# 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 Father John Iyekowa Deacon Quinto Tami Deacon Moices Caballero

#### 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: Corey Malone......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: Kellie Angerilli..........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: Michael MacPherson...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: Steve Gulyas.......519-822-4290 St. John Bosco 19 Northumberland Street Principal: Sandra Cummings......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.

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#### 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



# Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds 9:00 a.m. – Mass – Peggy McGarry, Johanna Binnedyk, Dennis Meyer

#### Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds 9:00 a.m. – Mass – Vicki Anderson

# Wednesday, April 9th

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds
7:30 a.m. - Mass – Padraig O'Clerighy
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Julie Shaftoe
7:00p.m. – Mass 40 Days for Life (Bshp Lobsinger)

#### Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds 9:00 a.m. – Mass – John Docherty

## Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - Mass - Jerzy Skowron
9:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. - Mass - Rose & Anthony DeSousa
7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

# Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. - Holy Hour
9:00 a.m. - Lenten Mass - Nada Harcourt
10:00 a.m. - Confessions
11:00 a.m. - Confessions
3:00 p.m. - Confessions
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. - Mass - Bernice Celestin Dupuis, Silvio
Valeriote, Marilynn Michieli, Katherine Nixon, Intentions of Eli Pinto

#### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Pastoral Intentions)
11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo
1:00 p.m. – Baptisms
7:00 p.m. – Lamentations for Palm Sunday

## **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent, beginning on Sunday, April 6, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Giuseppe & Girolama and burn for the intentions of the Holliday 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 gifts collected in the amount of \$8,970.42 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St. Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donations of \$3,739.00 towards their work of charity on your behalf.

#### **Vocations**

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a Priest, Deacon, Religious brother or sister? If God is calling you to be a Priest, Religious or Deacon contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988** 

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

# PARISH NEWS

#### Basilica Gift Shop

This lent we have in stock several crucifixes, rosaries, and bibles. There are several scapulas and many other items in the store. Bring your own container or purchase a container if you wish as we have holy water available in the store. Easter is coming in just a few weeks. Come down to the gift store and look at the many beautiful gifts for both adults and children.

#### Message of Thanks from Bishop Ustrzycki

Bishop Ustrzycki would like to send his sincere thanks for all the well wishes and birthday cards for this birthday last week. He truly is blessed to be a part of this very caring Parish and all its members. God Bless each and every one of you.

#### Message from the office

During this time of Lent and leading up to Easter we just wanted to remind everyone that you cannot bring in flowers or plants and leave them at the shrines. If you have any questions, please come to the Parish Office.

# Basilica Of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Woman's League

The Catholic Women's League would like to invite all parishioners to hear our new priest, Fr. John Iyekowa, tell us about his fascinating story of growing up in Nigeria and how he came to be a priest. He will be our guest speaker at our general meeting on Tues. April 8 at 7pm. Please mark your calendars and all are welcome to attend!"

#### 2025 Donation Envelops and 2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts are now at the back of the church ready to be picked up, as well as the 2025 offertory envelopes. They will be available there till Easter. After they will be moved to the Parish Office where you can get them during business hours. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00a.m. till 4:30p.m.

# Catholic Young Adult Book Study

The young adult book study group will be discussing "Strong Poison" by Dorothy Sayers on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:45pm. The meeting will be in the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady, starting with a potluck dinner. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Please contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com to RSVP.

## **Shape-Note Singing**

All are welcome on Saturday, April 12th from 2-4pm to sing hymns from the shape-note tradition. This tradition dates from the 18th century and was devised as a way to easily teach singing to congregations. It has since spread around the world. These hymns are sung with full voice, in 4-part harmony, for the enjoyment of the singers (not as a performance). It will be in the Lourds Room at the Basilica of Our Lady, and hymn books are provided. For information, contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

# **OTHER NEWS**

## Hike for Hospice – June 1, 2025

The annual Hike for Hospice is an event that welcomes families and friends to honor those who have been touched by Hospice Wellington. Teams and individuals register to create their own online teams and invite their fans to support them. The hike takes place in June, most recently in Riverside Park and winds along the beautiful Speed River Trail. The group celebrates together with a BBQ and samplings of various Hospice Wellington services. For more information, please call Phil Gourlay at (519) 836-3921 x 231 or email pgourlay@hospicewellington.org.

## Hospice Wellington – Anticipatory Grief

On Monday April 21,2025 from 1: 00p.m till 3:00p.m. Anticipatory grief occurs prior to death, it is a normal emotion, but it can also be confusing and painful. This workshop will help you understand anticipatory grief and learn helpful coping strategies. Please RSVP by using the following link:

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hospicewellington2/1535 376.

# Michael House – Celebrate Spring

Celebrate the season at our vibrant community gathering, featuring local vendors, crafts, interactive workshops, and delicious food. Whether you're shopping for unique finds or enjoying a hands-on experience, this event is a fantastic way to welcome spring while supporting Michael House families. The event will happen on April 12, 2025, starting at 9:00a.m. and goes until 3:30p.m. It will be at the New

Life Church located at 400 Victoria Rd N. Guelph, tickets are \$65.00 per person and include the workshop, marketplace shopping, snacks, lunch and door prizes. For more details and to register please go to <u>https://michaelhouse.ca/event/celebrate-spring-2025/</u>. If you are interested in being a vendor, we would love to have you! Please contact Maria at <u>maria@michaelhouse.ca</u>.

# Holy Rosary – Tax Clinic 2025

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be receiving files to issue tax receipts for low-income seniors and pensioners, people with disabilities, and social assistance recipients. This service is FREE. Drop-off & pick-up/ in-person. For more information and dates and times that they will be open please call (519) 760-5448.

# Vocations Recognition Dinner 2025

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Tickets are \$90.00 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to <u>serrahamilton1965@gmail.com</u>. You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can pay by credit card using the following link: <u>http://hamiltondiocese.com/events/</u>. This event is cosponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

# Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser – Maryhill

Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St, Charles St. E.) GOOD FRIDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>,2025 12:00p.m till 7:00p.m. Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. First come- first served. Fresh cut fries & gravy, with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 piece \$16.00; 2 pieces \$19.00 Children 12 & under may buy 1 piece at half price for \$8.00 dining in house only! Hot dogs also available. Dinner includes coffee and tea, dessert is extra. CASH ONLY PLEASE! Call ahead take out orders ARE MOST WELCOME. For more information contact (519) 648-2939.

## Take 10 seconds to read this

God allowed Peter to sink in the water, but he never let Peter drown. God allowed Daniel to be thrown into the lion's den, but he shut the mouths of the lions. God allowed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to step into fire, but He walked with them in the flames. God doesn't promise a life without trials, but He does promise to be with you through them. What feels like a setback is often a setup for something greater. Trust Him, even in the struggle. He's always in control.

