

BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

Parish Community



PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 1827

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *As the Eucharistic family of Our Lady Immaculate we believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We foster a welcoming and active faith community by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure. We continue to grow in the Spirit loving and serving God and each other.*

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Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon
1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-731-2563

Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School
 9 McElderry Road
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Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Sue Majer.....519-824-9470
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 251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Michelle Nagy.....519-822-6192

Welcome to newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office or on our website.

Hospital Registration:

Please be sure to indicate your religion and parish when entering the hospital.

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon
 First Fridays 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Sick and Shut-in Ministry:

Contact the parish office if you would like someone to bring Communion or to visit/call you.

Bequests:

Please consider a bequest to the Church of Our Lady to maintain our parish as a Symbol of Faith for future generations.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 First Saturday of the Month: 8:00 am - 8:45am

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office at least two months prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Application forms are available on the website.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the Parish at least nine months before the proposed date of marriage.

Sacrament of Anointing: Available upon request.

Correspondence Course:

This program is available to assist parents in the religious education of their children. It is available from Kindergarten to High School.

Funeral and Burial Arrangements:

When a death occurs in your family, please advise the parish immediately and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial please contact the Cemetery Office at 836-8814 or 1-800-661-5985. www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 27 – Ferial - Weekday

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. – *Mary Peori, Kazimierz Jakiela, Michael Haid*

Tuesday February 28 – Ferial - Weekday

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. – *Konstantinos Kallitsis*

6:00p.m. – *Evening Prayer*

6:30p.m. – *Lenten Mass – Matthew Hanson, Giuseppe Trecapelli, Marlene Howard, Intentions for Paul & Maureen Harper and Special Intentions for Evelyn & Thomas, Kathleen Rodenburg*

Wednesday, March 1 – Ferial - Weekday

7:00a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

7:30a.m. – *Intentions for Arthur Koslow*

8:00am-12:00noon – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12:00noon- *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

12:15p.m. – *Francesco Iococca*

Thursday, March 2 – Ferial - Weekday

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. — *Charlene Spinks, Richard Wojcicki*

Friday, March 3 – Ferial - Weekday

8:30a.m. - *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. — *Intentions for Karen Grignon*

9:30a.m. – *Stations of the Cross*

12:15p.m. – *James Smith*

6:00p.m. – *Vespers and Holy Hour*

7:00p.m. – *Stations of the Cross and Benediction*

Saturday, March 4 - Ferial - Weekday

8:00a.m. - *Confessions*

9:00a.m. – *(Sung in Latin) Ernesto Delrosario*

4:00-5:00p.m.- *Confessions*

5:15p.m. – *Francesco Iacocca, Deceased Members of Norm Smith Family, Jeff Fischer, Lonka Gazda Intentions for Marlene Mason*

Sunday, March 5 – Second Sunday of Lent

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

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the Second Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, March 5th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory for Estrella Severino and Intentions for Jacob Johnson

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your gift of \$7,729.94 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing.

Rest in Peace

† We offer our prayers and sympathy to all the families who have recently lost a loved one. May they, and all our deceased loved one's rest in peace with the Lord.

Vocations

Peter, James, and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Father Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic book study group for young adults meets every other Wednesday at the Basilica of Our Lady. The upcoming meetings will be on March 8th at 5:30 pm March 22nd at 5:30 pm. The group will be reading "Surprised by Joy" by C.S. Lewis. Young adults are welcome to join for a potluck dinner and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

Artistic Stations of the Cross

Calling all artists and creatives! Please join us for evenings of prayer and art, creating a Station of the Cross in your favourite medium. (Paint, write, sew, clay, photography & more). Beginning Wednesdays on March 1st – March 29th (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Crypt. Every week we will gather for prayer, reflections and art journey. The Station of the Cross artwork is to be completed on March 29th. **This is an opportunity for anyone of any ability to participate. Creative reflection and sacred art can be a powerful Lenten practice.** If interested or for more information email wendy.obbema@rogers.com.

Day of Prayer for Bishop Crosby, March 25, 2023

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his episcopal consecration on January 2, 2023. In honour of that milestone in the life and ministry of our chief shepherd we will mark a "Day of Prayer for Bishop Crosby" on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2023.

The order of the day will be as follows:

8:30am Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours in the Crypt

9:00am Solemn Choral Mass in the Basilica
10:00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica
12:00pm Rosary and Benediction in the Basilica

Please make as many people as possible aware of this and invite them to take part in this day. The office of Bishop is a heavy responsibility, and His Excellency needs our prayers to carry his burden faithfully.
God Bless,
Father Ian Duffy

Basilica Gift Shop

We have beautiful replicas of centuries old crucifixes that are now kept in Cathedrals and Basilicas around the world. New items have arrived, and stock has been replenished. We have gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Baptism. Other items suitable for wedding and birthday gifts are also available.

Urgent Need for Parish Refugee Family

For the past number of years Holy Rosary Parish and the Basilica of Our Lady have been working in collaboration to help bring a Refugee family to Guelph. The Government has now approved the family to come to Canada and they will arrive **THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2023**. Holy Rosary Parish and the Basilica have procured a house in the city, but the house will not be available for the family to move into for 2-3 weeks of their arrival. **THE PARISH NEEDS TEMPORARY HOUSING**. Can you help us find for them temporary housing for 2-3 weeks. Please contact Fr. Boyd 519-822-4701 for further information and/or Nancy Raso at the Basilica office 519-824-3951 if you might be willing to take at least 2 members of this family for 2-3 weeks into your home. May God bless your discernment in choosing to help!

Dynamic Women of Faith

Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station) Registration: 8:00 am Conference Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information call 416-907-1042

John B. Miller Band Friday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. will be led by the John B. Miller Band and will be followed by an evening of Lenten Music. Vespers and Holy Hour on March 10th will be in the Crypt.

World Day of Prayer – March 5, 2023

In 2019, His Excellency Bishop Crosby decreed that the Second Sunday of Lent each year would be observed in every parish in the Diocese of Hamilton as a day of

Prayer for the Victims of Sexual Abuse. This year's observance is on March 5, 2023.

Catechetical Correspondence Program

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Programs each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

Evenings with His Excellency

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month at 7pm – 8:30pm at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will begin our look at **The Ten Commandments**. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

Marriage Tip of the Month – Tip 128

A fundamental principle of our Catholic faith is that mercy must be part of our lived experience. Practicing forgiveness in all areas of our lives is important, but it is especially necessary in marriage. The intimate relationship of marriage means there will be hurt, anger and resentment between us at times and in these moments we must both seek and provide forgiveness. When we live with a merciful heart, instead of becoming hardened to the goodness of our spouse, we see the good, the joyful and the love that they carry for us.
Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry

Parenting Tip of The Month – Tip 148

Family is the most powerful influencer in any person's life. What we learn from our family has lifetime implications, influencing how we act, see ourselves and feel about others. As parents, it is important that we do not treat our children as mini-adults, but instead view them as a child of a certain age. There are normal patterns to children's brain development and when we understand those stages, we can more fully understand how to love, teach, discipline and support our children throughout their lives. Family and faith provide a solid foundation for each child when parents take the time to learn about their child's developmental age and ability. Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry

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