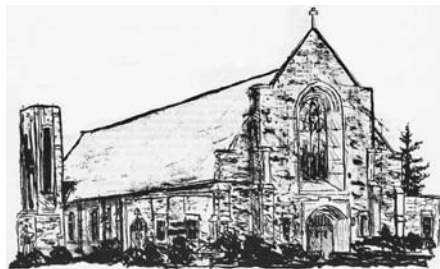


# St. Mary's Parish Community



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**BAPTISM** is a sacrament, an action of Jesus Christ in his church, an outward sign of inward grace. Contact the office to register. Please see the website for more information.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are an adult who: hasn't been baptized; or has been baptized in another non-Catholic church; or has been in another religion; or is a non-believer, you are welcome to contact us. The pastor would be happy to assist you.

**MARRIAGES** Before starting to plan your marriage please contact the office at least nine months in advance. There is more information on our website.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK** Pastoral care of the sick in homes or institutions may be arranged through the office. Never wait until the last moment to call the priest. For a visit to the BGH you must provide the full name of the patient, ward, floor and room number.

## CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES

When death occurs in the family, please contact the funeral home first and they will arrange for you to meet with the pastor to make liturgical arrangements.

## FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

During your time of need and great sorrow please contact the office.

## BULLETIN AND NOTICE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements and materials displayed in the church and published in the bulletin MUST be approved by the pastor! We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be published as requested and without editing. They must be delivered by Friday NOON for the upcoming bulletin.



**Bishop of Hamilton Diocese**  
**Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.**  
Chancery Office: 905-528-7988

## NEW PARISHIONERS - WELCOME!

New parishioners are welcome to register with the Parish by completing a Parish Registration Form available in the church lobby, or on our website, or from the office. Please keep your parish records up to date! Notify us of any changes or when you move to another parish.

## DONATIONS

Registered parishioners can request Offertory Envelopes. We issue Income Tax receipts for all registered donations. You can also choose to donate online through [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org). See the instructions on the website. [Canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) provides Income Tax receipts directly to every donor.

**LEGACIES & BEQUEST** Keep the Love for Your Parish Alive. Remember St. Mary's Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS** can be booked through the office. There are many ways to remember your loved ones. Please ask.

## ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For help please call: **226-208 6846**, or email: [ssvpmary@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpmary@gmail.com)

Volunteers receive people in need at St. Mary's Catholic Learning Centre, former St. Mary's School. The entrance is located at the side of the building from Colborne St. or by ramp from the carpark from East Ave.

**Open: Tue. and Thu. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Pastor:** Fr. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

**Pastoral Minister:** Mrs. Joyce Young

**Office Manager:** Mrs. Angela Rowley **Office Hours:** Monday closed

Tue., Wed. and Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thu. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (lunch break Noon – 1:00 p.m.)

**OUR LORD'S DAY MASSES** Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Liturgy:** Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (except holidays)

**CONFESSIONS** Tues.: 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Sat.: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., or by appointment

**Elementary Schools associated with our parish**

**Jean Vanier:** 519-753-5283, **St. Peter's:** 519-752-1611, **Holy Cross:** 519-756-5032

## Liturgies

**Saturday, February 22, Chair of St. Peter**

*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Alfred Landry**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Scott Whitfield

**Sunday, February 23, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Giuseppe Lama, † Innocenza Lama, † Hugo Lama, † Teresa Niche, † Joe Petitti, † Tommaso Nardone**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. James Curtin

**Tuesday, February 25,**

*"The Son of Man is betrayed."*

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

♦ **Devotions 6:45 p.m.** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Walter John O'Connell**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Marijan Mihokovic

**Wednesday, February 26, ASH WEDNESDAY**

*"Your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. - † Souls in Purgatory**

**Mass 7:00 p.m. - † Ursula & Jan Kopaniak**

**Thursday, February 27,**

*"Those who lose their lives for my sake will save it."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Mr. & Mrs. R. Gascon**

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Msgr. Victor McNamara

**Friday, February 28,**

*"When the bridegroom is taken away from them, then my disciples will fast."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Mary Hampton**

(followed by the Stations of the Cross)

♦ Eucharistic Adoration following Mass, concluding with the

Benediction at 10:30 a.m., confessions available only when time permits

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Michael Bennett

**Saturday, February 29,**

*"I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Albert Bourgeois**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Mike Myroniuk

**Sunday, March 1, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*"Jesus fasted forty days and was put to the test."*

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)**

**Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Lucia D'Eramo, † Joanne DeSantis, † Pilhong Bong, † Angelo & Maria Molinaro, † Roberto Ignacio, † Grace Wilson**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Robert Dunn

**Sunday Collection for Feb. 15/16, 2020**

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Pallottine Seminary Donation \$2159.00









**THANK YOU,**  
for your generosity!  
Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future for our parish!

### DAILY HOLY MASS

Due to inclement winter weather conditions, the daily Holy Mass, Tuesday to Friday may be celebrated in the Msgr. Maloney Room, please check the website or call the office before heading to the church. The church doors will be marked and only the bell tower door will be open.

<p><b>WHY THE ASHES?</b> THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY</p> 	<p><b>1</b> ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT</p> 	<p><b>2</b> ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST</p> 
<p><b>3</b> ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.</p> 	<p><b>4</b> AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"</p>	<p><b>5</b> THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR</p> 

INFORMATION FROM ARCHTORONTO.ORG AND CATHOLIC.ORG 

## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 26 HOLY MASS WITH ASHES

**9:00 am, 7:00 pm**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Feb 28, after 9:00 am Mass

Sunday Word of God:

**"I say this to you:  
love your enemies!"** (Matt. 5: 44)

### RITE OF ELECTION (RCIA)

The Rite of Election for the catechumens who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The Bishop in the presence of the community, declares the Church's approval of the catechumens for the celebration of the three initiation sacraments. When & Where? **March 1st, 2020 at 1:30 PM** Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, ON.

Please Pray for Saint Mary's Catechumens!

### MARCH BREAK PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Altar Servers and children Grade 3 and above who would like to learn what altar servers do are invited for a trip to Christ the King Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton **on March 19, 2020**. There will be time for exploring, some fun and a meal. Please contact Joyce Young our pastoral minister or ask your teacher at school if you attend one of our schools for more information. Email: [pmmarybrantford@gmail.com](mailto:pmmarybrantford@gmail.com), or call 519-753-7316

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-MARCH 6, 2020

**RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK!** Everyone Welcome! 1:30 pm at Salvation Army Brantford Community Church, 33 Diana Ave., 519-752-7813 and 7:30 pm at Hope Christian Reformed, at 64 Buchanan Cres., 519-759-7581.



*A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton*

Thank you everyone for your pledges and gifts made so far. The work should commence as soon as weather permits, possibly in April. Please don't forget to fulfil your pledge for 2020.

**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTRE PANCAKE Dinner** on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at St. Mary's Hall from 5pm – 7pm. Who wants a night off from cooking but doesn't want to be out for hours at a restaurant? Come to our annual pancake dinner to support the work of our Pregnancy Resource Centre! Bring your whole family and invite all your neighbours!

### **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

### **DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH**

11th Annual Catholic Women's Conference. Saturday, March 28 – 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Le Tre Port Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway E, Mississauga, ON L4Y 4C1. Mississauga, Ontario 416-907-1042

**Speakers & Topics:** Kimberly Hahn (Scott Hahn's wife will give – 2 Talks) The Joys and Sorrows of Mary Women of Wisdom: Sharing Heart to Heart. Colleen Carroll Campbell - Award winning author, EWTN, former presidential speech writer will give one talk called: The Heart of Perfection Dorothy Pilarski - Founder of Dynamic Women Faith One Mother's Heart Closing Mass celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis, Rector St. Michael's Cathedral Mass will be celebrated at Le Treport Banquet Hall Register at [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com) CONTACT: 416-907-1042

### **HOMELESSNESS (Grenfell Ministries)**

February 28, 2020 6 pm - 9 pm at the Faith Lutheran Church at 75 Brant Ave. Short talks by guest speakers, with lived experience, focused on social justice and change; naloxone training. Looking for solutions for Brantford. Merchandise available, donations welcome. Sponsored by the Brantford Faith Fellowship.

### **WHAT IS PERPETUAL MASS?**

The Pallottine Fathers accepts Perpetual Mass Intentions. You can now enroll your deceased loved ones for these perpetual Masses, and they will share in the spiritual benefits:

- Holy Mass each day in Pallottine Communities
- Remembered at daily Pallottine Prayers (morning, noon and night)
- Remembered during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at the Pallottine Seminary in Poland
- Remembered during Holy Mass at the Pallottine Seminary each First Friday
- And blessing of the Holy Father

A beautiful Mass hard cover card will be provided. Donations of \$25.00 would be appreciated for this Perpetual Mass League. These are available at the parish office.

## **FIRST COMMUNION 2020**

Our Program is open to children Grade 2 or older who have been baptised Catholic. We invite children from all our Parochial Schools and children who attend St. Mary's church but are from other schools.

If your child is not baptised, you need to contact the church office so we can arrange for the baptism. You can find information on our website:

<http://www.marybrantford.com/downloads.html>

### **EVENTS SCHEDULE 2020**

#### **First Confessions**

Wednesday, **March 11th at 7pm** in the church

#### **Joy Sunday**

Weekend March 14/15 at any Mass

Parish community will celebrate with them the joy of having received Confession for the first time

#### **Rehearsal**

Friday May 1st at 10am

Bussing provided from Jean Vanier, Holy Cross and St. Peter. Children not from these schools need to arrange transportation

#### **First Holy Communion Mass**

Saturday, May 2 or May 9 at 5:00pm Mass or

Sunday, May 3 or May 10 at 11:00 am Mass

Please arrive early and sit at the front of the church

#### **Blessing of First Communion gifts**

Weekend May 16/17 at any Mass

Bring you First Communion gifts to Mass for a blessing  
A more detailed package will be sent home from the schools and is also available from our website.

### **THAT MAN IS YOU!**

Be A Man is a Brantford laymen's initiative that meets with men from all the parishes in our area every Saturday morning, 7:00 – 8:30 am, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 9 Waverly St. A light breakfast is provided with good coffee and great fellowship. Come out just once and see if it's for you!

### **SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

The Hamilton Diocese Support Group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

### **EMPOWERING THE SHEPHERDS**

is the pastoral program for the priests serving in the Hamilton Diocese, February – June 2020. It is a tool for the pastor to help them in their ministry and also in their personal development. Since Father Luke will be participating some weekday masses will be cancelled. Please check the bulletin and website for details.

### **LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

SAINT MARY'S - March 24th, 5 pm - 8 pm; Confessions Only

SAINT PIUS X - March 31st, 7 pm; Penitential Service and Confessions


SAINT BASIL - April 2nd, 7:00 pm; Penitential Service and Confessions

OUR LAST-MINUTE CONFESSIONS – April 4th 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS - March 5th

Relics of Saints: John Paul II and Sister Faustina on display in our church: March 24th, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Devotions, Lenten Confessions and Holy Mass.

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