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Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (3rd Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism
package from the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months
prior to desired date.
Marriage Prep offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of
loved ones who are housebound
or in the hospital so they may
receive the comfort of the Church's
sacraments and prayer.

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if
you or someone you know would
like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
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Vocations

Contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
or resurrectionists.com/vocations

New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!
Please register at the office or pick up a
registration package at the church entrance.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

November 9, 2025

**The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica in Rome**



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St. David Catholic Secondary School

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Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth,
but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which
he moves compassion on
this world.

Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which
he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10TH

Tuesday, November 11,

6:15 pm First Reconciliation Session

7:05 pm +Theresa Cassel; Estate

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Wednesday, November 12,

12:05 pm +Pat Garton; Brenda Kostal & Isabella Illec

I am who I am before God, no more and no less. – St.

Francis of Assisi

Thursday, November 13, 12:05 pm

+Wayne Vollmer; Judy & Marcella Furlong

Nothing helps a person more than prayer. – St. Philip Neri

Friday, November 14, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart be in heaven.

– St. John Bosco

Saturday, November 15,

5:00 pm +Jane Goll; Jim Goll

+Rino Lozanes; Pia Lozandes

Sunday, November 16,

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR November 15/16

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20a

Second Reading: 2 Thes 3:7-12

Gospel Reading: Lk 21:5-19

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

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| Mon., Nov 10 | Rev. John Van Hees |
| Tues., Nov 11 | St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Remembrance Day |
| Wed., Nov 12 | Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters |
| Thu., Nov 13 | Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I. |
| Fri., Nov 14 | Rev. Lawrence Parent |
| Sat., Nov 15 | Rev. Jonathan Reitzel |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| THU | 3:15 p.m. Children's Choir Practice – Church |
| | 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. – Library |

MINISTRIES for November 15/16

Eucharistic Ministers

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| 5pm | Kieran Kelly, Kathy Ziegler |
| 9am | Cheryl Dunn, Chris & Allyson Cassidy |

Hospitality

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| 5pm | Joanne Weber, Pat Stortz |
| 9am | John Bruder, Mike & Sharon Noel |

Lector

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| 5pm | Lisa Denomme |
| 9am | Jim Goll |

Commentator

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| Judy Furlong |
| Iris Miltenburg |

Altar Servers

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| 9am | Nathan, Isabelle, Hannah |
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Children's Liturgy

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| Nov 16 | Nikki Totten, Anna Jakeman |
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Sign Ministry

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| Nov 11 | Linda Bruder |
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LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the prevention of suicide – Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Corn Niblets and Canned Fruit

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today's Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica allows us to remember the journey of the people and God's constant and faithful care. It is the official cathedral of Rome and is considered the "mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world".

This week on Tuesday, November 11th we remember those who have served and are serving our country. Please pray for those who have gone before us and those who are currently serving our country.

Thank you to those who attended the Volunteer Appreciation Reception. The fellowship and food was enjoyed by all. Special thank you to the parish team for all the hard work to prepare for this special event.

As you may already be aware, Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A. as the 10th Bishop of Hamilton. Bishop Crosby has been appointed as Apostolic Administrator until Bishop Joseph Dabrowski is installed on February 2, 2026. Let us pray for Bishop Dabrowski.

Fr. Peter Meyer

During the month of November, the **BOOK OF LIFE** is set up in the Church. Please remember to add the names of your deceased loved ones to the list so they will be remembered at the Masses during November.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Sunday,

December 21st, 2025 after the 9 a.m. Mass. Children of all ages are welcome to participate! Practices are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the church. **Dates of practices are November 30th, December 7th and December 14th.**

Children do not need to know lines, they just need to wear the provided costume and look adorable!

Register your child(ren) prior to November 15th, 2025 by email to anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca with the following information: Child's name, Child's size, Child's grade, Guardian Name, and email of guardian.

Woolwich Community Services presents **FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASSES** on **Wednesday, November 12th and 26th** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139. If registered with our food programs, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. For more information email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.com.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES CHRISTMAS GOODWILL HAMPERS FOOD FUND DRIVE

It is again that time of year when we think of the Woolwich Community Services ("WCS") and its Christmas Goodwill Hampers. The need is always great.

Donations are required to enable WCS to place Gift Cards for Foodland and Food Basics in the Goodwill Hampers so

that needy community members can provide their families with a festive Christmas meal. Please note there will be **NO DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD DRIVE**.

1. Area Service Clubs are joining together to offer you an opportunity to donate (either cash or by cheque) at certain businesses in Woolwich Township on **Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th, 2025**.

2. As an alternative at any time before December 12th,
A. donations of cash, cheques or gift cards for **Foodland** or **Food Basics** will be accepted at **WCS'** office located at 5 Memorial Ave, Elmira; or

B. online donations may be made at **woolwichcommunityservices.org**;

or by using the **QR Code** below for **WCS**; to donate please use the dropdown under **FUND** - "**Christmas Goodwill (Food)**".



ST. JOSEPH'S C.W.L. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is on **Saturday, November 15, 2025** from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel. Baking and evergreen arrangements for sale, lunch, handmade greeting cards, grocery hamper and Loonie/Toonie Draws. Admission is free. Door prizes. Come and bring a friend.

You are invited: This is an invitation from the Maryhill Historical Society for you to attend their **48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Sunday, November 16th** at 1 p.m. at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E.) Come hear what OUR Historical Society has been doing this past year. If you attended last year's Annual General Meeting you enjoyed our guest speaker, Warren Stauch, from the Waterloo Historical Society. You will enjoy his talk this time on "Geography of Community Entrance Signs".

HOLIDAY SMILE COOKIE – Let your kindness shine. Support Woolwich Community Services by purchasing your holiday smile cookie in Elmira from November 17 – 23. If you would like, order forms are available from the Parish Office. Tim Hortons Restaurant Owners will be supporting local charities, community groups and Tims Camps across Canada. Guests who purchase a freshly baked Holiday Smile Cookie will be donating to these great causes with 100% of proceeds being donated! To pre-order Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookies, complete the order form and submit it to your nearest participating Tim Hortons Restaurant no less than 48 hours of your specified pick-up date and time. Or visit the Tim Hortons app, Uber Eats or Skip the Dishes to see if your Holiday Smile Cookies can be delivered. Thank you for your support.

Take time to slow down and find stillness at Loyola House. Step away from daily routines to reconnect with God, the natural world, and one another. **RETREATS AT IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE::**

Day of Quiet – **November 17, 2025** - A one-day silent

retreat at Loyola House inviting you to step away from the noise, rest in stillness, and rediscover peace in nature and reflection.

Private Silent Retreat - **November 18-20, 2025** - A self-directed silent retreat at Loyola House offering space for rest, reflection, and prayer in a peaceful setting surrounded by nature.

Chosen by God and Beloved - **November 21, 2025** - A one-day retreat at Loyola House offering prayer, reflection, and creative expression inspired by Colossians 3:12 to deepen your sense of being chosen and loved by God.

Register at ignatiusjesuitcentre.com or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

– The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **November 22nd**. Lunch is included. Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

CURSILLO is a movement that helps us get closer to God. There will be a women's Kursillo weekend from **November 23-25, 2025**, at Deemerton, Ontario. For information, contact Dan Brown at dmbrown269@gmail.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – One of the most important components of positive mental health is a sense of belonging. Family is the first place we feel this sense and the stronger the ties the more secure we feel. Belonging comes when we play and work together and yes, pray together. These shared experiences help us bond and set the foundation for family traditions that unite us in common understandings and joys. So clean, cook and tidy together, play games, go for walks, build forts and houses from boxes and pray before meals, bed and at Mass on Sunday. This foundation of who we are and where we come from will contribute to healthy and happy children and families. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

POPE LEO XIV, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION DILEXI TE, "I HAVE LOVED YOU" The Holy Father's first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and His call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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| Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: | \$75,955.81 |
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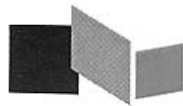
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