

BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

Parish Community



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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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Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
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 Sue Narducci – Part Time 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: Colin Malone.....519-822-8502
Our Lady of Lourdes
 54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Valerie Marks.....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.

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

Monday, October 20th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – John Azzopardi, Agnes Boyle, All the Suffering Souls

Tuesday, October 21st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Ruby Taggart, Stan Krakowiak

5:00 p.m. – CWL Mass

Wednesday, October 22nd

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Joan Ireland

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Maria Semlok

Thursday, October 23rd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Margaret Sullivan, Members of the Butt Family

Friday, October 24th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Members of the Healy Family, Intentions of Father Moices

Saturday, October 25th

9:00 a.m. – Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Members of the Sloan Family, Members of the Downy Family, Jim Sheridan, Lizzy Gallagr, Christine and Louie Folk

Sunday, October 26th – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, October 19th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the souls of Rosie and Billy Rainey, for the souls in Purgatory.

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 \$12,973.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests,

deacons, religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH NEWS

Basilica Gift Shop Volunteers Needed

Our Gift Shop is also in need of volunteers after each mass on Saturday and Sunday. Training is provided. Volunteers will greet and assist visitors in the Shop; handle cash; assist in stocking inventory. A police check is required. Please visit us at the Gift Shop or contact the office if interested.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group:

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join the book study group, which meets at the Basilica every other Wednesday at 5:45pm. At each meeting, there is a potluck dinner and a discussion of a Catholic fiction or non-fiction work, or a document of the Church. Deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith while meeting new friends! Upcoming meetings will be on October 22nd. Please RSVP to hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

Treasure In Heaven - Saturday, October 25th

Do you desire to do more for Christ and his Church? Come to a workshop on the vocation and mission of the laity at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Guelph on Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Doors of the hall open at 8:30am. Co-sponsored by the Vocations Office, Diocese of Hamilton, and the Catholic Women's League (CWL). All are welcome. For more information: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Wine Tasting Event – Friday November 7, 2025

Mark your calendars - On Friday, November 7th, we will host a Wine Tasting Social Event from 7 pm to 9 pm, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person, and we will have a selection of different wines (as well as non-alcoholic options) that you can try as well as a variety of food including charcuterie and antipasti. Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses until November 1/2. All are welcome so don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy some great company, wine and food!

Children's All Saints Day Party

Calling all children and their families! The Deanery's All Saints Day Party is fast approaching! It will be held on Saturday, November 1 from 1:00-4:00 pm (drop-in) in the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. The activities are geared to children aged 4-10, but all children are welcome! The party includes fifteen fun and informative activity stations, ranging from bowling to colouring, darts to Adoration, and much more. Admission is \$2.00/child. Please RSVP to Elise at frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com and include your family's surname and the number of children attending.

Once you RSVP, your family will be entered in a draw to win one of three exciting books about Saints. Register today! It will be a fantastic afternoon, and we hope to see many of you there!

Christmas Bazaar – November 15th, 2025

The CWL will be hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar at the Basilica on Saturday, November 15th, 2025 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please come and join us for an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping with our various vendors, visit our bake table, our greens table, try your luck at our 50/50 draw, penny table, silent auction, and enjoy some refreshments.

OTHER NEWS

Alliance for Life Ontario and Guelph Right to Life

We really are worth more. Alliance for Life Ontario and Guelph Right to Life invite you to a free Movie Night on Friday, October 4th, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Basilica Hall. Speaker Bronwyn Gray is an organizer and advocate based in Chilliwack, British Columbia. She is passionate about raising awareness and challenging societal norms. She is the producer of a short film, "Worth More," produced in collaboration with videographer Chris Sloan. Her film brings to light the critical issue of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in Canada. We look forward to seeing you there. Please call 519 836-6311 or Jakki 519 820-3399 for further details.

All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, November 1st at 11:00 am. The principal celebrant will be most Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more information Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/> Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Martyr Shrine – Small Reliquary

Saturday, November 1st, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm: Join us as we welcome Father Bert Foliot, a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine. He was ordained 52 years ago, has been a pastor of numerous parishes in Toronto and Winnipeg. He has also done ministry work among Indigenous Peoples for 25 years. He served as the Director of Regis College in Toronto and was the Director of the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. He was a Superior of Jesuit

Communities for 45 years. Presently, he is a member of the Jesuit staff at Martyrs Shrine and is pastor for the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island. For 7 years he walked from Guelph to Midland, Ontario with the Guelph Walking Pilgrimage. This all-day talk will be about the Shrine's 100 years and a 400-year story of love and discovery with St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 am with blessings from the relics, discussion on the Martyrs and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Lunch is provided. **No cost to attend. Good will offering accepted. RSVP required at the St Joseph Parish Office by October 28th - 519-822-4614.**

St. Joseph's Listowel C.W.L. Christmas Bazaar

Are hosting their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a rite which takes place during Mass and is a way to help children participate in the liturgy meaningfully. This age-appropriate liturgical experience prepares children to participate fully in Mass especially after receiving their First Communion. The workshop cost is \$35.00. The course is being offered on November 8th, 2025 at St. Matthew Parish in Oakville from 9:30 am till 3:00 pm. To register please go to the Hamilton Diocese website under upcoming events/workshops. <http://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-ministry-formation-workshop-2/>.

Knights of Columbus Council 8192 (Elmira)

is hosting a **FISH FRY on Friday, October 24, 2025**, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be from 4:30 pm to 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag, as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or the Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday) at 519 669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Frassati Leadership Program

Calling all those currently in grade 10! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of the Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. Registration for this year's cohort closes on October 24th! For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

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