

EUCCHARIST – THIS WEEK**Monday, March 19 – St Joseph**

8:00 a.m. Rosary
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Mass – Jim Campbell

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 a.m. Int. of Fr Peter Coughlin

Wednesday, March 21

8:00 a.m. Richard Peake
7:00 p.m. Mary Fenech (upstairs in Church)

Thursday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Ernie Adams

Friday, March 23

8:00 a.m. John Cleary

Saturday, March 24

5:00 p.m. Rosanna Carrozzella; Sante Polidori; Marjorie Grace Lefebvre; Cesare Berardi & Deceased Family Members; Sebastiano Rossi; Anna Notarandrea

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Our Faith Community

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, March 19**

Friendship Group 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 20

Lenten Penance Celebration 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 21

Euchre 12:30 pm
CIC Session 5:00 pm
Reconciliation 6:00 pm
Pilgrimage Information Meeting 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 22

Cantor / Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Friday, March 23

Adoration (until 3:00 p.m.) 8:30 am
Benediction 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 24

Be A Man Group 7:00 am
Reconciliation 4:00 pm
Rosary 4:15 pm

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Mark 14.1-15.47

THIS WEEK'S FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember in your prayers this week the Congregational Christian Church in Brantford, that they may continue to show forth Christ from Coast to Coast.

VOCATION SEEDS

Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton (905)528-7988 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

EXTRA CONFESSION & MASS

This Lent, at St Pius X Parish, there will be confessions heard every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK**Monday, March 26th — Mass of Chrism**

At the Cathedral 7 pm

Thursday, March 29th — Mass of the Lord's Supper

8 pm – *Incense will be used*

10:45 Night Prayer

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel

Good Friday, March 30th — Lord's Passion

11 am Family Celebration of the Passion

3 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

7pm Stations of Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31st

12 pm Blessing of Easter Foods

8:00 pm Easter Vigil – *Incense will be used*

There is no 5 pm Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Masses at 8 am; 9:30 am; 11 am; 12:30 pm

No evening masses in the Diocese

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we are praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening. Each week a different group in the parish will lead us. This week, the Youth group will lead us. Join us at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN PENANCE CELEBRATIONS

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

- St Pius X – **Tuesday, March 20th** at 7:00 p.m.
- St Basil – **Tuesday, March 27th** 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.

MASS OF CHRISM

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Crosby at the annual Diocesan Mass of Chrism on **Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. During this Mass Oil for the Sick and for Catechumens will be blessed. Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. All Priests present for the Mass will renew their Priestly Commitments in the presence of the Bishop and the lay faithful of the Diocese.

EASTER TREE

St Vincent de Paul is in need of donations to assist the needy in our geographic region. Gift Cards from Metro/Food Basics in the amount of \$5 or \$10 would be most helpful. If you can help, please place the voucher(s) with the receipt in a bag on the Easter Tree or drop them off in the office. Your continued generosity is most appreciated.



YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER



UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMMING

THINKFAST

THINKfast is coming to St Pius X Parish on **Friday, April 13th to Saturday, April 14th**. THINKfast is an exciting new opportunity – a 25 hour fast in solidarity with families in the Global South who are struggling to feed themselves. This event is full of social justice games, activities, and reflections to make this fast an incredible experience for those involved. If you are interested please contact Andrew Beach at (519) 753-8439 ext. 228 or pastoralassociatesp@gmail.com

RALLYUP 2018 “BE”

Don't miss out on the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally taking place at Camp Brebeuf on **Saturday, May 26th**. Registration is now open. Contact Andrew Beach if you are interested in joining our Parish Group. Open to young people in grades 6-12. Register before April 30th to be included in an Early Bird Prize Pack draw! BE there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

For those who like to plan ahead, please be aware that our Vacation Bible School 2018 will run the week of **August 13th – August 17th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children ages 5 to 11 years old.

Registrations will begin **April 3rd**. Leadership Applications (for those 12 and older) will be available on April 3rd and are due on June 8th.

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.

ELEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

Classes in Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, Tagalog and Mandarin are available. This program is funded by the Ministry of Education. For more information please contact Hailey Bouckhuys hbouckhuys@bhncdsb.ca or 519-756-6505 Ext. 407.

SYNOD PRAYER CARDS

On Palm Sunday, **March 25th**, we pray for a special way for the Young People of our Church. This year, we pray especially for the Synod of Bishops meeting in October 2018 to discuss Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment. The Office of Youth Ministry has created a prayer card to help you pray for young people of the Diocese and the entire world. There are three different covers to the same prayer – pick one and share another with a young person you may meet!

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, March 19	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Tuesday, March 20	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Wednesday, March 21	Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday, March 22	Rev. David Wilhelm
Friday, March 23	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Saturday, March 24	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

In your charity, please remember in your prayers: **Vito Martino**, husband of Diane; **John Cleary**, brother of Mike; **Carol Forbes**, wife of David. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rejoice in the glory of Heaven.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

St Pius X - Knights of Columbus will be hosting a meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 12 Catharine Ave. on **Tuesday, March 20th** at 7:00 p.m. All men of the parish are invited to consider joining St Pius X - Knights of Columbus.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Were you in the last parish photo directory 8 years ago? Do you still look the same? Probably not! The new parish photo directory is planned. We are looking for parishioners that missed having their pictures taken last summer to participate. Photos will be taken on April 9th between 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling the office.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LANDS AND ROME

Everyone is invited to an information session in St Pius X Hall on **Wednesday, March 21st** at 7:00 p.m. The Pilgrimage will take place October 16th to October 26th, 2018, under the spiritual direction of Fr John Redmond. All Travel arrangements will be provided through Travelonly. Contact Estolia Salera by telephone (226)240-0810 or by e-mail esalera@travelonly.com with any questions.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE COMMUNION LUNCHEON

Brant Region Catholic Women's League invites all ladies to our First Annual Brant Region Communion Luncheon on **Sunday, April 22nd** at Our Lady of the Assumption (St. Mary's) beginning with Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our Guest Speaker will be Anne Jamieson from the Hamilton Chancery Office. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at the parish office or contact Vicki Coyle (519)753-4809.

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