Please note: The church is open to full capacity You must continue to wear a mask.

# **MASS INTENTIONS**



Wednesday March 23- 9:00 am – Karl Guralski Friday March 25 – 9:00 am – Joe Monaco Saturday March 26 – 5:00pm – Cecylia & Dominik Gorski, Giuseppina Scozzari, Bernie Dugas, Paolo & Marie DiFonte

Wednesday March 30, 9:00 am – Bernie Dugas

Friday April 1, 9:00 am – Janet Somers Saturday April 2 – 5:00pm – Elia Bilanzola, Rita Chiarelli, Rick Frances, Charles Rizzo, Joseph & Connie Curto

### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

#### March 21-26, 2022

MON – Rev. Mark Morley TUE – Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayi WED – Franciscan Fathers THU – Rev. James McSharry (deceased) FRI – Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki SAT – Rev. Ireneusz Koziak

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

<u>March 28 – April 2, 2022</u> MON – Rev. William Trusz TUE - Rev. David Reitzel WED – Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada THU - Rev. Ross Campbell FRI – Rev. Peter Robinson SAT – Rev. David Reilander

Collections: March 5/6, 2022 – \$2896.00.00 March 12/13,2022 - \$3075.00

#### WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME

### At Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at <u>11:00 a.m</u>.

At Sacred Heart Stations of the Cross are Fridays at Noon.

## **Reconciliation at Blessed Sacrament**

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pmSaturday April  $9^{\text{th}} 3:30 - 4:30 \text{ pm}$ Wednesday April 13 - 9:30 - 10:30 am

ALSO....

St. Margaret Mary Parish will be having and <u>All-Day</u> <u>Adoration and Confession</u> on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> There will be Various Priest throughout the day.



<u>Easter Schedule</u> Holy Thursday – April 14- 8 P.M. Good Friday April 15 – 3 P.M. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – April 16 – 5 P.M. Easter Sunday – April 17 – 11 A.M.

Love Isn't Fair The Fourth Sunday of Lent My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. (Luke15:31)

An open letter to the elder son in the parable of the Prodigal son:

Dear Elder Son, I hear you! I understand why you're so upset and refuse to go to the party. After all, you are the dutiful son, the responsible one. You didn't run off and squander your inheritance like your ingrate of a brother. No, you stayed on the farm and worked your tail off. And yet, when your younger brother comes crawling home, your dad throws a party for him! A huge party! It isn't fair! It just isn't fair!

And there, dear Elder Brother, is "the rub". Yes, the party isn't fair – precisely because LOVE isn't fair! Fair is what is deserved, what is earned, what is merited. But love goes way beyond fairness. It morphs into ecstatic welcoming, into unfathomable mercy, into unconditional forgiveness. So, Elder Brother, go to the party and enjoy yourself Why? Because the love is being poured out on you brother is the same love that is being poured out on you! Rejoice! Rejoice!

#### BOTTLE DRIVE SATURDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>

in Blessed Sacrament parking lot. 9am – 3pm Bring all your empty wine, beer, liquor bottle. The proceeds go to the Food Bank.



### March 20, 2022

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada** has started a National Food Drive program aimed at increasing food donations to local food banks. The CWL of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is participating in this food drive and we need your help! This month our focus is on CANNED GOODS! Canned stew, canned beans, canned meat and tuna fish are just a few examples. Please drop off your donations in the narthex and help those who are in need during the cold winter months.

The Catholic Women's League is hosting our annual *Share Lent Lunch* on Sunday April 3, 2022 immediately after the 11am Mass in the parish hall. All members are



welcome to attend. Please bring some bread and fruit to share. We will have a short business meeting and a Share Lent collection will be taken up for Development and Peace.

#### Get on the voters list

Your vote is your voice. When you cast your vote, you're declaring your support of Catholic Education

On Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, make sure your voice is heard. Visit voterlookup.ca to confirm that your name in on the Preliminary list of Electors for the upcoming municipal and school board elections.

If you haven't declared your Catholic school support, by default your property taxes are directed to the municipality's English public school board. As a property owner in Ontario, you're entitled to direct your school support to English separate Catholic – which, in Hamilton, is the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

As a registered Separate school supporter, you have a say in who will represent your interests at the school board and other levels of government. You don't have to have children in a Catholic school to register as a Separate school supporter...you only have to be Catholic.

For more information, please contact Nicole Baldini, Assessment Clerk, HWCDSB at 905-525-2930 ext 2006 or <u>baldinin@hwcdsb.ca</u>, the City of Hamilton at 905-546-2424 ext 4408 or MPAC at 1-866-296-6722

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in the parish, Spread the media to your also up-to-



faithful posts, and much more! word that we have social family/ friends, so they are date. See you online

### March 27, 2022

**FUNDSCRIP** Gift Cards are on sale now! Once again the CWL will be placing an order for the Fundscrip Gift Cards. These make excellent Easter gifts and also great for your everyday purchases. Order forms are available in the church narthex, in the parish office or you can even have one emailed to you! Full payment must accompany your order. The deadline for orders is MONDAY MARCH 28. Thank you for supporting the CWL and the charitable works that they do locally and abroad!

**Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger** – Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for *Evenings with His Excellency*, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit: https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/202 1/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Find out more on the Diocesan website at https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/griefsupport, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**Marriage Support** - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

#### If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Psalm 95.8

#### World Meeting Of Families Diocese Event - being held

May 28, 2022 at Mount Mary in Ancaster. Pope Francis is urging diocesan administrators to begin preparations for the 2022 World Meeting of Families, and this is exactly what the Diocese of Hamilton has begun to do! The Pope has asked that, "wherever it is possible, I would like to invite diocesan communities to plan initiatives based on the theme of the meeting, and to use the symbols being prepared by the Diocese of Rome." More information will follow, for now, we encourage you to keep Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> open. As Pope Francis reminds us, this is "a great opportunity for Catholics to renew their commitment to family ministry."

#### From The Diocese - The 2021 – 2023 Synod of

**Bishops** brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission.

Visit: https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about

### Sacred Heart Parish 100th Anniversary - This June



15<sup>th</sup>, Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton, will be celebrating 100 years. We ask former and present parishioners to please send photos of memories at Sacred Heart either by email: <u>sacred.heart@cogeco.ca</u> or to

bring them to the parish rectory. Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, June  $5^{th}$  2022 at 10:00 a.m., and this will be followed by brunch at Michelangelo's. Further details to follow.