

Welcome new members - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful.

People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

Parish Records - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

Music in the Liturgy - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com),

5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa (organist) or Youth Music.

Sunday programs for children - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

Sacramental Life - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

Baptism - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage - For registered and supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

Anointing and Pastoral Care - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Annointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit, or Sacrament of the Sick (Annointing).

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at crvocations@gmail.com or www.resurrectionist.ca

Diocesan Newsletter - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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Maintenance Committee Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

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Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

Catholic Women's League Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380 **Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound** Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

Prayer Shawl Ministry Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

Prayer Chain Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 25 – No Mass Tuesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest 9:00AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday Lunch & Learn Group Wednesday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury,

9:00AM † Laura Kroetsch – Waterloo Knight of Columbus Retiree

Club

Thursday, May 28

9:00 AM † Doris Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage *Friday, May 29* 9:00 AM † André Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage *Saturday, May 30*

Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

5:00 PM † Jim Grisbrook – Larry & Phyllis Ertel † Pompilio Rocca – Alicia & Michael Turman

Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost Sunday

9:30AM Deceased Members of Gies Family – Rob Hinsperger † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger † Anna Hosie - Cecilia Beechey 11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Sunday Reading from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

This reading forms a transition between Luke's two part work, the Gospel, which deals with Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection, and the Acts of the Apostles, which shows how Jesus' work is carried on by those who believe in Him, by the Church. Their mission is to bring the Lord to people and places that He could not reach while in the flesh. Luke addresses his readers as Theophilus, a lofty title which means "friend of God" and reminds readers of the close relationship that God offers to them through Jesus.

Crucial to the continuation of Jesus' mission on earth is the apostles' conviction that Jesus was truly raised from the dead. Hence the many proofs that He gave them for forty days after His Resurrection, forty being a symbolic number which represent the amount of time required to accomplish a divine project. During this time, Jesus focused His teaching on the Kingdom of God. That the apostles failed to grasp the spiritual nature of this kingdom is shown by their question about Jesus' restoration of Israel. He sidesteps the issue by telling them, basically, that no one can know, nor do they need to know the details of divine plans.

God's friends focus, rather, on their mission to be Jesus' witnesses, a task that entails more than simply passing on the facts of His life, death and Resurrection. To become *credible* witness, they must repattern their lives on that of their Risen Lord. And the changes involved in this conformation require the powerful aid of the Holy Spirit.

Luke insists that the same Spirit who led Jesus in the Gospel will orchestrate the work of His witnesses in Acts. For example. The Spirit descends on Jesus when He is baptized by John, leads Him into the wilderness for forty days to be tempted by the devil, and afterwards to Galilee where He begins His public ministry. And in Acts, it leads and works through the first generation of believers: Peter, Philip, Saul/Paul and Barnabas, Paul and Timothy and others. And today, the same Spirit guides and work through all the baptized.

From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word



Philip Romolo Neri (21 July 1515 – 25 May 1595), known as the Second Apostle of Rome, after Saint Peter, was an Italian priest noted for founding a society of secular clergy called the Congregation of the Oratory. He was a son of a noble family and very well educated. After his religious conversion at the age of 18, he moved to Rome and while pursuing studies he worked among the sick, the poor and the prostitutes. Philip possessed a playful sense of humour, combined with a shrewd wit. He considered a cheerful temper

to be more Christian than a melancholy one, and carried this spirit into his whole life: "A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one." This was the secret of Neri's popularity and of his place in the folklore of the Roman poor. He continued his work for seventeen years as a layman. He founded a Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity which ministered to the needs of thousands of poor pilgrims flocking to Rome. At the age of 36 he was ordained a priest and after being persuaded to stay in Rome (rather than be a missionary to India) he organized the Oratory, an Institute which started as a home for evening series of prayers, scripture readings, hymns and lectures on various religious topics. Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina composed music for these services. He started a tradition of one-day pilgrimages to seven churches of Rome starting from St. Peter's Basilica and ending at the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore.

After taking possession of a newly rebuilt church of Santa Maria in Vallicella in the centre of Rome, Philip formally organized (15 July 1575) a community of secular priests, called the Congregation of the Oratory.

The Congregation of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri is a pontifical society of apostolic life of Catholic priests and lay-brothers who live together in a community bound together but without formal vows. They are commonly referred to as Oratorians. They commit themselves to membership in a particular, independent, self-governing local community. In some locations, the local Oratory has been designated to administer a particular parish. The closest such Oratory is in Toronto administering two parishes: Holy Family Parish on King Street and St. Vincent de Paul Parish on Roncesvalles. Another famous Oratory in UK is Birmingham Oratory, which was founded in 1849 by St. John Henry Newman.



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Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

Due to the COVID 19 coronavirus outbreak all Masses are celebrated <u>privately</u> by the priest. Public Masses, meetings and programs are cancelled. Bulletin is posted on-line only. **May is the month of Our Lady, Mary.** As followers of Our Lady of Good Counsel, The St. Louis CWL would like to follow the Counsel of Mary: *"I wish you to pray the Rosary every day."* We would like to take up this invitation and invite you to join with us praying the Rosary on Wednesday evenings in May in a virtual manner using Zoom on your computer or by calling in on your phone. **On remaining Wednesday in May, (27th) we will join together at 7:00 p.m. to Pray the Rosary.** If you would like to join us, you are welcome. If you are not interested in getting on ZOOM to join us, you certainly can join us by saying the Rosary yourself.

This invitation is for all CWL members and for all members and friends of St. Louis parish. If you would like to join in with zoom or phone, please contact Debbie at <u>debbie@delattre.ca</u> She will send you information and instructions on joining in.

THE WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY IS AVAILABLE PICK UP ONLY: From 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. EVERY FRIDAY at 145 DEARBORN PLACE, WATERLOO (1 P.C. \$14.00, 2 P.C. \$16.00) PLEASE CALL DEREK AT 226-748-8378 TO ORDER - BEST IN TOWN

This year, 2020, is the 750th Anniversary of the death of St. Louis (King Louis IX, King of France). Over the next few bulletins (space permitting) we will look at the world and life of our Patron Saint.



Who were the parents of Louis IX?

Coronation of Louis VIII and Blanche of Castile at Reims in 1223 ->

Louis VIII (5 September 1187 – 8 November 1226), called **the Lion**, was King of France from 1223 to 1226. From 1216 to 1217, he also claimed to be King of England. Louis was the only surviving son of King Philip II of France by his first wife, Isabelle of Hainaut, from whom he inherited the County of Artois.

While Louis VIII only briefly reigned as king of France, he was an active leader prior to accession. His military prowess earned him the epithet *the Lion*. After his victory at the Siege of Roche-au-Moine in 1214, he invaded southern England and was proclaimed "King of England" by rebellious barons in London on the 2 June 1216. He was never crowned as king of England, however, and renounced his claim after being excommunicated and repelled. In 1217, Louis started the conquest of Guyenne, leaving only a small region around Bordeaux to Henry III of England.

Louis VIII succeeded his father on 14 July 1223; his coronation took place on 6 August of the same year in the cathedral at Reims. Louis's short reign was marked by an intervention using royal forces into the Albigensian Crusade in southern France that decisively moved the conflict towards a conclusion. He was the first Capetian king to grant appanages to his younger sons on a large scale. While returning to Paris from the Albigensian Crusade, King Louis VIII became ill with dysentery, and died on 8 November 1226 in the Château de Montpensier, Auvergne. The Saint Denis Basilica, just to the north of Paris, houses the tomb of Louis VIII. His son, Louis IX (1226–70), succeeded him on the throne. Queen Blanche concluded the crusade in the south in 1229.

On 23 May 1200, at the age of 12, Louis was married to Blanche of Castile, daughter of King Alfonso VIII of Castile and Eleanor of England, the sister of King Richard I and King John of England. The marriage could only be concluded after prolonged negotiations between King Philip II of France and Blanche's uncle John. Blanche was twelve years of age, and Louis was only a year older so the marriage was consummated a few years later. Blanche bore her first child in 1205.

Blanche of Castile (4 March 1188 – 27 November 1252) was Queen of France by marriage to Louis VIII. She acted as regent twice during the reign of her son, Louis IX: during his minority from 1226 until 1234, and during his absence from 1248 until 1252. She was born in Palencia, Spain, 1188, the third daughter of Alfonso VIII, King of Castile, and Eleanor of England.

Blanche was a patron of the arts and owned a variety of books, both in French and in Latin. Some of these were meant as teaching tools for her son. *Le Miroir de l'Ame* was dedicated to Blanche. It instructs queens to rigorously practice Christian virtues in daily life. She oversaw the education of her children, all of whom studied Latin. She also insisted on lessons in Christian morals for all of them. Both Louis and Isabelle, her only surviving daughter, were canonized.

(From Wikipedia)

Letter of Saint-Louis IX, King and Confessor to His Son Philip III (cont. from previous bulletin)

5. If our Lord send you any adversity, whether illness or other in good patience, and thank Him for it, thing, you should receive it in good patience and be thankful for it, for you ought to believe that He will cause everything to turn out for your good; and likewise you should think that you have well merited it, and more also, should He will it, because you have loved Him but little, and served Him but little, and have done many things contrary to His will.

6. If our Lord send you any prosperity, either health of body or other thing you ought to thank Him humbly for it, and you ought to be careful that you are not the worse for it, either through pride or anything else, for it is a very great sin to fight against our Lord with His gifts.

7. Dear son, I advise you that you accustom yourself to frequent confession, and that you choose always, as your confessors, men who are upright and sufficiently learned, and who can teach you what you should do and what you should avoid. You should so carry yourself that your confessors and other friends may dare confidently to reprove you and show you your faults. To be continued....

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\$ 1816.88*	\$ 50.00	\$40.00	\$ 15.00	\$2612.00

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