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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30TH

Tuesday, December 30, 7:05 pm

+Peter Cote; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt
The Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Wednesday, December 31, 4:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

+Gord Walz; Rick & Leona Weishar

Thursday, January 1, 11:00 am - Maryhill

Friday, January 2, 9:00 am - Maryhill

Everyone looks for the good; therefore, everyone looks for God. – St. Basil

Saturday, January 3, 5:00 pm

+Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon

+Vreny Richardson-Aschwanden; Theresa Wuersch

Sunday, January 4,

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR January 3/4

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Dec 29 Rev. Edward Mahony
Tues., Dec 30 Rev. Francis Hubilla
Wed., Dec 31 Religious Life Candidates
Thu., Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
Fri., Jan 2 Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Sat., Jan 3 Very Rev. Adrian Lee

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 25th – January 5th Office Closed

MINISTRIES for January 3/4

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Kathy Ziegler
9am Carol Kieswetter, Chris & Allyson Cassidy

Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly
9am Adrian Miltenburg, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
9am Iris Miltenburg

Commentator

Judy Furlong
Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am Breea, Scarlett, Hannah

Children's Liturgy

Jan 4 No Sunday School

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For Christians in areas of conflict – Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 5TH

Tuesday, January 6, 7:05 pm

+Jim Hanley; Ray & Trudy Denomme

The Christian Life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. – St. John Eudes

Wednesday, January 7, 10:30 am – St. Jacobs Place

+Karen Bertin; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt
Communion is the life of your soul. – St. André Bessette

Thursday, January 8, 12:05 pm

+Wayne Vollmer; Donna Vollmer

May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey; may he meanwhile shelter you from disturbance by others in the hidden recesses of his love until he brings you at last into that place of complete plenitude where you will repose forever in the vision of peace, in the security of trust, and in the restful enjoyment of his riches. – St. Raymond of Peñafort

Friday, January 9, 9:00 am - Maryhill

Belief and faith are proved by works, not by simply saying that one believes, but by real actions, which are kept up, and by a heart burning with love. – St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, January 10, 5:00 pm

+Art Moser; Nick Karl

+Jack Soeder; Lisa Denomme & Geoff Maher

Sunday, January 11, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR January 10/11

First Reading: Is 43:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Reading: Mt 3:13-17

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Jan 5 Rev. Mark Morley
Tues., Jan 6 Rev. Robert Kiffman
Wed., Jan 7 Diocesan Priests
Thu., Jan 8 Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.
Fri., Jan 9 Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Sat., Jan 10 Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:35 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg – Library

THU 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. – Library

FRI 7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Hall

MINISTRIES for January 10/11

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kieran Kelly, Judy Furlong
9am Cheryl Dunn, Ron Stemmle, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm Pat Stortz, Debbie Yutzi
9am Paul Shutsa, Mike & Sharon Noel

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
9am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Joan Coutu

Altar Servers

9am Wesley, Isabelle, Allyson

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fish and Mayonnaise

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The World Day of Peace is on January 1st. It was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come". Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father. Pope Leo's theme for this World Day of Peace is "Peace be with you all: Towards an unarmed and disarming peace".

January 1st is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. We honour Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of the Word Incarnate. But she is also the Mother of the Church, our Mother, drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ and the Church through Her love and prayer.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and thoughtfulness over the Christmas Season. May God's presence be a guiding light in your lives and endeavours.

I would like to thank all those involved for putting on the Christmas Pageant this year. It was very uplifting to all who attended.

Sending my sincere appreciation to you, my amazing congregation. As well as a big thank you to my dedicated staff and all our volunteers, for your continued support and readiness to help over the past year. You all make this a very vibrant and thriving community. May the Lord bless you with his glorious riches throughout 2026. Happy New Year & God Bless You All.

Father Peter

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 would like to **THANK OUR PARISHIONERS** for their generous support to the **St. Teresa of Avila "Angel Tree" Program**.

Vivat Jesus!
Ray Denomme

The **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** is **Saturday, February 28, 2026**. We are looking to make up a Team for the Out of the Cold. If you wish to be on the Team, please contact the Parish Office. The Team will decide how far they will walk and information will be explained about getting pledges.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2026, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

2026 YOUTH GROUP UPDATE – Youth from grades 8 – 12 have been meeting every two weeks since the summer. If you or anyone you know would like to attend, the 2026 dates are January 9th, 23rd, Feb 6th, 20th, March 6th, 20th, April 3rd, 17th from 7 – 9 p.m. in the church hall. Activities include games, worship, teaching, sharing, and social with snacks. Any questions please phone Chris Cassidy at 226-751-6469. Please pass this on to anyone who might be interested.

BECOME A C.W.L. MEMBER! Ladies 16 or older, our membership drive goes until the end of the year. We would love to have you join our sisterhood of women here at St. Teresa which is a part of the National League that is Canada wide! Join today! Membership is \$40. Indicate

your name, address, phone number and email address and either place it in the collection with your fee or e-transfer to our Treasurer at dunnfam1@rogers.com indicating C.W.L. membership.

In January the Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:

- **NO NEED TO FRET: JUNIOR GROUP**, In-Person Workshop, ages 10 -12 on **Mondays, from January 12 - February 9, 2026** from 5 - 6 p.m. Fee is \$150.
- **UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN**, Virtual Parenting Workshop, on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.

To register, please visit:

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

*Further subsidies available if needed.

Mark your calendars for the Woolwich Counselling Centre **50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA** on **Friday, March 27, 2026** at the Lions Hall in Elmira. This unforgettable evening will feature a powerful musical keynote by **Séan McCann**, founding member of *Great Big Sea*, and a 3-course dinner prepared by Kennedy's Catering. Through this event, we're aiming to raise \$50,000 to ensure that every resident of Woolwich and Wellesley Townships can access mental health support. Tickets are on sale **now** - take advantage of the early bird pricing until January 31st!

The **REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our **lineup for 2026** explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Offertory collection for December 6/7	\$ 3,576.00
Offertory collection for December 13/14	\$ 3,257.25
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$75,955.81

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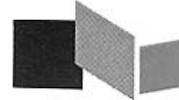
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