

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, KCHS, Rector
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 Father John Iyekowa
 Father Moices Caballero
 Deacon Quinto Tami

Basilica Staff

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
 Amy Grey, Parish 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

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: Michael MacPherson...519-822-8502
Our Lady of Lourdes
 54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Valerie Markes.....519-836-2170
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 57 Victoria Road North
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 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.

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



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, June 9th – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of The Church

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Vicki Anderson, Family Viceanzo, Maria Da Faveri

6:30 p.m. – **Mass with Crowning of Our Lady**

Tuesday, June 10th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Richard Wojcicki

Wednesday, June 11th – St. Barnabas

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Vince Souza Machado

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Pdraig O’Cleirigh

Thursday, June 12th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Georgina Venchiarutti, Arturo Alpe

Friday, June 13th – St. Anthony of Padua

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Manuel Pires, Intentions of all unborn children

Saturday, June 14th

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Maria & Alessandro Baccega, Robert Linhares, Yvon Cyr, Bruno Menegotto, Jerzy Skowron

Sunday, June 15th – The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (Father’s Day)

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

10:00 a.m. – Farewell event- Father John & Father Moices

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

12:00 p.m. – Farewell event - Father John & Father Moices

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 10th week in Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, June 8th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of John & Catherine Healy, and Ted & Margaret Butt.

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 \$16,641.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Vocations

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. May some of our parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. 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.**

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH NEWS

2025 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 being 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. Dates are as follows:

July 5, 2025 (Bishop Ustrzycki), August 2, 2025 (Bishop Bergie), September 6, 2025 (Cardinal Leo), and October 4, 2025 (Bishop Crosby).

Coffee Sunday - Save-The-Date - June 15 - Father's Day

Come downstairs to the Parish Hall for refreshments on Father's Day following each of the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. We will use this opportunity to honor all fathers and especially to bid a fond farewell to Father John and Father Moices. As you know, Father John has been transferred to St. Pius X, Brantford and Father Moices to St. Joseph, Guelph. Join us in thanking them and wishing them the best in their new assignments.

Farewell Fr. John and Fr. Moices – Welcome Fr. Paul

His Excellency Bishop Crosby has assigned Fr. John to St. Pius X, Brantford, and Fr. Moices to St. Joseph’s, Guelph effective June 25 ,2025. The Bishop has also assigned Fr. Paul Niesiobedzki, currently the Associate Pastor at St. Gabriel’s, Burlington, as our new Associate Pastor effective the same day. We thank Fr. John and Fr. Moices for their presence, ministry, and joyful witness at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, and we wish them many blessings in their new ministries.

RCIA 2025-2026

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation)? If so, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you. The RCIA is a journey of faith delving into the riches of our Catholic Tradition, and preparing people for Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church, or completion of the Sacraments of

Initiation at Easter. The journey begins in September 2025 and will culminate at the Easter Vigil in April 2026. Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 season. Please call the Parish Office to register at (519) 824-3951. Please register early.

CWL Spring Market, June 14, 2025

The CWL will be holding a Spring Market on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 9 am to 3 pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a variety of local vendors, household items, treasured keepsakes, a silent auction, 50/50 draw, a bake table, Wally Parr burgers and sausages, refreshments, coffee and donuts. Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable day!

Calling All Bakers - CWL Bake Table Donations

The date of the Spring Market is approaching fast. We are looking for donations of baked goods for our bake table. Please attach to your baked goods a list of the ingredients used. This year we will also be featuring a collection of handbags, purses and accessories for sale. We are looking for donations of gently used purses and scarves that are in like new condition. Baked goods and donated items can be dropped off to the Parish Hall on Friday, June 13, 2025, between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm. Thank you for your support.

Basilica Knights of Columbus

Preparations for our **Eucharistic Procession** in Guelph are underway, and you are invited to join the planning team.

This year, our Procession will be on **Corpus Christi**

Sunday, June 22nd, beginning at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate following 2 pm Mass.

Planning meeting dates: June 10th, 17th. Meetings start at 7pm.

Where: Lourdes Room, at the Basilica Office: 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph

For further information, please contact Craig Chamberlain at dd69@ontariokofc.ca

Religious Education Program – In-Person Classes

St. Joseph's 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 to 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 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting September 16, 2025, and run through to May 2026. For more information, please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451 or email: religiousedstjosephguelph@gmail.com. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries. **THE BASILICA WILL NOT BE DOING PRIVATE LESSONS MOVING FORWARD.**

AFLO 2025 Conference – June 21st in Guelph

Join Alliance for Life Ontario for a powerful full-day

conference on “Loving the Neighbour Society Spurns” at the Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph. Featuring expert speakers on abortion, euthanasia, and law. Saturday, June 21 | \$75 Adults | \$45 Students. More info and registration: www.allianceforlifeontario.ca/2025-conference

Basilica Youth

Alliance for Life invites our young people to an evening during which we will explore the beauty of Blessed Carlo Acutis' love of the Eucharist, with Amanda Achtman. The evening will begin with Pizza, then Amanda's presentation, a group chat and Adoration “Litany of Healing and Repentance in the Eucharist” led by Father Ian. The evening is free, and we are thrilled to invite you. Please register at aflo@mgl.ca or call 519 820 3399, by Wednesday 18th June 2025.

Basilica Seniors

Amanda is coming earlier in the day to make a presentation after the 9.00am morning Mass on Friday June 20th regarding our duty as older people to continually mentor the younger members and to believe in the work that God has called us to do and continue to carry out no matter how old we are. Our experience, love and patience is necessary in our world today, yet many seniors feel that their time is done – Amanda will tell you differently by using Pope Francis’ Theology of the Aging to challenge and encourage us. Please register at aflo@mgl.ca or call Jakki at 519 820 3399

OTHER NEWS

Join us for Michael House's 20th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign!

Since 2005, our community has come together each spring to support vulnerable mothers and babies through this simple but powerful campaign. Over the years, together we've raised more than \$513,000 — one bottle at a time. Pick up a baby bottle, and from Mother's Day (May 11) to Father's Day (June 15) fill it with coins, bills, cheques — and love. Every bottle filled helps Michael House provide shelter, care, and a fresh start to families in need.

To donate online or learn more, visit

<https://www.michaelhouse.ca/event/baby-bottle-campaign/>

Sacred Heart Pilgrimage:

There will be a pilgrimage on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday June 27th, 2025. We will walk from Sacred Heart Guelph to Sacred Heart in Rockwood during the morning, along highway 7. This route is not appropriate for children. More details to follow soon. Registration and waiver will be required. If you would like some more information, please email Stella Mott at mott.stella@gmail.com.

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