

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

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 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary
 Amy Grey, Secretary
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 13

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Margaret Skowron, Mary Finoro, Mema Buchan

Tuesday, May 14

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Mary Rucko, Charles Bone

Wednesday, May 15

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

7:30 a.m. **Mass** – George Raso

8:30 a.m. Perpetual Help Devotions

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments

12:15 p.m. **Mass** – Shirley Madigan

Thursday, May 16

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Joe Valeriote

Friday, May 17

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Christine Polic, Manuel Pires

Saturday, May 18- The Ascension of The Lord

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15pm **Mass** – Emilio & Annita Raco, Nancy Azzopardi, Sharon O'Shea, Vincent Lefevre, Intentions of Rose Raso and family

Sunday, May 19 – Ascension of The Lord

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

1:00 p.m. - **Baptisms**

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the Ascension of The Lord, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the Deceased members of the Sheehy family, and the Deceased members of the Castellan family 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 \$19,277.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus. In today's Church God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. 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

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

A Prayer to Almighty God in Thanksgiving

We thank God for his faithful servant Father Ian Duffy and the grace and love he has shown in leading and guiding his congregation for the past 30 years. May God continue to bless him and fill him with the strength and courage to continue his work with grace and patience.

From the parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

Relic of St. Andre Bessette at Basilica

The Sacred Journey of the Major Reliquary of Saint Brother Andre, a poignant testament to the life and devotion of a remarkable soul, is set to captivate hearts in parishes and schools across the Hamilton Diocese. The Major Reliquary, comprised of a fragment of Saint Andre Bessette's heart, adorned with a medallion and stone from the revered Oratory, symbolizes a divine connection to the miraculous legacy of this extraordinary man. As the Major Reliquary embarks on this transformative tour in our Diocese, we anticipate an outpouring of spiritual blessings and profound encounters with the miraculous. Join us on May 22nd, 2024, from 9:00am to 9:00pm to celebrate the enduring legacy of Saint Brother Andre, a beacon of faith and compassion for all.

2024 Marion Day Events

This year again we are hosting the Marion Day on the first Saturday from June to October. Please watch for special guests who will be speakers at the Marion Day Services. Event dates are as follows: June 1, 2024, July 6, 2024, August 3, 2024, September 7, 2024, and October 5, 2024. The time will be from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

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.

Marymount Cemetery Spring Memorial Mass

The Spring Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday May 25th, 2024, at 11:00am. All are welcome!

Parish Hospitality Ministry

Dear Parishioners, the Parish Hospitality Ministry needs your help! We need volunteers who care about our beautiful Basilica and Parish Community. Can you spare some time for any of the following? Ushers, Welcome Desk, Parish Religious Articles Gift Shop, Parish Hall Events, Tours. Please consider volunteering! We welcome any time commitment. Contact the Parish Office for additional details, 519-824-3951.

MAY 12, 2024

Message from the office

We have a member of the Parish who is looking for a ride to Mass on either Saturday at 5:15pm or Sunday at 9:00am. The member lives in the south end of Guelph (by the YMCA). If you can help, please call the office and we will provide the contact information.

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 all 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 12th, 2024. For more information, call Erwin at 647-524-5585 or email to erwin@michaehouse.ca

Wellington Deanery Young Adults

Our Deanery's new Young Adults' Group hosted a bingo night on Saturday April 27. Approximately 40 people attended, and a fantastic time was had by all! The new group name was also revealed: Frassati's Carabiners! Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is commonly invoked as patron of Catholic young adults. Known as "The Man of the Beatitudes", Pier Giorgio died at age 24 in 1925; an avid outdoorsman and mountaineer, he achieved great heights of personal holiness and service in his short life. A carabiner is a self-locking metal clasp, often used in climbing. Strong & durable, they connect and anchor ropes. Like mountain climbing, the Christian life requires strength & perseverance, and our faith community helps connect and anchor us in the truth of our faith. Animated by the spirit of Blessed Pier Giorgio, our aim is to foster a community that helps our young adults aspire to the heights together.

Parish Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday June 2, 2024

Cost: \$120.00 per person including golf, cart, dinner (and prizes) – **Payment due at time of registration**

\$35.00 for dinner only

Golf will be followed by Victoria Park's famous Italian dinner. The tournament will begin at 1:00pm, followed by dinner at approximately 6:00pm. We would ask participants to arrive at least ½ hour prior to start time to register and take part in the putting contest. We will set up a registration table at the tower entrance after each Mass throughout the month of May. The deadline to register is Monday May 27th before 12:00pm. You may make up your own foursome or we can place you in one if you are a single or a group less than four. This year we are aiming to have a donated prize table. If any parishioner wishes to donate a prize, please contact the parish office.

Eucharistic Procession 2024

We are having a planning meeting in anticipation of a May 30th Eucharistic Procession. The meeting will be in the

Newstead Room, for those interested in being part of the planning committee, on May 7th and May 14th at 7:00pm

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 5:45pm. On May 15th, the group will be discussing "Edmund Campion: A Life" by Evelyn Waugh. Fr. Mark Morley (Vocations Director for the Diocese of Hamilton) will be joining the discussion on Campion, who was an English priest and martyr. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

The Power of Prayer Speaker

Dr. Josephine Lombardi, award winning author, educator and documentary film maker and Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systemic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough will be speaking about the power of prayer on Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 7:00pm in Parish Hall, please join us all are welcome.

Walking from Guelph to Midland Pilgrimage

Those who walk the Guelph-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days starting on August 3rd going to August 10th, 2024. Pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair, and personal gear/clothing in a duffel bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs – Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20, 2024.

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 25th](#).

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

Catholic Cruises – Shrines of Italy

Dates: Sept 14-27, 2024

Price: Land Starting at \$3179 per person (based on double occupancy). For itinerary, to make reservations or for more information call Brian at (860) 399-1785.

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