

**EUCHARIST – THIS WEEK****Monday, December 18**

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, December 19**

8:00 a.m. Int of Phyllis Cruickshank

**Wednesday, December 20**

8:00 a.m. Amor Fernandes

**Thursday, December 21**

8:00 a.m. John Griffin

**Friday, December 22**

8:00 a.m. Liz Holyome

**Saturday, December 23**

5:00 p.m. Joseph Preca & Emanuel Agius; Sante Polidori;  
Julian & Tania Colombo & Deceased Family;  
Sebastiano Rossi; Jordan John Berardi; Antonio  
Nunes & Ermelinda Rodrigues; Norma Mulrain

**Sunday, December 24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

Our Faith Community

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Tuesday, December 19**

Penance Celebration 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 20**

San Rocco Association Meeting 7:30 pm

**Thursday, December 21**

Cantor / Choir Practice 6:30 pm

IHMMC Associates Meeting 7:00 pm

**Friday, December 22**

Adoration (until 3:00 p.m.) 8:30 am

Benediction 3:00 pm

**Saturday, December 23**

Reconciliation 4:00 pm

Rosary 4:15 pm

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK**

2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-12,14,16; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

**THIS WEEK'S FAITH COMMUNITY**

Remember in your prayers this week the Grand Valley Christian Centre, together with Ralph Byma, Dunstan Gomes and Adam Gagne, their pastors. May they continue to be a community that exists to know him and to make him known.

**VOCATION SEEDS**

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at (905)528-7988 or by email at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available in the parish hall **this weekend**. If you wish to begin using envelopes, please sign up on the sheet posted and take a box. For direct deposit, please contact the parish office.

**ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS**

In preparation for Christmas, each parish will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- St Pius X – **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m.
- St Basil – **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m.

There will be several priests present at all celebrations to assist us in experiencing God's mercy in this sacrament of forgiveness.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve Masses:** 5:00 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.; 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day Masses:** 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
No 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. and **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
No 7:00 pm Mass on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place August 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.

**CWL MEMBERSHIP 2018**

It is time to renew your CWL Memberships for 2018. All ladies of the parish are invited to join our very active league. You will find a pink envelope in with your church offering envelope package in December. Our National Office requests our dues be paid to them by the end of February. Ladies, if you are one of our snowbirds, please tend to this before you leave for the winter. The fee again is \$20. Please remember to fill in your name and correct address. Also please remember if you move during the year to contact myself or a member of the Executive to update our records. Nina Fullerton, Organization Convenor (519) 759-3393.



## YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER



### UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMMING YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Whether you're just getting back into the swing of the school year after Christmas, or starting to stress about exams, this will be a great opportunity to come and de-stress with some friends. Join us on **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. for a movie and social night, dinner included.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMMING 2018

Youth Ministry is open to students in grades 6 to 12. There is no cost to be part of the group; there is only a cost for trips.

Kookies for Kenya – Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  
Rock- Climbing – March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
THINKfast – April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

#### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

Children who have completed Grade 2 and have not yet been baptized are invited to join a program of preparation to receive the three Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter season this coming spring. If interested in registering for this program please contact Andrew Beach at (519) 753-8439.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER

A reminder of upcoming dates:  
The First Reconciliation Retreat is **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.  
The celebration of First Reconciliation is **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m.

#### VBS 2018 EARLY LEARNER LEADER

We are currently seeking a dedicated individual who would be willing to commit to approximately 40 hours of volunteer time in June and July **and** could lead the Early Learners Camp in August. Without a volunteer, we will be unable to offer a camp opportunity for 4 year old children this summer

#### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive.

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, December 18	Rev. Junghyuk Choi
Tuesday, December 19	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Wednesday, December 20	Missionaries
Thursday, December 21	Rev. James Malone
Friday, December 22	Rev. Stephen Csiszar
Saturday, December 23	Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

#### SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in honouring and celebrating milestone years of service of our Priests and Consecrated Brothers and Sisters. The event takes place on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at Liuna Station, Hamilton beginning with cocktails at 6:30. Tickets: \$65.00  
Contact: Margaret at 905-628-5682 or [celebrationprl@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationprl@gmail.com) website: [celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner](http://celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner)

#### ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Advent, there is Eucharistic adoration in the side chapel of St Ann Parish (Ancaster), each week from Monday morning until Saturday morning, this began on **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. There's no better way to prepare for the coming of our Lord than by spending quiet time with him in prayer. For more information, please call the parish office at (905)648-6874.

#### MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday Collections:	\$29,338
Expenses:	
Payroll	\$22,357
Other Operating:	<u>\$10,941</u>
Total Operating Expenses:	\$33,298

#### MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 2017

Sunday Collections:	\$34,536
Expenses:	
Payroll	\$23,223
Other Operating:	<u>\$14,537</u>
Total Operating Expenses:	\$37,760

#### MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday Collections:	\$30,792
Expenses:	
Payroll	\$23,923
Other Operating:	<u>\$ 9,909</u>
Total Operating Expenses:	\$33,832

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