



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 18 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. ó Evelyn Krusky, Evelyn & Brian Flaherty,
Miguel Gomez Duran

Tuesday, December 19 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Maria Carmela Alpe, Brian Pearson,
John & Marie Krusky

Wednesday, December 20 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – George, Violet & Paul Cartledge,
Mary McDonald, Anton Semlak

Thursday, December 21 – Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. – Frank & Rita Kocher & Deceased Members of
The Kocher & Illerbrun Families, Norm
MacMillan & Annette MacMillan, Patrick Noon

Friday, December 22 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Francesca, Camilla & Giuseppe Calenda,
Lanny & Eleanor Sorbara, Sandy Fowlie

Saturday, December 23 – Ferial

5:15p.m. ó Reta & Peter Steffler, Yvonne Gaw, Father
Angelico Valeriotte, Nancy Guchardi,
Intentions of Donna Hart

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

*Thank you for your gift of \$11,873.40 in support of your
parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.*

**+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of
Margaret Skowron who was called to eternal life and to the
Congregation of the Resurrection on the deaths of Fathers
John Myles CR and Raymond Hughes CR. May they and
all our loved ones rest in peace with God.**

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 22nd
and will re-open on Tuesday, December 26th at 9a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "PREPARE THE WAY"

All of our other traditions revolve around this central Christmas celebration. They prepare or lead us to the Christmas Mass and they flow from our celebration of the Christmas Mass. At this moment in time we are facing a number of significant challenges which should not hinder our Catholic Christmas traditions. Changing cultural patterns, pastoral circumstance, the diversity of the Christmas assembly and a renewed awareness of the requirements of good liturgical celebrations, invite us to consider ways of maintaining our tradition of keeping the Eucharist at the heart of our Christmas celebrations.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, December 19th ó 8a.m. to 12noon; 2p.m. to 5p.m.

Wednesday, December 20th ó 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Saturday, December 23rd ó 3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, December 23rd ó 5:15p.m.

Sunday, December 24th ó 9a.m. & 11a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th ó 5:15p.m.; 8:00p.m.;
12Midnight preceded by Carols at 11:30p.m.

Monday, December 25th ó 9a.m. & 11a.m.

WELCOME

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Dylan Stephen Leung; Emily Sophia Leung; Adriana Mary-Joan Campbell; Jaxson Frigon; Lilah Paje Gordon and Brayden Renzo Scapinello. We congratulate their families.

2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes are now available for pick up behind the altar in the alcove. We are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. You may also apply for our deft program where your donations are given automatically from your bank account. Please do not ask for envelopes if you have no intention of using them. Last year over 150 people never picked up their envelopes and this is an unnecessary expense for the parish.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- Memberships of \$25 are now due. Your membership envelope is in your box of church envelopes or use a plain envelope marked CWL.
- Please nominate yourself or someone else for the different positions on our executive as elections will be in January. Forms and eligible members are posted on the bulletin boards.

MINI-BUS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Guelph & Area Right to Life is gathering change to support pro-life advertisements on the back of seven city buses in Guelph. There are several ads, containing much-needed educational information about abortion, euthanasia, and local crisis pregnancy support. There is a mini-bus to fill with change that was included in last weekend's bulletin. Buses can be returned to the church on the weekend of January 21st/ 22nd, 2018. Thank you for your support!

MOTHER'S GROUP

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 21st. We are continuing with our book study *My Omnipotent+*. All mothers of the parish are welcome. We meet in the Newstead Room at 7:30p.m. with a social hour to follow our study. Contact Claire at ourladysmoms@gmail.com.

THE ADVENT SUMMIT

On Gaudete Wednesday, December 20th rejoice with us in the Catacombs of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for the Advent Summit starting at 7p.m. with carols prior to Adoration featuring contemporary music by The Divine Praises, a Newman Centre Guelph young adult ministry: newmancentre@reguelph.ca .

OTHER NEWS**SAVE THE DATE**

Guatemala Adult Summer Service Trip July 7-16, 2018 with the non-profit *One by One: The Latin America Project+*. \$2,600 per person. Details to follow in the New Year.

ADVENT NOVENA

The Filipino community of St. Joseph Parish invite you to a Simbang Gabi novena from December 16th to the 24th. These nine day novena Masses are held in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary starting Saturday, December 16th at 5p.m.; December 17th at 12noon; Monday to Friday Dec. 22nd at 7p.m.; December 23rd at 5p.m.

JUST A THOUGHT:

Hope is a duty, not just a nicety. Hope is not a dream, but a way of making dreams become reality. Happy those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them become true.

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. During Advent have 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. Jesus taught us to look toward others, to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outwards towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what *we* want. Help your children to learn that it is in giving that we truly receive (Diocesan Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN IRELAND

The World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis will be held in Dublin Ireland August 21st to 26th. The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to this international event. Keynote address and workshops will be based on Pope Francis *Amoris Laetitia* . The Joy of Love.+There will be workshops for those 18 and older; 6-17 years; and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese has booked a block of rooms for those interested in attending but registration for the 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 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250 by mid-January if interested.

VOCATION VIEW:

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 be witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
