



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 16 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Julie Shaftoe, David J. McClenaghan,
June Smith

Tuesday, December 17 – Ferial: Weekday

6:30p.m. – Intentions of Massimo Marcone & Family &
Friends, Primo Baggio

Wednesday, December 18 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Anton Smlak, John & Marie Krusky, Don Hebert

Thursday, December 19 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Maria Carmela Alpe, Evelyn Krusky, Sean Farrelly

Friday, December 20 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Harry Perets, George, Violet & Paul Cartledge,
Mary McDonald, Olga Maschio

Saturday, December 21 – Ferial

9:00a.m. – Special Intentions

5:15p.m. – Peter Salvino, Betty Bloomfield, Reta & Peter
Steffler, Guiseppe Trecapelli, Pasqualina & Carlo
Galluzzi

Sunday, December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

*Thank you for your gift of \$12,808.00 in support of your
parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.*

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Memorial Book may be found in the Seasonal Shrine and you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Life and they will be remembered at daily Mass.

2020 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for your 2020 weekly donations are available this weekend for pick up behind the altar in the alcove. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes. If you have moved within the past year, please inform the office so that our records are updated and you will receive your proper income tax receipt. Your financial support is an important response to the call of Stewardship and is much appreciated, as together we respond as good stewards for the financial support of our parish community.

ADVENT 2019

Mass on Saturday Morning

During the Season of Advent, and the Octave of Christmas, there will be Mass celebrated at 9:00a.m. on Saturday mornings. Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00a.m. and Morning Prayer at 8:40a.m.

Bambinelli Sunday

Sunday, December 15th, 2019

On the Third Sunday of Advent you are invited to bring the Baby Jesus statues from your home nativity set(s). The images will be blessed at all of the Masses on "Bambinelli Sunday" before you place them in your Nativity.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation During Advent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be celebrated:

Tuesday, December 17 th	5:00p.m.- 6:00p.m.
Saturday, December 21 st	9:00a.m.-12:00p.m. 3:00p.m.- 5:00p.m.

Please note that there will be no confessions heard during the Octave of Christmas from December 24th to January 1st inclusive.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament During Advent

All Tuesdays of Advent 1:00p.m.- 6:00p.m.

On Saturdays of Advent there will be a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00a.m., ending with Mass at 9:00a.m. Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:40a.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2019

Tuesday, December 24th – 5:00p.m. (Children's Christmas Pageant followed by Mass); 8:00p.m. & 12 Midnight (Carols beginning at 11:30p.m.)

Wednesday, December 25th – 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Thursday, December 26th – 9:00a.m.

Friday, December 27th – 9:00a.m.

Saturday, December 28th – 9:00a.m. & 5:15p.m.

Tuesday, December 31st – 5:15p.m.

Wednesday, January 1st - 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

ADVENT OUTREACH

Please help Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish provide The Drop In Centre & Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre with much needed supplies. We will be collecting donations again on December 15th, 2019. This allows delivery of the goods to the shelters for distribution before Christmas. Please bring your donations to the area before or after any Mass. Your donations are appreciated!

2019 CHURCH DONATIONS

All donations for the current year must be received no later than Sunday, December 29th, 2019 to be eligible for a 2019 income tax receipt.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

If you have a child in JK to Grade 4 who would like to play a role in our Christmas Eve Pageant, please contact Laura Del Rosario at coolpageant@gmail.com or sign up at <http://bit.ly/coolpageant>. If you have a child in Grade 5-8 who would be interested in narrating or reading scriptures, please email Laura at coolpageant@gmail.com. There will be a rehearsal following the 11a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 15th.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DONATIONS: During December and January, we are collecting toques, gloves, scarves and underwear in all sizes for the homeless men and women in our community. Please put your donations into the bins provided.

We also welcome donations of packages of rice, beans and jars of peanut butter for Canadian Food for Children.

MEMBERSHIP: We are now collecting our annual membership dues for 2020. Membership to the League is \$25 and is for every woman over the age of 16. Dues can be placed in the pink offertory envelope or your own envelope addressed to the Catholic Women's League.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the "Bambinelli" – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, December 15th at the 9a.m. & 11a.m. Masses to be blessed, as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your "Bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day – as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

OTHER NEWS**VOCATIONS**

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Father Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

GUELPH MEN'S PRAYER GROUP: ADVENT SESSIONS

All men are invited to join us from 7-8a.m. on Saturdays, November 30th to December 21st, at St. John's Church in the meeting room by the Parish Office entrance (between St. James and the Church). These sessions will be led by His Excellency, Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki. For more information email terry.grignon@gmail.com or phone 519-766-0808.

JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 6th, 2020.

Kindergarten Eligibility:

- must be four years of age on or before December 31st, 2020 to attend Junior Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2020 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Please bring:

- child's birth certificate
- a parent or child's baptismal certificate
- custody papers (if applicable)
- proof of address
- proof of tax support for families new to the system
(i.e. most recent tax bill)

Please Note:

Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are NOT REQUIRED to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school or visit the Board website www.wellingtoncdsb.ca.

COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats & programs at Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy 6, North, Guelph:

Ignatian Spirituality Retreat – January 11th-15th

Knowing the Heart of Jesus – February 21st-23rd
(facilitated by Father Bill Clarke, SJ)

Directed Prayer Weekend – February 21st-23rd

Finding Your Way Weekend – February 21st-23rd
(facilitated by Father Paul Panaretos, SJ & Joe Waters)

Register online at www.loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.