

# 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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KHS, Rector  
 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant  
 Deacon Quinto Tami

**Basilica Staff**

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager  
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 Secretary, Amy Grey  
 Care Taker – Vedran Aleksich

**Music Ministry**

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster  
 Julian Mason, Sub-Organist  
 Bruce Taylor, 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: Dawn Uliana.....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.

**High Schools:**

**Bishop Macdonell High School**  
 200 Clair Road West  
 Principal: Stephen Gulyas.....519-822-8502  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
 54 Westmount Road  
 Principal: Valerie Markes.....519-836-2170  
**Saint James High School**  
 57 Victoria Road North  
 Principal: Sandra Cummings.....519-822-4290  
**St. John Bosco**  
 19 Northumberland Street  
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-824-8909

**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, April 22**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Jean Holliday, Basil Krusky, Steve Kenny

#### **Tuesday, April 23**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Thomas Joseph Sandrasagra, Intentions of Cormac McCarthy

#### **Wednesday, April 24**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Mike Galizzi, Nadene McEachren, Intentions of Cormac McCarthy

#### **Thursday, April 25**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – John Eskdale, Intentions of Jackie Dupuis

#### **Friday, April 26**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Marg & Frank Kurys Living and Deceased members of the Kurys & Lester Families.

#### **Saturday, April 27**

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15pm **Mass** – Radhey Singh, Elizabeth McIntyre, Alan Brown, Intentions of Julieanne & Andrew Burt and Family, Conor & Susan Healy and family

#### **Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

## **PARISH & OTHER NEWS**

### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for Christiana Vlasveld, and Evert Vlasveld. 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 \$32,193.35 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

### **Vocations**

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in a word and speech only, but in truth and action. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### **CWL St Joseph Church**

St. Joseph's CWL would like to invite other league members to join them for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel celebration on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Church, Guelph, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Numerous healings and miracles have been attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel... Please plan to attend.

### **Parish Gift Shop**

May is the month when we celebrate our earthly mothers or any woman who is important in your life. It is also the month of our Heavenly Mother, Mary. We have beautiful gifts – all price ranges – for Mother's Day and Marian Day. Drop in at the gift shop after any of the weekend Masses. Looking forward to meeting you. God Bless.

### **Young Adults Bingo Night**

Following up from last month's movie night, young adults in the 20s and 30s are invited to a bingo night in the parish hall on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:30pm, and the game begins at 7:00pm. Come early for a chance to preview a selection of prizes! \$5.00 for bingo and please bring snacks and drinks to enjoy and share. The evening will also feature a brief introduction to Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of Catholic young adults, and our group name will be officially announced. Mark the date, invite a friend, and come prepared for lots of fun!

### **Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group**

The Catholic book study group meets every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady's Parish Hall at 5:30pm. On May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm: we will be welcoming guest speaker Ania Krysciak (Campus Minister at the Newman Centre Guelph and trained catechist) to talk about the life of St. Catherine of Siena. This event will be in the parish hall at the Basilica of our Lady. St. Catherine was a mystic, a Doctor of the Church, and is one of the patron saints of Italy.

### **Educational Fund for your Children:**

Are you interested in starting an educational fund for your kids' post-secondary opportunities? If you answered yes but think you can't afford it, then the Canadian 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 email: [socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com](mailto:socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com), or leave your information with the Parish office 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.

### **Eucharistic Procession 2024**

We are having a planning meeting in anticipation of a May 30<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Procession. The meeting will be in the Newstead Room, for those interested in being part of the planning committee, on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm

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### **Guelph Spiritan Group – Healing Mass**

The Spiritan Group will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Guelph on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> starting with the Rosary at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated by Father Bill Trusz. All are welcome to attend.

### **Parish Golf Tournament**

Save the date for this year's golf tournament!!

Date: Sunday June 2, 2024

Cost: \$130.00 for golf and dinner (and prizes)

\$35.00 for meal only

Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information as we get closer to the date.

### **Guelph & Area Right to Life**

All are welcome to join Guelph & Area Right to Life's annual Walk for Life fundraiser happening on [Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>](#). Invite your friends, family, church of school to walk in support of Guelph & Area Right to Life's work to change hearts and minds—and save lives. Join either Guelph or Fergus and be sure to stay for the free lunch provided after each walk.

Guelph Location: Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, doors open at 9:30am, walk begins at 10:00am

Fergus Location: Maranatha Canadian Reformed Church, 600 Belsyde Ave E., Doors open at 9:30am, walk begins at 10:00am

Get full details and register today at:

[guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life](http://guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life)

### **St. Joseph's Parish – Fun Family Bingo**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10631

Date: May 4, 2024

Where: St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Information: Hall opens at 6:00pm, bingo starts and door close at 6:30pm (please arrive early). Please bring your own snacks, drinks, and bingo dabbers. Entrance fee is \$3.00 (this is a no cash prize bingo, 6 cards per person). Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of fun!

### **350<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec**

This year marks the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec. To mark this occasion, a Diocesan pilgrimage has been planned to the place from July 13-17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The pilgrimage will include a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Quebec City and the Holy Door, visits to the sites made famous by the saintly founders of the Canadian Church, visits to St. Anne de Beaupre, Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Trois Rivieres, Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. The five-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. [Registration deadline is April 30](#). For more information, please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office

for Evangelization and Catechesis. Tel 905-528-7988 x 2339, email [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Toronto March for Life**

Join us on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people and is also a place of death for thousands upon thousands of pre-born children every year. This event is an opportunity to join with hundreds of pro-lifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. We will gather at Queen's Park at 10:00am for a rally, and then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops will follow at 2:00pm (registration required). Sign up for workshops and lunch by April 30. To sign up or to register your bus go to [\\*torontomarchforlife.ca\\*](http://torontomarchforlife.ca).

### **Summer Hours at the Basilica**

During the summer months of July and August we will only be offering Mass during the week on Wednesdays at 9:00am, followed by a Holy Hour with Benediction at 10:30am, instead of Adoration all morning. Saturday Masses will remain the same at 5:15pm and intentions on that day will not be affected. As a result of this if you had a mass intention booked during the months of July and August, we have had to move them to September. If you would like to know which date your intention is now on, please call the office at 519-824-3951 and we will let you know the new date and time. Thank you for your understanding, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### **2024 Baby Bottle Campaign**

Last year our Parish family raised the most funds from all the churches in Wellington County. Michael House wanted to let you all know they are so blessed to be part of our ministry and appreciate the love that comes with joy. So, this year don't forget to pick up your bottles again in the church after Mass. Bottles will be collected on Father's Day, fill your bottles with cheques, bills, and change and support the life-changing programs at Michael House. Pick up will be on Mothers Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For more information, call Erwin at 647-524-5585 or email to [erwin@michaehouse.ca](mailto:erwin@michaehouse.ca).

### **CWL Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate**

The CWL will be holding a Spring Market on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. There will be vendors, treasured bargains, a silent auction, a bake sale and Wally Parr burgers and sausages, coffee, and donuts. Bring your family and friends and come out and enjoy.

### **Calling All Bakers – Bake Table Donations**

The date of our Spring Market is fast approaching. We are looking for donations of baked goods for our bake table. All items can be dropped off to the parish hall on Friday May 3, 2024, between the hours of 10:00am to 3:00pm. Please attach to your baked goods ingredients used. Thank you for your support.



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