

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Wed Dec 11 – 9:00 am** – Marilyn McLaren

**Fri Dec 13 – 9:00 am** – Kathy Martin

**Sat Dec 14 – 5:00 pm-** Wallace Khan & deceased family members, Bruno & Cyrienne Houndolo, Italia Giardino, Nino DiFlippo, Gary Young

**Wed. Dec 18 – 8:00 am** – Margaret Vernon

**Fri Dec 20 -9:00 am** – Ellen Jane Bozzo

**Saturday Dec 21 – 5:00 pm** – Carmela Spagnoltti – Menechella

Special intentions for Arturo & Patsy deLeon, and Dr. Maloude deLeon

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

**Dec 9-14, 2024**

MON – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

TUE – Rev. Lawrence Parent

WED – **Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)**

THUR – **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**

FRI – Rev. John Ha

SAT – Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.

**Dec 16-21, 2024**

MON – Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.

TUE - Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.

WED – **voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)**

THUR – Rev. Ilija Petkovic

FRI – Rev. Vinko Nenadic

SAT – Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.

**The Adult Choir** is now preparing for the Christmas Season. If you are interested in the music ministry of our parish and being a part of the Mass on Christmas Eve, please join us in the choir loft for practice, held every Tuesday evening at 5:30 for one hour and weekly attendance is a must!

**DO you play an instrument?** The Adult Choir is looking for someone who plays an instrument that could be used in conjunction with Christmas music, which is being prepared for the 2024 Christmas season. If you are interested, please contact the parish office and leave your name and telephone number.



**Saint Vincent de Paul Society** – Our Christmas tree will be in the narthex. There will be tags for children in our neighbourhood requiring assistance. If you are able, please take a tag off the tree to purchase a gift (approx. \$20-\$25) and return it by December 14/15. Please put the tag with the gift when you return. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter’s Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Baminelli Sunday. The blessing of the ‘Baminelli’ – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **Sunday, Dec14/15** at the 5pm or the 11am Mass to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Baminelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your ‘Baminelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger and allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



**Social Justice League** ---The Social Justice League will meet after the 11:00 a.m. on December 8th Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish. We will partake in some Christmas Themed Outreach for our community. Any grade 9 to 12 student is invited to attend and will receive Community Service Hour.



**Donations received – Nov 23/24 - \$2,662.00**

**Loose- \$493.00**

**Nov 30/Dec1- \$2,760.00**

**Loose 340.00**

**‘Celebrating the Word’** Everyone is welcome. This year’s sessions are scheduled after Wednesday Mass , then continue each Wednesday - December 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. In the parish Hall at 9:30am.

All welcome! You do not have to sign up just come as often as you can. Refreshments provided.

The 2025 Parish envelopes will be in the narthex next weekend. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like parish envelopes, please call the parish office and we can certainly help you. You can receive envelopes anytime during the year.

Just a reminder that the Parish year end is Dec 31/24.

**All donations** must be in the parish office by the 9am morning of Dec 30<sup>th</sup> to receive a 2024 tax receipt.

Any donations received after this date will be in the next tax year 2025. Thank you for your generosity and commitment.



The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of

Hamilton hosts a Monthly Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington on the second Tuesday of each month. The names of people interred in one of the Hamilton/Burlington area Catholic cemeteries during the previous month are read during the Universal Prayer, and their relatives receive an invitation to attend. The next Mass will be on Tuesday, December 10 at 4:30pm. All are welcome.

**The Abruzzese Federation** invites you to our annual Christmas concert to be held on December 12 at 7:00pm at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Songs will be in English and Italian. Free admission with donations of non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd gratefully accepted.

**PARENTING TIP for December.** December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season.

**MARRIAGE TIP for December .** December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

**Poinsettia Events 2024 \*\* Thank you everyone for helping to make this years' Poinsettia Events memorable and a joyous event.**



Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers, planning and organizing and assisting in the events. Special thanks to



Fr. Charlie; Wendy & Jeff in the Parish Office; the Poinsettia Committee; Laura Luneberg; Pat & Fred Williams; Ricardo Neto; Christina McNamara; Steve & Lori Sadjer; Jenny Frappa; Principal of BSS and Karen Galipeau who is the organizer of this big event.

**Christmas with the Chosen:**

**December 12, 2024 (7:00-8:00pm)**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to a live virtual viewing party of "The Shepherd", a special Christmas episode of "The Chosen," reflecting on the birth of Christ through the eyes of a young shepherd. This one hour gathering will include prayer, free streaming of the 20-minute episode, and well wishes for the Advent Season. Gather your friends and family, make the popcorn, and join us for this wonderful opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Savior! A quick trailer of the episode can be found on You Tube – Christmas the Chosen-the Shepherd Teaser Trailer.

Registration is free and required to receive the link: <https://bit.ly/ChristmaswiththeChosen2024>

**Young Adults Mass and Vox Talk - Sunday, December 15th - Hamilton**

During the Advent Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend Mass at 7:00pm and participate in the first of a series of Vox Talks at 8:00pm, this one in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 entitled "Christian Hope in an Anxious World" on Gaudete Sunday, December 15th at the Sisters of St. John the Baptist Convent (329 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton, ON, parking in rear off of Lynbrook Drive). Doors open for prayer and confessions at 6:30pm. Social with snacks following the Mass. Co-sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

