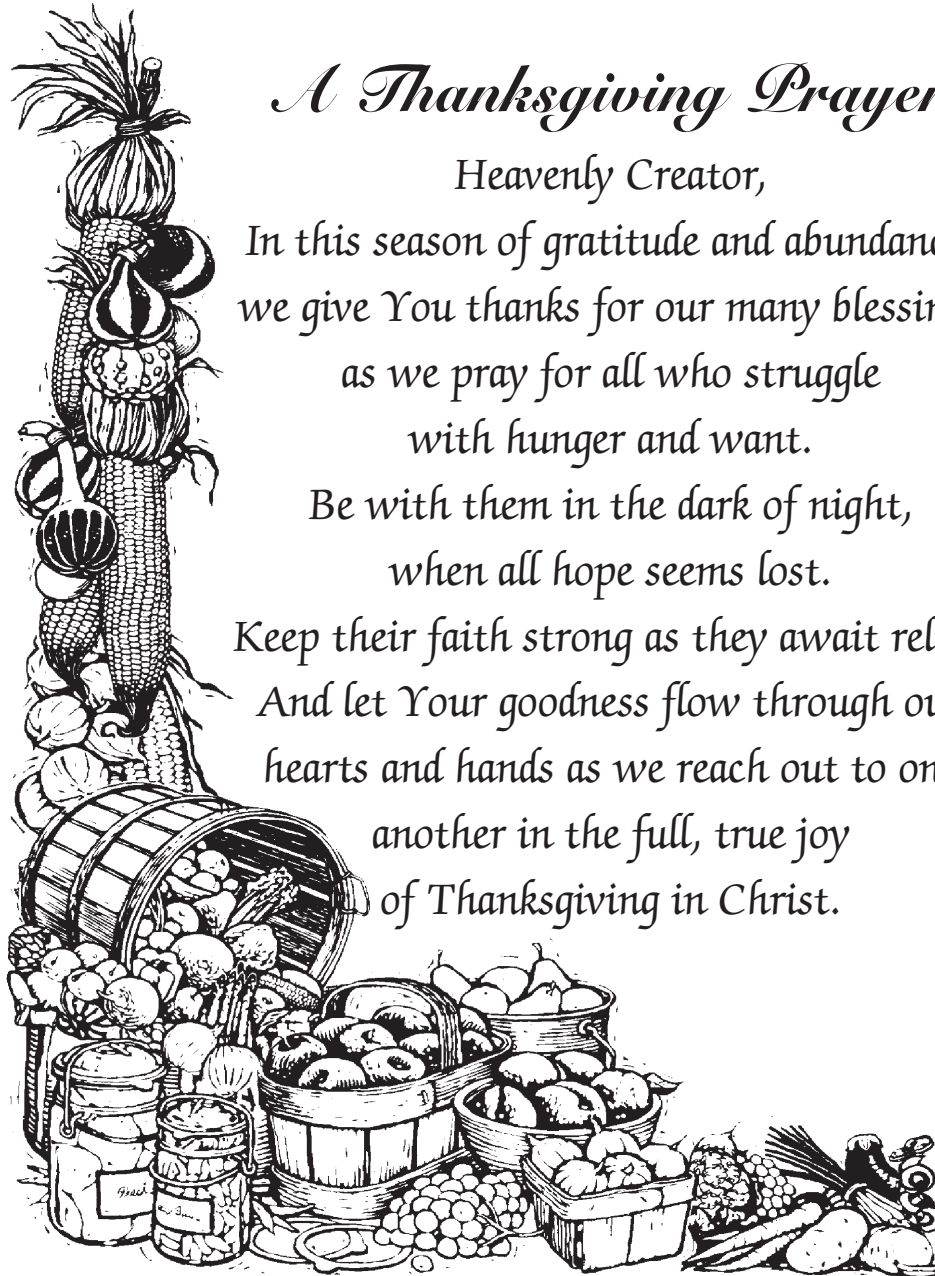
## *A Thanksgiving Prayer*

Heavenly Creator,

In this season of gratitude and abundance,  
we give You thanks for our many blessings  
as we pray for all who struggle  
with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night,  
when all hope seems lost.

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.  
And let Your goodness flow through our  
hearts and hands as we reach out to one  
another in the full, true joy  
of Thanksgiving in Christ.



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>	<b>Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention</b>
Sunday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> Twenty Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Int. of Edward	
	11:00am	For the People	
Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving	10:00am	In Thanksgiving	Rev. Shane Degblor, M.C.C.J.
Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	✠ Joanne Nielson	Rev. Young Hoon Kim
Wednesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	✠✠ Josie Ciapanna Jose Medeiros	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)
Thursday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	✠ Rosato Toscani	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
Friday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	✠ Quinto D'Angelo	Rev. Maijan Mihokovic
Saturday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	✠✠ Rosangela Arcari Congetta Piacente Carmine Arcari Carmelo & Maria Pelaia Anne Ferrie Jack Baker Joe Raposo Raffaele Malatesta Joe Leo Brenda Gardiner	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends,

This long weekend we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. This feast has been officially celebrated as an annual holiday in Canada since November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1879. The date of the celebration was not fixed until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1957 when the Governor General of Canada Vincent Massey issued a proclamation stating: *"A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed – to be observed on the 2nd Monday in October."* Thanksgiving Day is fitting for the people of God to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received from God's hands. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the numerous blessings our heavenly Father wants to bestow upon us through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Our Lord also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people. In our church, there will be a special Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 am, so that we may give thanks to the Lord in the Eucharistic sacrifice.

This week there are two optional memorials: of Saint John XXIII, Pope and of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr.

On October 11<sup>th</sup> we commemorate a memorial of St. John XXIII. He was elected pope on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1958

at age 76. His election was unexpected even by himself because he came to Rome with a return ticket to Venice where he was a patriarch archbishop. He surprised many church officials, who had expected him to be a caretaker pope, by calling The Second Vatican Council. His famous expression: *"We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike"* was a real motto of his pontificate. He made many passionate speeches and in one of them he said to the crowds gathered at St. Peter's Square: *"Dear children, returning home, you will find children: give your children a hug and say: This is a hug from the Pope!"* He could not see the completion of the council he had called. He died of stomach cancer on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by John Paul II along with Pope Pius IX and three others. Pope Francis canonized together two popes: John XXIII and John Paul II on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Church celebrates his memorial neither on the day of his death, as is usual, nor on the day of his birth nor on the day of his papal coronation but on the day of the first session of The Second Vatican Council. St. John XXIII today is affectionately known as the "Good Pope" and in Italian, "il Papa buono".

God bless,

Fr. Peter

**Thanksgiving Day we will have a Mass at 10:00am**

**Collections:** for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Regular Collection: \$3,651.26

Needs of the Canadian Church Collection: \$34.00

Harvest Fair Donations: \$50.00

Our parish has received a grant of \$10,000.00 from the **Ex Corde Foundation** to improve our A/C and heat system in the church. The support of the Foundation is greatly appreciated.

## News From around the Diocese

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** ~ His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Donations of non-perishable food items will be gladly accepted in support of Good Shepherd ministries in the City of Hamilton. All are welcome to attend.

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** ~ Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, please call 905-664-5212, or email:

[hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca)

### **All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual All Souls Day Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 600 Spring Gardens Rd., Burlington, on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend. For more info please call 905-522-7727

**VON Caregiver Information Series** ~ Are you caring for a family member or friend with a long-term health condition? Join them for one of the following free 4 part series where you will learn how to manage stressful situations, how to stay on top of your care situation, how to tackle the common caregiver emotions and how to link to community resources. You are not alone! Come out to one of the upcoming series at: Wellwood House, 501 Sanatorium Rd., Mondays, Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6 from 1pm -3pm or at Dundas Family Health Team, 133 King St. W., Suite 203, Dundas, on Fridays – Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, from 10am - 11:45am. To register call Miriam 905-523-1055 ext. 408 or email: [Miriam.cahn@von.ca](mailto:Miriam.cahn@von.ca)  
Respite care is available.

### **Hamilton Catholic Young Adults (19-39) Group:**

*The Mysteries of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King*

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> following the 4pm Mass, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. W. Come and explore the mysteries of the Catholic Faith contained in the art, architecture and lessons of faith built into the majestic Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Tour is given by Fr. David Wynen, Rector of the Cathedral. Dinner and social to follow at Valentino's. Learn about our Faith and be inspired by its beauty! For more info contact [jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com) or check out 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults' on Facebook

**Hamilton Right to Life** presents its *Respect Life Fundraiser Dinner* on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Michelangelo's Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St. Reception at 6:15pm and dinner at 7:00pm. *Guest speaker: Bishop Crosby* **Everybody Matters**. Too often we do not think of the pre-born baby as somebody who matters. Too often we do not think of the person with disabilities as somebody who matters. Come and hear what Bishop Crosby has to say on the topic of Everybody Matters. Tickets: \$35. For more info or to purchase tickets, please contact their office @ 905-528-3065

### **From the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)**

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? 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](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **OUR HARVEST FAIR ... *Happening next weekend!!!*** Please support this fun parish event!

Donations accepted on Thursday afternoon from 12:30pm - 2:30pm and from 3:30pm – 7:00pm, over at the school gym. No large items please.

### **Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape**

We welcome Fr. Wedner Berard O.M.I., who will be visiting us with the Statue of Our Lady of the Cape next weekend ~ October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 5:00pm followed by a Procession & Crowning of Our Lady. The Pilgrim Statue will remain in our church until 12:30pm on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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