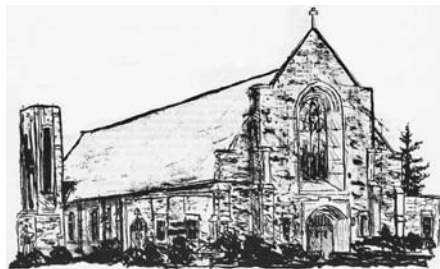


St. Mary's Parish Community



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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 7,

"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Assunta Imola-Berardi

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Michael McHugh

Sunday, March 8, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"Jesus' face shone like the sun."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Vincenza Tangi, † Francesco & Amalia Manzo, † Tommaso Nardone, † Benedetto DiRamio, † Rodolfo Pery DeGuzman Sr., Int. of Ray & Darlene Schaafs

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

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Francis Trzupsek

Tuesday, March 10,

"The scribes and Pharisees do not practice what they teach."

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

♦ **Stations of the Cross and Padre Pio Prayers 6:00 p.m.**

Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Maria Petrucci

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Ron Cote

Wednesday, March 11,

"The Son of Man will be condemned to death."

Mass 9:00 a.m. - † Sandy Calleya

7:00 p.m. - Grade 2 First Confessions

Vocation Prayer – Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton

Thursday, March 12,

"You received your good things, and Lazarus evil things;"

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Moses DaPonte

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Ralph Diodati

Friday, March 13,

"The heir; come, let us kill him."

**Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Henryk & Regina Lewicki
(followed by the Stations of the Cross)**

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher

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. Michael McHugh

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. Francis Trzupsek

Sunday Collection for Feb. 29/March 1, 2020

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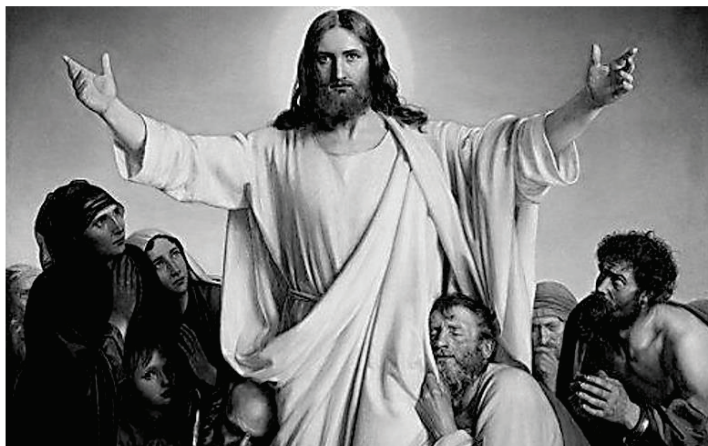


THANK YOU,
for your generosity!
Your **gift** and **attendance** truly matters.
It is the **life** and **future** for our parish!

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.

TRANSFIGURATION JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



Lent Retreat Sunday
March 8th, at all weekend masses!
With Fr. Aleksander Mazur
Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, Waterloo

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: pmmmarybrantford@gmail.com, or call 519-753-7316

+++ 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!

+++ 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.

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

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER INTENTION

Pray for all victims of abuse, especially those betrayed by the Church and other institutions and people. May they experience healing and peace.

C.W.L. SPRING BAZAAR

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

DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and Ordinations of Priests and Deacons. We invite interested music ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2nd and are held every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For further information, and to register, contact the Liturgy office at 905-528-7988 or check online at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/diocesan-choir.php>. Registration will close as sections are filled.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Mr. David Doyle, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton will facilitate a Lenten day or reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers of Communion and Hospitality Ministers on Saturday, March 14th at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington and on Saturday, March 21st at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Please check the Liturgy Webpage under Faith and Formation Events for more information.

SHARE LENT – Development & Peace

I am writing to you to express my support for Development & Peace – Caritas Canada's 2020 Share Lent campaign, and to encourage your own support and participation. By now your parish will have received an envelope of materials that explain the campaign and provide excellent resources for its implementation. This year's Share Lent campaign, 'For Our Common Home', invites Canadian Catholics to improve our relationship with God's Creation by connecting us to one of the Earth's most important ecosystems – the Amazon. (*Bishop Crosby Recommendation Letter*)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - explained

Stations of the Cross -- sometimes called Way of the Cross -- is a popular Lenten devotion that has very ancient roots. It was prayed by early Christian communities, especially in the fourth century, when the Roman Empire began to recognize Christianity. Oftentimes, people would make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to retrace Jesus' steps from his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane to being forced to carry the cross to the crucifixion site at Golgotha. Those who could not visit Jerusalem would use the community's churches and other buildings as "stations" that represented each stage of what happened to Jesus between his trial and his entombment. Groups would travel from station to station, remembering and praying at each one. The devotion gained even more popularity because it was prayed in the vernacular rather than in Latin, and people could understand what was going on. Eventually, individual churches erected plaques or other pictorial depictions of all the stations. Stations are usually hung separately, one by one, seven on each side of the church. The Way of the Cross traditionally consists of 14 iconic stations that depict the events of Jesus' journey to crucifixion. A 15th station, which is not depicted by an icon, is meant to remember Jesus' resurrection.

Stations of the Cross at Saint Mary's this Lent: Tuesday at 6:00 pm, Friday at 9:30 am immediately after morning mass (*in the Msgr. Maloney room or church*)


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.

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.

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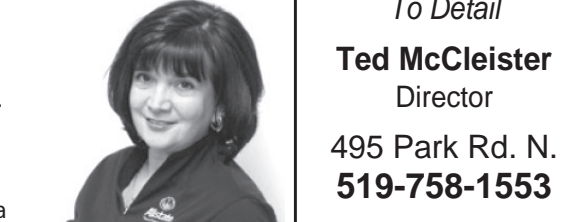
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