BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE



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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Pastoral Team

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

Basilica Staff

Joe Finochio, Business Manager 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

<u>Weekday Liturgies:</u> 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

₩ MASSES OF THE WEEK

<u>Monday, May 20</u>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. Mass – For the King and Canada Tuesday, May 21 8:30 a.m. The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. Mass – Thomas Semlak Wednesday, May 22 7:00 a.m. The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 7:30 a.m. Mass – Christiana and Evert Vlasveld family 8:30 a.m. Perpetual Help Devotions 9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments 12:15 p.m. Mass – Intentions of People of Ukraine 6:00 p.m. - Evening Mass with St. Andre Bessette Relic Thursday, May 23 8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. Mass – Mema Mary Buchan Friday, May 24 8:30 a.m – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. Mass - Giovanni Michieli, Intentions of Rosie Martin Saturday, May 25 4:00 p.m - Confessions 5:15pm Mass – Guy & Rita Soligo, Maria Jesenek, Antonio Eduardo Machado, Elizabeth Moore, Kate Robertson Sunday, May 26 – The Solemnity Of The Most Holy Trinity 8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. – Mass 10:00 a.m. - KOC Breakfast 11:00 a.m. - Mass with Crowning 12:00 p.m. – KOC Breakfast 1:00 p.m. - Baptisms

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week of Pentecost, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for Paul Desmond Caley and Paul Caley. 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 \$24,267.07 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

God the Father, Creator; God the Son, Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we go out to "make disciples of all nations", we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. 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: <u>vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</u> Website: <u>www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/</u>

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.

Basilica May Crowning

Please join us to honour Our Blessed Lady by a traditional May Crowning celebration on the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady, Friday May 31st at 7:00pm. First Communion children are encouraged to come in their First Communion outfits. All are welcome!

2024 Marian Day Events

Once again this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9:00am, with confessions begin heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available.

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.

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. Please return before Father's Day, June 16, 2024. For more information, call Karen at 519-766-7675 x 105 or email to karen@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) – <u>Payment due at time of registration</u>

\$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.

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 29th, and June 12th, the group will be discussing "Edmund Campion: A Life" by Evelyn Waugh. Campion was a courageous 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

KAIROS Guelph – Join a Cry for Peace

Church leaders are walking a Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage in Ottawa and meeting with Government on May 22nd and 23rd. They reject antisemitism and Islamophobia and bring requests that Canada urgently promote a ceasefire, immediate humanitarian aid, release of all captives, an arms embargo, and an end of the occupation. The leaders seek local support. KAIROS Guelph invites you to send a note to Lloyd Longfield MP Lloyd.longfield@parl.gc.ca, cc-ing Prime Minister Trudeau pm@pm.gc.ca and Carl Hetu, Executive Director of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada <carl.hetu@devp.org>

Guelph & Area Right to Life

All are welcome to join Guelph & Area Right to Life's annual Walk for Life fundraiser happening on <u>Saturday May 25th</u>. 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.

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

<u>Fergus Location</u>: 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: <u>guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life</u>

The Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo

Will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday May 29th at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 44 Leonard St, Kitchener to revitalize and increase membership. This event will include prayer beginning at 6:30pm, and Mass at 7:00pm. Refreshments and a speakers' panel from Serra Canada Council will inform us about what the Serra Club does around the world and in our local communities. For more information contact Bill Zister at 519-578-2019 or ma_zister @hotmail.com. We hope that with the encouragement of pastors there will be parishioners from every parish in attendance.

Catholic Cruises - Shrines of Italy

Dates: Sept 14-27,2024

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

