



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, September 3** – Feast: St. Gregory the Great  
9:00a.m. – Intentions of Len Kraemer, Intentions of  
Jean Dipplehopfer & Family

**Tuesday, September 4** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Ken, Rita, Ted & Paul Leader, Primo Baggio

**Wednesday, September 5** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Nicoletta Ferrantone, Intentions of Shealah  
Wysocki, Intentions of Nathan & Quinn Ferraro

**Thursday, September 6** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:00p.m. – Carmelo Stefano, Emeric van der Burg,  
Intentions of Sonya Kus

**Friday, September 7** – Ferial: Weekday  
7:30a.m. – Paul Bannon, Intentions of Marc & Joanne Peloso,  
Intentions of Joe & Sonia Giberson (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary)

**Saturday, September 8** – Feast: The Nativity of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
5:15p.m. – Deceased Members of the O'Handley Family,  
Carmel McGarr

**Sunday, September 9** – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

### **Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$8,890.75 in support of your parish  
community in gratitude for God's blessings.

+We offer our prayers and congratulations to Colin Clarke and  
Krystyna Donafeld and to Mark Horner and Hilary Edmonds on  
the recent celebration of their marriages.

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of William  
Barrett of our parish and Father Peter Coughlin, a retired priest  
of our Diocese. May they and all our deceased loved ones rest in  
peace with God.

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **PARISH PICNIC**

Mark your calendar for our Parish Picnic Sunday, September  
9<sup>th</sup> at the Ignatius Centre. Tickets are on sale at the weekend  
Masses or at the parish office during the week at a price of  
\$5 per person and children under 5 are free. Come out for an  
enjoyable afternoon beginning with an outdoor Mass at  
1p.m., followed by an afternoon of Entertainment, Face  
Painting, Bocci Tournament, Euchre, Music, a BBQ and  
much more.

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: SOME DO'S & DON'TS IN THE HOUSE OF GOD**

*As a society in general we are losing our sense  
of decorum and civility. Sadly to say this is  
also true at Mass. We have a responsibility to  
reverse that, to remember the reason we attend  
church, to know God, to love and serve Him.*

*- remember you have entered into the house of  
God for the purpose of prayer, adoration and  
reflection. Now is not the time to be talking  
with friends but rather talk to God*

*- in order to help you get the most from this  
sacred space turn off your cell phones; do not  
text message or check your facebook account  
from the pews*

*- leave your social media devices in your car.  
It is distracting for others wanting to pray.  
This is a time to focus on God*

*- do not chew gum – get rid of it before  
entering the church – there should be nothing  
in your mouth when you receive the Eucharist  
- dress with dignity – Mass is not a cocktail  
party or a hockey arena. Dress with decorum  
and modesty and ensure your children do the  
same*

*- no children's activity bags, granola bars,  
juice boxes or toys. Mass is only one hour long  
and children will grow in virtue if they are  
detached from things for 60 minutes – try  
books for Catholic children  
(to be continued)*

### **MINISTRY OF COMPASSION**

If you (or someone you know) are grieving the death of a loved  
one, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Ministry of  
Compassion Team has prepared weekly grief support sessions  
to help you navigate this challenging road. This six-week closed  
group will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Secondary  
School (Chapel) every Tuesday evening beginning on  
September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Please register before  
September 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information please visit the Basilica  
website ([basilicaofourlady.com](http://basilicaofourlady.com)), contact the Office at 519-824-  
3951 or email us at [ministryofcompassion7@gmail.com](mailto:ministryofcompassion7@gmail.com).

### **WELCOME BACK**

We welcome all our school communities back from their summer  
vacation and pray that they will have a successful school year.

**CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

Programs are available for children Kindergarten through High School who are not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for Communion and Confirmation for those not in Catholic Schools is required and families work through these programs at home. Contact Monica Verin at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or click on Catechesis Office for more information and registration.

**FOOD FIESTA**

While there is one Holy Spirit, each of us receives different gifts from the Spirit, and each of us is called to use them in different ways. The parish community at the Basilica of Our Lady is strong and vibrant because it is made up of people with different backgrounds and experiences. On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> we are planning a special parish event that will give you a chance to learn more about different gifts and different experiences of the people you see at Mass each week. It may also be an opportunity for you to share some of your own unique gifts. This event will be a Food Fiesta. It will take place in the Church Hall after the 9a.m. & 11a.m. Masses. Parishioners will prepare and share food that reflects their culture or family history. Would you like to get involved? We are looking for volunteers to prepare small amounts of a snack of finger food. We are also open to other ideas about how this event could help us learn more about one another's backgrounds. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Channa at [adrianchanna19@yahoo.com](mailto:adrianchanna19@yahoo.com) or Gavin at [gavin.morgan@rogers.com](mailto:gavin.morgan@rogers.com).

**RCIA**

September is the time when RCIA begins for those who are interested in and perhaps already deciding, that they wish to become a Catholic. Experience tells us that many people simply need an invitation to enter the program. If you know anyone who might be so inclined why not ask them. You can re-assure them that the experience will be a life-changing one. They will not be pressured in any way. They can exit the program any time they choose to do so. The process respects the reality that whether or not they choose to become Catholic, that decision is theirs and theirs alone. Please contact the parish office to fill out a registration form.

**OTHER NEWS****MASS AT MARYMOUNT CEMETERY**

You are invited to attend the Mary Queen of Families Memorial Mass and Rosary Procession on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. with Bishop Ustrzycki.

**VOCATION VIEW:**

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father + God's gifts should prompt a response of gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood, religious or permanent deacon and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, then contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS**

The Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club of the Hamilton Diocese invite you to attend the Annual Vocations Mass on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Formosa, ON.

**BISHOP'S DINNER FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs will be held at the Italian Canadian Club October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:45p.m. For tickets contact the Wellington Catholic District School Board at 519-821-4600.

**KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS**

Keys is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship you can with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better me in all your relationships. The program will run at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener on Tuesday evenings starting September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. and cost is \$45. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) (Upcoming Events).

**ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?**

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) and ACCEPTING THE SITUATION (Level 2) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce; self-image; stress; anger; guilt; loneliness; forgiveness; trust; singleness and children. Level 1 - \$35 and Level 2 - \$45. These courses run 11 weeks beginning Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and are held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount Rd.) Kitchener. Call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish at 519-745-7301 to register.

**COURAGE FOR CAREGIVERS**

A one day Retreat rooted in the wisdom of Henri Nouwen for caregivers will be held Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 4:30p.m. at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. Cost is \$75 and includes lunch and a workbook. Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Are you a grandparent or a senior who wants to learn more about their faith and how to pass it on to the younger generation? Join us for a special celebration in time for National Grandparents Day Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 12:30p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Centre Road Waterdown. The morning begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Crosby, followed by light refreshments. Then sit back and enjoy special presentations from Elissa Lolino, playwright, actress and catechist and Phil Small, author, poet, educator and grandparent. There is no charge for this event. RSVP so we can plan hospitality but walk-ins are welcome. There will be faith resources available to purchase. Register by calling Monica at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or on-line at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN**

Join us Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-2p.m. for a time of pro-life prayer and witness at the intersection of Speedvale Avenue and Woolwich Street.

**SENIORS STUDY SESSION: CREATION SPIRITUALITY**

This seven week course offered by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND will offer participants an opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian view of Earth Centered Spirituality. The course will draw on scripture, poetry, ancient prayers and the lives of saints and prophets. The course will be held at St. Aloysius Parish Kitchener on Tuesdays from 1-3p.m. starting September 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$35 including text. To register contact Monica Verin at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**FOOD TRUCKS ARE BACK**

Food trucks are once again coming to St. Joseph Parish on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> between 4:30p.m. and 8:00p.m. The trucks will be set up in the side parking lot facing Rosewood Ave. Tables and chairs will be set up outside or inside the hall if necessary. There will be a variety of foods available and cash is best. Proceeds are going to the parish to help support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.