

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed Feb 21– 9:00 am – Jean DeKleyn
Fri Feb 23 – 9:00 am –Brenda Teria
Fri Feb 23 – 11:00 am - *Stations of the Cross*
Saturday Feb 24 – 5:00 pm- Manuel Medeiros, Jean DeKleyn, Alberto Grazia Addabbo, Giovanni & Marie Prativiera, Anna & Domenic Cifani, Frank McCarvell

Wed. Feb 28 -9:00 am – William Martin Douglas
Fri. March 1 – 9:00 am – Jean DeKleyn
Fri March 1 –11:00 am -*Stations of the Cross*
Saturday March 2- 5:00 pm – Annie Settimi, Sandra Elizabeth, Michael Joseph Towler, Rae Adams

Feb 3/4- \$3262.00 including loose
 Feb 10/11- \$2,644.00 including loose

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DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Feb 19-24, 2024

MON – Rev. Robert Bulbrook
 TUE – Rev. Ron Cote
 WED – **Disalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D)**
 THUR – Rev. William Foote
 FRI – Rev. Michael Isabelle
 SAT – Consecrated Virgin Candidates

Feb 26-Mar 2, 2024

MON – Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
 TUE - Rev. Timothy Higgins
 WED – **Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.C.J.)**
 THUR – Rev. Michael King
 FRI – Rev. Msgr Earl Talbot
 SAT – Rev. Ronald Voisin

Youth Group Grades 7+ Join us on February 23rd for Youth Group. Meet us at the parish hall at 7:00 p.m.. Download a permission form from our website, if you have never attended before.

Donations Needed: During Lent, our parish will be collecting items for those who find themselves unhoused in our community. Items that are most in need at this time are: toiletries, feminine hygiene products, socks and protein bars. Please ensure these items are new and not expired. All items can be dropped off in the Narthex until Easter Weekend.

Please pick up your 2023 tax receipts in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like parish envelopes, please call the parish office and we can certainly help you. If you are new to the parish please complete a registration form and drop it into the office or in the Sunday collection. Welcome to Most Blessed Sacrament Parish!

The Catholic Women's League of Blessed Sacrament Church is continuing the monthly food drive. This program is aimed at increasing food donations to *Neighbour to Neighbour*, our local food bank. This month our focus is on PASTA, PASTA SAUCE/SPEGHETTI SAUCE and RICE! Any type of pasta, pasta sauce or rice would be great! Please drop off your donations in the narthex and help those who are in need during these cold winter months.



The **CWL of Blessed Sacrament** wants to thank everyone who came out last Sunday to enjoy a chili lunch! Thank you to all involved: the ticket makers and sellers, the chili makers, the volunteers that helped to set up the hall and clean up afterwards, and to those CWL ladies that made financial donations to the chili pot! The profits will go towards funding our local charities.



Maltese Canadian Association of the City of Hamilton Presents---
Way of the Cross Art Exhibit
 Local artist Joseph Brincat will display his hand carvings of the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.** February 22nd to 25th. In the Narthex.

The Adult Choir is now accepting new members. We are presently preparing for Lent, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you are interested in joining (especially male voices) please call the parish office for details or just come up to the choir loft on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm for our weekly one-hour practice! We look forward to having you!



CWL will be placing an order for the **FUNDSCRIP** Gift Cards once again. The cards will make excellent Easter and spring gifts. 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 the morning of **MONDAY MARCH 11**, just in time for Easter! Thank you for supporting the CWL and the charitable works that they support both locally and abroad!

Monday February 19 is Family Day.

Enjoy your family!
 The Parish Office will be closed on Monday. The voice mail will be checked for emergencies.



The Fine Art of Being Happily Married

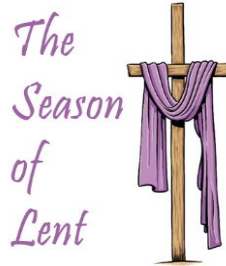
In his poem, **The Art of Marriage**, Wilfred A. Peterson writes, “A good marriage must be created” and creating something requires time and attention. We invite you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Join us on Saturday, May 4th from 9:30 – 3:00 pm at the Mount Mary Retreat Center in Ancaster. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. To register on the website go to hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

Parenting Tip - Children love Valentine’s Day because of the exchange of cards and little parties at school. It is a great time to talk to them about what real love is: giving, receiving, caring, thinking of the other before self and putting others needs above your own. Your children will develop deeper and healthier relationships with this understanding. They will especially know what to look for when they grow up and find someone to love in their future. Do not forget to remind them that God loves them completely and unconditionally, so they can and should pray and talk to him about their life anytime.

Marriage Tip - The month of February, known as the month of love, can sometimes create unrealistic expectations for couples. “Real” love supports their spouse when they have had a bad day, creates ways to spend time together, offers help without asking and is self-giving, not self-receiving. This month, take the time to look for ways to support the one you love and you will experience a deeper, more connected relationship. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)



This **Lent** as we prepare to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter, important as it may be to deprive ourselves of good things that enable us to remember that God should be the source and centre of all, we might focus on doing something positive to contribute

to the well-being of the human family. The corporal works of mercy are a good start: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those who are imprisoned, and bury the dead. We might also consider making a difference through the spiritual works of mercy: admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead. These are, of course, practices that would do us—and others—well during Lent, and long after Easter.

Share Lent in the name of peace....For this year’s Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us together, let’s create Hope and work toward Reaping our rights. You will find inspiring stories in the Mini-magazine distributed in the bulletin.

Reaping Our Rights – “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” Galations 6:9

For more information on development and peace, their website is devp.org

If everyone took only what was needed and gave the rest to those in need, there would be no such thing as rich and poor. –St. Basil

Second Sunday of Lent –If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk.

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One day, out of a clear, blue sky, Billy asked his mother: “Mom, what do people say when they get married?” Mother answered: “They promise to love and be kind to each other.” Billy thought a moment and then exclaimed: “You’re not always married, are you Mom?”



The bulletin has been printed in the parish office for many years. We were hoping to get Liturgical Publications to print our bulletin which costs us nothing. However, they do not have space for us.

Our advertisers have been on the back of the bulletin since before COVID. We do not have anyone to continue to follow up with the advertisers or get new advertisers, therefore there has been no funds to pay for the bulletin. The parish has been incurring this expense.

The bulletin will now cost money to operate for paper and the photo copying, with colour etc.

If anyone is interested in pursuing the bulletin advertisers and helping set up the back of the bulletin please call the parish office.

It would entail some calling and upgrading payments. Hopefully most of the advertisers now would continue to advertise.