

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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Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, Organ Scholar

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
 Principal: Brian Munaro.....519-823-2455

Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Sue Majer.....519-824-9470

Saint Ignatius of Loyola School
 251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Michelle Nagy.....519-822-6192

Welcome to Newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office, at the back of the Church 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 Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate 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 one year in advance before the proposed date of the 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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 18 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Eileen Siefred, John Gazzola, Manuel Pires

Tuesday, September 19 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Stefan Juras, Lochiel McCarthy

Wednesday, September 20 – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gõn and Paul Chõng Ha-Sang and Companions

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – Muriel Rainville

8:00 a.m. Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 p.m. Angelus & Benediction

12:15 p.m. Mass – Salvatore DiCiccio

Thursday, September 21 – St. Matthew

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Rosemary Newbigging

Friday, September 22 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Rose Freeman, Anne & Young Ja Paik

Saturday, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

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

5:15 p.m. Mass – Edward & Paul Gracia, Basil & Evelyn Krusky, Mary Mani, Bruno Menegotto, Salvatori & Fortunata Limina

Sunday, September 24 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m. Mass for Pastoral Intentions

11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 24th Week of Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, September 17, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory of baby girl and boy Officer and for the intentions of Tegan and James Raco.

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 \$21,269.00 on September 3rd and \$9,548.20 on September 10th in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you,

please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 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 in the Basilica of Our Lady Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. On September 20, we will continue our discussion of 'Three to Get Married' by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join for a potluck dinner and discussion. Please email hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com to RSVP.

Natural Family Planning Meet & Greet

Following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 1st, there will be a social in the Basilica parish hall for couples who use Natural Family Planning or are interested in learning more. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Using Natural Family Planning to avoid or achieve pregnancy encourages couples to understand their fertility and deepen their understanding of the Church's valuable teachings on sexuality. Come ask questions, share your experiences, and talk about all things NFP. This method is helpful for understanding fertility in many stages of life, including after childbirth, approaching menopause, and for couples with fertility challenges. Paul & Hanna Caruso, trained NFP instructors, will be available to answer questions. Children are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Retreat – Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023

Celebrating all Conferences in Guelph and the surrounding area. Please join us for a day of reflection, information, and fellowship! The day will begin with a spiritual reflection from Fr. Ian Duffy, and in the afternoon, there will be guest speakers & group activities to challenge and inspire us. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day and lunch will be offered to all; please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. We will also continue the tradition of celebrating our milestones, giving thanks to our dedicated long-serving members. To confirm your attendance please contact: natalie.dibattista@hotmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

The Guelph Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is looking to hire a part-time employee to assist with pickups and deliveries on the truck and assisting in the store. Must be physically able and comfortable lifting large items/weights and moving furniture on a regular basis. Must be able to pass police background check. If interested, please call Brendan at: 519-836-5829.

Youth Ministers' Retreat

The annual Youth Ministers' Retreat for the Diocese of Hamilton will be held the weekend of September 22 to 24 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre. The retreat is open to all those who minister to young people within the diocese. Information and registration about the retreat can be found

at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com> or contacting

Fall Family Fun Fair

Please join our friends at Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home for their Fall Family Fun Fair on September 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1099 Gordon St., Guelph. Admission is free and there will be lots of fun to be had, including a bouncy castle, corn maze, food trucks, face painting, music, giant games, yummy food and much more! For more information, please call 519-821-5077.

Religious Education Program: In-Person Classes Registration Now Open!

St. Joseph Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend Public or Private schools from Grade 1 through Grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting September 19, 2023 and runs through May 2024. For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451. To access the registration forms, go to: <https://www.stjosephguelph.com/ministries>

Life Chain Sunday

Join thousands across Canada on Sunday October 1, 2023, to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in four locations. Plan to join us at the location nearest you: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Guelph, Stone Rd & Edinburgh Rd S; 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Rockwood, Main St between Alma St. and Cobblestone Pl. at Waterside Park; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Fergus, Hwy 6/Tower St. & Belsyde Ave.; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Elora, Colborne St. & Geddes St. (MacDonald Square)

Canada Learning Bond

Interested in starting an Educational Fund for your children to fund Post Secondary opportunities? If your answer is yes, but you believe that you cannot afford it, the Canada Learning Bond is for you. If your net income is \$53,359.00 or less and you have children born since 2004, you can qualify for free government money to set up a fund for your child(ren). For more details, please leave your contact information with the Parish Office 519-824-3951 and a volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council Social Justice Committee will contact you, explain the details and assist you with your application.

Spirit Garden Toronto

The Spirit Garden in Toronto is almost here! September 2024 is now set for the completion of the long-awaited gathering place at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto. The *Fifth Annual Indigenous Legacy Gathering* will be held at the site on the weekend of September 29 – 30, this year. Teepees, featuring many Indigenous communities will cover the Square. The multi-faith group that has supported the Spirit Garden will also have a tent. All are

welcome to visit the venue to experience the rich heritage of Indigenous communities around us.

Grief Support

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of a loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief support programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support> or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

Project Rachel

Are you struggling after an abortion? Either your own or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

'Being With' Volunteer Training

With Kathy Matusiak Costa, Executive Director of Compassionate Community Care & Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Gain the confidence to journey and visit with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life. Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1 hour lunch break (bring your own lunch) and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at St. Joseph's Church, 409 Paisley Rd., Guelph. Register to join in person by contacting Jakkie Jeffs at 519-820-3399 or email aflo@mgl.ca. **Zoom:** Register to join on Zoom at www.beingwith.org/Events.

Elementary School Teachers, Grades 4 – 8

Guelph and Area Right to Life is inviting you to participate in its Caring Hearts. Sharing Hearts project with your students during the 2023/24 school year. The mission is to connect your class with elderly residents living in retirement and long-term care facilities by visiting and creating a meaningful connection with them. We provide you with the resources to connect and prepare your class for these visits. For more information call 519-836-6311 or email us at chsh@guelphforlife.com. Website: www.guelphforlife.com.

Sanctuary Outreach

Sanctuary Outreach Pregnancy Support Program is currently helping a young mother who is due with twins the first week of November. She is in need of all the basic items from diapers to two car seats and a double stroller. If you can help to support her and the other young women they are presently helping; please bring items to donate and leave at the entrance of the church during weekend masses or donate directly through their website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-area-right-to-life-association/> N.B. please designate to Sanctuary Outreach when donating. Thank you.

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