

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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 Deacon Quinto Tami

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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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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.

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, May 26th – St. Philip Neri

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Alex Tiomico, Manuel Tantoy, Fe Tantoy

Tuesday, May 27th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Judy and Ron Howse

Wednesday, May 28th

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

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Sherry and Michael Fassel

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Leo Doiron

Thursday, May 29th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Karen Holliday

Friday, May 30th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Margaret Robinson

Saturday, May 31st – The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00a.m. – First Mass of Fr. Matthew Jagas FSSP

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Rosemary Newbigging, Basil Krusky, Rob Holliday, Annemarie Martin, Intentions of Steven Forester

Sunday, June 1st – The Ascension of The Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

1:00 p.m. – Church Tours

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 6th week of Easter, beginning on Sunday, May 25th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the Intentions of Eamon Lowe and Laurae Burt.

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 \$9,200.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St. Vincent De Paul Basilica conference gives thanks for your donation of \$3,081.00 towards their work of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? 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

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: May 27, June 3, 10, 17. Meetings start at 7pm.

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

For further information, please contact Craig Chamberlain at dd69@ontariokoec.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: religionsedstjosephguelph@gmail.com.

Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries. **THE BASILICA WILL NOT BE DOING PRIVATE LESSONS MOVING FORWARD.**

CWL Father Diemert Memorial Bursary

This past year the Catholic Women's League at the Basilica reviewed the criteria and selection process for the Father Diemert Memorial Bursary that was initiated in 1987.

Father Diemert was the Pastor of our Parish from 1979 to 1986. He passed away on July 1, 1986, while he was in the position of Pastor at our Parish. Our new process will focus more on Parish involvement and will include an application form for students to complete. The following criteria must be met by the student:

- must be entering the first year of an accredited college, trade school or university;
- must be a practicing Catholic as verified by Father Ian; and
- must be active in Parish activities i.e. altar server, choir member, volunteer with the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, or Children's Liturgy, or any other Parish ministry as verified by the applicable member of the Basilica. A maximum of 3 bursaries are available each year. The application forms will be available in the south tower of the Basilica in the brochure holder.

The deadline for applications is June 2, 2025. The notification of acceptance is June 10, 2025.

Basilica Golf Tournament

It's time to clean those clubs and brush up your golf swings! The Parish Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00 p.m. at Victoria Park Valley Golf Course. We will be selling tickets for this event at the back of the church after all masses during the month of May. Tickets are \$125 for golf with cart and dinner or \$35 for dinner only. 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. Join us for what is always a fun time - and remember, the sun always shines on a golf course.

Monthly Catholic Women's League Evening Holy Hour

Starting this month of May, join the Catholic Women's League (CWL) every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration. Every month the Holy Hour will be for a new prayer intention. This month the intention will be for the needs and intentions of parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. All are welcome.

What's Wrong with MAiD?

The concept of MAiD, whether new to you or not, is a growing part of healthcare that deserves more attention from the faith community. Learn how policies in Nova Scotia may affect you, your loved ones, and the overall healthcare system. We'll take a look at this important subject from the Christian perspective, with history, insights and testimonials on the increasing impact of MAiD. Find out which provinces have the most restrictive policies and why change is needed to advocate for dignity-affirming healthcare. Join us on Wednesday, June 4, starting at 7:00 PM at Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Church Hall (28 Norfolk St, Guelph, ON N1H 4H8). Please RSVP at:

<https://cmdacanada.org/event/whats-wrong-with-maid-guelph/>.

This event is sponsored by Alliance for Life Ontario. RSVP is not required, but it will allow the host venue to better prepare and ensure that you get follow-up information about the presentation

OTHER NEWS

Marian Residence Volunteers Welcome

The Marian Residences at 640 Hillview Rd. in Cambridge are looking for volunteers willing to lend a helping hand with some simple yet important tasks at their front desk. The tasks include answering phone calls, taking messages, and allowing admittance into the access-controlled building.

The working shifts are negotiable however the minimum mandatory age of any interested persons is 25.

If you feel that you could lend a hand in a calm and caring environment, please contact Sr Mary Pio, the Volunteer Coordinator at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent at 519-653-6752.

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/>

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