

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. 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

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, March 14,

"This brother of yours was dead and has come to life."

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

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Sisto Lama, Giovanni Batista & Antonina Ricci

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Donald Sanvido

Sunday, March 15, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing us to eternal life."

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

Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Mario & Margherita Petrella, † Jozef Jozwik, † Jozefa Baranska, † Giovanna Berardi, † Souls in Purgatory, Int. of Mary Bruder

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Ken Miskiewicz

Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick

"So my heavenly Father will not forgive you, if you do not forgive...from your heart."

NO MASS

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Terrence Sehl

Wednesday, March 18,

"Whoever does and teaches the commandments will be called great in the kingdom."

NO MASS

Vocation Prayer – Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)

Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph

"Your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Joe Cristiano DaPonte

9:30 a.m.- March Break Adventure

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Jason Kuntz

Friday, March 20,

"Jesus said 'The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God'."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Romuald Charlam (followed by the Stations of the Cross)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Edward Mahony

Saturday, March 21,

"...for all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Umberto Ligorì

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

Sunday, March 22, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Carmela & Sabatino Martelli, † Sarah MacDonald, † Tommaso Nardone, † Guido Spadafora & Pasquale Antonucci, † George Burton, Int. of Joan Luciani, Int. of Carmela Manzo

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

Vocation Prayer – Rev. David Walter

Sunday Collection for March 7/8, 2020

Env. \$2367.00 + Loose \$587.45 + Online \$347.40= \$3301.85



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.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LENT?

- 1 GO TO CONFESSION!**
We all sin, which means we all need to repent. Grace is waiting for you in the confessional!


- 2 RESOLVE TO LIVE A MORE HOLY LIFE**
Make a careful examination of conscience every day and put in place specific plans for how you will overcome sinful habits.


- 3 PRAY... A LOT**
Commit to praying more this Lent. If you need help, get a devotional or spend some time reading Scripture.


- 4 MAKE SOME SACRIFICES**
Making even small sacrifices for God show him that we love him. They can also help make you more holy!



LENTEN RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN

on **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** at Blessed Sacrament Church in Burford. A retreat offered by Fr. Mike Isabelle beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by conferences, lunch and concluding with Adoration, Confessions & Benediction. Free will offering. For more information and to sign up call/email: Donna Walsweer at [519-449-2940/walsweerd@hotmail.com](tel:519-449-2940). Sponsored by the CWL of Blessed Sacrament and St. Anthony Daniel.

MARCH BREAK ADVENTURE 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: pmarybrantford@gmail.com, or call 519-753-7316

CHILD HUNGER BRANTFORD

We are hosting an event called A Night to Remember on **March 20th**. The event starts at 7 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person and all proceeds will go directly to our Kids Lunch Club program which helps elementary school children who need snacks and lunches for school. Call 519-209-5450 or email childhungerbrantford@gmail.com for your tickets. This is a fully licensed event including appetizers, silent auction and a live performance by Joan Minnery.

SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II RELIC

With the consent of the Polish Episcopate and the President of the John Paul II Foundation, Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, a Triptych with the icon of Our Lady of Jasna Gora (Black Madonna), St. John Paul II and St. Faustina has been travelling throughout three continents: North America, Europe and Asia. Accompanying the Triptych will be the relics of St. John Paul II and St. Sister Faustina. The visit of the Triptych provides an opportunity, following the example of St. John Paul II, to entrust to the Mother of God ourselves, our families, all Parishes, the Church, and the entire world, which needs God's Mercy more than ever before. The Triptych will visit Saint Mary's on **March 24, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm**.

Lent - Time of Grace 2020

Lent is often referred to as a holy season. It is holy because with the grace of God we are given an opportunity to repair our relationship with God, to be forgiven of our sins and to be born again in the Spirit. This is the key to happiness, and it lies ahead of us in these 40 days. Just take a chance.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

is required from Catholics on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. It is also recommended that we abstain from meat on Fridays.

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Saturday March 7/8
At all Holy Masses

RELICS OF SAINTS JOHN PAUL II AND SISTER FUSTINA VISIT

Tuesday March 24,
Veneration 3 pm - 6 pm
Stations of the Cross - 6 pm
Holy Mass 7 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesdays 6 pm, Fridays 9:30 am
(after morning Holy Mass)

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - April 5, **HOLY THURSDAY** - April 9, 7:00 pm,
GOOD FRIDAY, April 10-3:00 pm, **EASTER VIGIL**, April 11, 8:00 pm
EASTER April 12 - 9:00 am and 11:00 am

RETREAT SUNDAY

with **Fr. Aleksander Mazur**
March 7/8 (All Masses)

SCHOOL CONFESSIONS

Wednesday March 5,
No weekday Mass

FIRST CONFESSIONS,

Wednesday March 11,
In the church, 7 pm

JOY SUNDAY - Grade 2, Sunday

following first confessions
Weekend March 14/15,
Attend any Mass

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICES

AND CONFESSIONS

Saint Mary's,
- March 24, 5 - 8 pm
Saint Pius X
- March 31, 7 pm
Saint Basil,
- April 2, 7 pm
St. Mary's weekly confessions extended time:
- April 4, 2 - 5 pm

CHRISM MASS

Monday April 6 at 7 pm
at Christ the King Cathedral
Basilica in Hamilton

COVID-19 DIRECTIVES

I am happy to provide the following common-sense directives for our Diocese. **Handwashing** – The advice of health care experts is that one of the most effective means to prevent the spread of viruses is frequent and complete handwashing. **Sign of Peace** – Handshaking is not necessary. You may wish to exchange the Sign of Peace with those near you by bowing and greeting with a simple "Peace to you." **Reception of Holy Communion** – The option to receive Holy Communion in the hand, or on the tongue, is up to the Communicant. **Communion from the Chalice** – Holy Communion offered under both species is a fuller sign of our faith in the Lord's Eucharistic Presence. People who are sick with cold or flu, or other ailments should refrain from receiving from the Chalice. //Bishop Crosby. Here at St. Mary's we do not routinely receive from the Chalice. St. Mary's will also be following the directives from St. Joseph Life Care regarding taking Communion to the sick. We will continue to update our parishioners of any changes. Yours in Peace! //Fr. Luke

+++ VISIT SAINT JOSEPH ...

A good deed this Lent? You can visit one of the residents at Saint Joseph Life Care Centre. Some residents don't have close family to visit them on a regular basis. You can become a friend to chat with them and say a prayer. We will introduce you and help with formalities. You can help yourself by helping them. Please contact our parish office for more details.

+++ THE PRAYER CHAIN

- Be a prayer chain volunteer and say a prayer daily for a dedicated intention, for a specified period of time. There are many people who need our prayer support. Please spare a few minutes of your time and make this spiritual commitment to enrich your Lent. Call the office for more information. It is a spiritual giving!

- If you have an intention, there is a box on the table in the narthex for this. Please write your intention on the paper provided and place it in the box, or email us, or visit the office.

+++ BABY BOTTLES FUNDRAISER

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER (across the street from our church) would like to ask your support. They help to support LIFE, can we support them? Please pick up a baby bottle from the back of the church, fill it with change and return the bottle to the church by Easter Sunday. Please drop them in the alcove, sacristy or at the parish office. Last year \$591.27 was raised by our parishioners. Thank you for your generosity!

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. Register at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com CONTACT: 416-907-1042

C.W.L. SPRING BAZAAR

Ladies of St. Anthony Daniel in Scotland will be holding their Spring Bazaar on Saturday March 28th, 2020 from 1:00-3:00P.M. in Parish Hall 57 Simcoe Street. Cabbage rolls, baking, crafts, penny table and much more. Free admission and door prizes.

CONFIRMATION 2020, PRE-REGISTRATION


WHY ARE WE ASKING FOR THIS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM? We simply need to know if we have sufficient number of candidates. There are certain diocesan requirements regarding the group size. The Bishop usually comes to confirm students in our church on the 3rd Saturday of October. However, the exact date is usually confirmed before the end of the school year. Current Grade 6 students (next year Grade 7) are entitled and will be offered a preparation program provisioned by the curriculum that will culminate with a special one-day retreat organized by the parish at the beginning of the new school year.

We also invite students Grade 8 and older who haven't been confirmed yet. If there will not be enough candidates, we will postpone Confirmation until next year. Anyone who would still like to receive the Sacrament in the current year is welcome to join another parish but needs to contact them in advance to make necessary arrangements. If there is a group of students interested, we will be happy to help.

ICHTHYS THEATRE PRESENTS 'HARVEY'

A heartwarming comedy about a man and his invisible 6.5ft rabbit and best friend. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, March 27, 28, April 3, 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees March 29 and April 5 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20 each, \$12 for Seniors and youth, but we are offering discounted rates for groups. Please call 519-751-5411 to reserve your group tickets at the special rate. Individual tickets are available at the door or only at www.ichthystheatre.ca.

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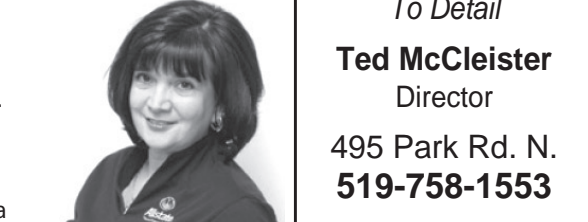
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