

# 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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**Pastoral Team**

Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector  
 Father Jonathan Reitzel, Associate Pastor  
 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant  
 Deacon Quinto Tami

**Basilica Staff**

Marion Alexander, Bookkeeper  
 Amy Grey, Parish Secretary  
 Sue Narducci, Part Time Secretary  
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

**Music Ministry**

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster  
 Julian Mason, Sub-Organist

**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Vespers

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Moira Coffey, intentions of Bill & Julie Flaherty, and intentions of Bill Kantor

#### Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Naish O’Handley, intentions of Brandon & Ashlean Butt

#### Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Bonaventure

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Lydia & Thomas Cortes

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:00 p.m. – Benediction

12:15 p.m. – Mass – John Heeley

#### Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Domenic Narducci, Maria Carmela Alpe

#### Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Joseph & Beatrice Fitzpatrick, all deceased members of Joseph & Beatrice Fitzpatrick’s family

#### Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – John Kirkegaard, Erwin Ballivian, Franck Molin, Mike Silvestro, intentions of John & Catherine Healy

#### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

#### Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Larry & Olive Hollinger & burn for the intentions of the Gojdyecz 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 donations collected in the amount of \$9,018.45 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 \$3,473.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

#### Vocations

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought...” For five minutes today rest with Jesus and ask Him what He requires of you. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email at [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

#### PARISH NEWS

#### 2026 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: August 1,2026 (Cardinal Collins), September 5, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger) and October 3,2026 (Bishop Dabrowski).

#### Welcome Message from Father Jonathan Reitzel

Greetings, to all of you. My name is Fr. Jonathan Reitzel, and I am looking forward to serving all of you as the Associate Pastor here at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. I was ordained alongside your former Associate Pastor - Fr. Paul Niesiobedzki. Although ordained a priest, like him, for 3 years, I am the youngest priest of the Diocese of Hamilton. I am excited to see what the Lord will bring about from our time together. Peace!

#### 18th Annual Parish Picnic

The Summer is just starting but we’re already planning our 18th Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th.

This year, the organizing committee is working on changing the format to make our Picnic even better!

#### What will be Different?

**Location** - on the Basilica property (Southside Parking lot)

**Timing** - Picnic will begin right after 11:00 am Mass followed by lunch, games and entertainment

**Live Entertainment** - Talent Showcase and Karaoke

#### What will be the Same?

Price per person remains at \$5 which includes snacks, drinks and BBQ lunch

Great Raffle Prizes including the Children’s Bike Raffle Kids Games

A “Shout Out” to all the talented members of our Parish Community. If you are interested in being part of our Talent Showcase, please email us at: [Ourlady@Churchofourlady.com](mailto:Ourlady@Churchofourlady.com) by July 24<sup>th</sup>, so we can plan our lineup!

Watch the bulletin for more news in the coming weeks!

#### Basilica Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is excited to show you our new Basilica line of souvenirs. We have Basilica keychains, magnets, slate coasters, bookmarks, prayer cards and note cards. We

have new statues in many sizes as well as a nice collection of giftware for the sacraments, bibles, rosaries and many more. Come and visit us in the Newstead Room, parish basement, after any weekend masses and on special occasions such as the Marian Days throughout the summer. Cash or cheques only please.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! 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 other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

### **WYD 2027**

The Diocese of Hamilton is blessed to have 82 young pilgrims preparing to travel to Seoul, South Korea next summer as a part of the 45<sup>th</sup> International Celebration of World Youth Day. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith and how you can support the young people of our Diocese, visit us at: [wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Young Adults Night: Hamilton – August 1, 2026**

Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com);

St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton)

Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm)

Social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm)

Vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm)

Compline (9:00pm)

### **YOUTH MINISTER'S RETREAT**

SAVE THE DATE! We are inviting all youth ministers, youth ministry coordinators and leaders in youth ministry, to join us for our annual retreat on September 19 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. More information and how to register will be shared as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you are interested in attending or have any questions, please reach out to us: [youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Gilbert MacIntyre Funeral Home: Your life Your Legacy Seminar – Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**

A relaxed evening to begin your journey in planning ahead. Start the conversation and open the door to what matters most. Protect your family, give your loved ones peace of mind. The event starts at 6:00pm, dinner is on us! Join us

at the Cutton Field Golf Club (190 College Ave E, Guelph, ON)

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

Space is limited.



Scan here  
to sign up!

### **WALK WITH JESUS: RETREAT FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE THE DEATH OF A CHILD.**

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. You can register on the Diocesan home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events (look for the date retreat of the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### **ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM**

Healthy self-esteem is linked to positive mental health outcomes, which is so important to each of us. Our program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your own future. The program will be offered in September and is held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration is online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and can be found under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

Loving guidance and care for children by parents is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings. In June we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose love and care taught us how to live and love in our lives. As summer approaches take some time to relax into the season with purpose. Show how to love by your interactions and activities: pray together daily, attend Mass even when you are away, read together, take time for hiking, have a family games nights, spend time preparing and cooking as a family, etc. Teaching how to love with the heart of Jesus happens through interaction and will help create loving, confident, healthy children.

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