



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 19 – Ferial: Weekday

9:00a.m. – Santhosh George, Louis Vasconcelos

Tuesday, February 20 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. 6 Intentions of Shirley Bannon, Nancy Millar

12:10p.m. – Peter Vasko, Intentions of Wanda Kotlarz

Wednesday, February 21 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Lloyd Malyk, Albert Budra

Thursday, February 22 – Feast: Chair of St. Peter

12:10p.m. – Patrick Noon, Helen Kaye Clarke,
Jerome Miehm

Friday, February 23 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Anton Sendlak, Evelyn Krusky, Lucille
Lalonde

7:00p.m. – Nicola & Amalia DiLoreto & Deceased
Members of the DiLoreto Family, Joseph &
Nellie Cozzarin & Deceased Members of the
Cozzarin Family, Tomasso Veri

Saturday, February 24 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Intentions of Patricia Grierson, Intentions of
Jerka Kreze, Graham Barrett Jordan, Stanislaw
& Veronika Legienis, Vincent Cunningham

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$6,984.75 in support of your
parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH NEWS

FOLLOW ME SERIES – MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN

This 8 session DVD series by Edward Sri is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Jesus calls us to be His disciples, to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love and to love others as He loves us. The Basilica of Our Lady is pleased to offer this series on February 25th, March 4th, 11th and 18th from 1-3:30p.m. in the Church Hall. Cost is \$5. Bring your Bible (Catholic Edition). Homework will include reading scripture in advance of class. For the first session please read John 1:2-25. Please register by calling the parish office at 519-824-3951. Space is limited to 30 participants.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2018

The Church prays and invites everyone to ensure that love will prevail over hatred, peace over war, truth over falsehood and forgiveness over revenge. The Holy Father encourages us to pray and fast for peace. Lent is a time set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the great Feast of Easter. Fasting has an important place in all the great religions. The Old Testament lists fasting among the corner-stones of the spirituality of Israel. Prayer is good when accompanied by praying, almsgiving and justice (Tobit 12:8). Fasting implies an attitude of faith, humility and complete dependence upon God. Fasting is used to prepare us to meet God for a difficult task or to seek pardon for an offence, to express grief in the wake of domestic or national misfortunes. Fasting inseparable from prayer and justice, is directed above all to conversion of heart. During Lent you are encouraged to build on your own personal faith journey through daily Mass; scripture reading and reflection; daily meditation and examination of conscience; praying the rosary; visits to the Blessed Sacrament (Tuesday Adoration from 1-5p.m.); Stations of the Cross; fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent.

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Mass at 7:30a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 12:10p.m.

Friday 7p.m. – Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

PORNOGRAPHY ADDICTION: IT'S TIME TO TALK

By the age of 18 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, many on a daily basis. What they see are violent and degrading images, many are becoming addicted. By attending this showing of the documentary Over 18 you will learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how to protect your children, grandchildren or students. See the trailer at www.over18doc.com. Take the time - this matters to our children. The documentary Over 18 will be shown at the Basilica of Our Lady on Wednesday, February 21st at 7p.m. The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 and over should attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Join us Friday, February 23rd for our monthly Card Party at 7p.m. in our Parish Hall. Cost is \$4. Refreshments will be served at 9p.m. No partners needed. Come and have fun meeting new and old friends.

LATIN AMERICAN PROJECT

One by one, A Guelph based non-profit organization, invites the parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate to join in the Latin American Project+ this summer July 6-17th. The Project supports the efforts of the people of struggling Mayan communities to improve their communities through the completion of specific work projects as identified by community leaders. In addition, visits to local Mayan cultural sites are intended to assist all in coming to a more inclusive understanding of the Mayan people and their continuing struggles. The all in+ cost for the mission is \$2600 per person. To obtain more information and/or to register contact Peter Ingram, Project Coordinator at ping@yahoo.ca or Ted Laxton at tlaxto3232@rogers.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS

On Tuesday, February 27th at 7p.m. Bishop Crosby will offer Mass for 40 Days For Life at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Guelph & Area Right to Life and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to invite everyone to attend and pray for the protection of all human life. Sign up sheets for the Forty Days For Life prayer campaign may be found on the Information Desk.

COME FOR BREAKFAST

Join us next Sunday after the 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses for an enjoyable breakfast in our parish hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Free will offering.

SHARE LENT 2018 "TOGETHER IN PEACE"

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development & Peace can support 179 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world. Use the solidarity calendar with your family and prepare to make your donation on Solidarity Sunday, March 18th.

GUELPH MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The group will begin meeting in the Parish Hall at Basilica of Our Lady Saturday, February 17th until March 17th beginning with coffee at 6:45a.m. and the program starts at 7:15a.m. until 8:15a.m. guided by Bishop Ustrzycki. This will include a series of discussions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please enter through the elevator door on the south side of the church. Brochures may be found on the Information Desk.

OTHER NEWS**GUELPH ECUMENICAL WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION**

Join us February 25th to March 3rd. Registration forms may be found on the Information Desk. Cost is \$35.

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016 legalizing euthanasia/ assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples at the church entrances) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions Network to receive future information. We all need to join the Call for Conscience+taking place until March 31st.

26th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY "FIRE ON THE EARTH"

At Metro Toronto Convention Centre with keynote speakers Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Sister Ann Shields and Paul Mansfield Saturday, March 3rd. Closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Collins. Tickets \$25. Bus tickets \$15. For tickets and transportation contact Ann Percic at 519-824-8456.

VOCATION VIEW:

Lent: the springtime of the soul is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com. The Vocation Office's new issue of the Reflection series is out featuring a message from our Vocation Director and a message from 24 of our seminarians. Visit www.HamiltonVocations.com to view it.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King Hamilton at 1:30p.m. Refer to the poster on the south side entrance bulletin board.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Rockwood and the Newman Centre Guelph are looking for a music director for approximately 20 hours a week. This position offers a competitive compensation and benefits package and provides an opportunity to work with choirs of different age groups and styles (traditional, folk and contemporary music) at three different locations: Sacred Heart Church Rockwood; Newman Centre Guelph and Camp Brebeuf Rockwood. Send a resume and cover letter to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Attn: Rev. Mark Morley, 238 Main Street North, Box 610, Rockwood, ON, N0B 2K0.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parents often ask their children what they would like to be when they grow up but the better question to reflect on is *who do you want to be when you grow up*. Lessons learned in childhood, along with the modeling from significant adults in their lives set a foundation for the adults our children become. Do you expect respect, the use of manners, that your children treat others with caring and compassion? Are you modeling the traits of a good parent or spouse? Do you help them to see how God can and does support them as they grow to develop the gifts they have been given to use in our world? Good people are healthier and happier people, so help your child develop the *who+part* of themselves and what they will be will take care of itself!

RETROUVAILLE

Stress in Your Marriage? RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couple that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. RETROUVAILLE can help. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 26th please call 1-905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Are you seeking a prayerful, silent, affordable place for spiritual reflection? Does a weekend retreat with healthy meals and private room accommodation at Loyola House appeal to you? Are you free February 23rd-25th or March 2nd-4th? If you have said yes so far but are concerned that you can't afford the retreat fee, contact Father Roger Yaworski at 519-824-1250 ext. 230 or email executivedirector@ignatiusguelph.ca. The Hamilton Diocese Ex Corde Foundation has generously provided funds to make this opportunity affordable to parishioners within the Diocese. Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment.

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
