

# 1<sup>ST</sup>. SUNDAY OF LENT

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**February 22, 2015**

**Mass Intentions this week**

**Please note: ALL LENTEN MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED**

*February 24 to February 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Kerwin Mulligan  
**Wednesday 12: noon** †Elio Petrella  
**Thursday 2:30 (John Noble)**  
**Friday 12:noon** †Americo Tarantelli  
**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Isobel Plant, Antonio Tarantelli, Intentions of Msgr. Roger Formosi



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: Barney Noonan and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

<b>DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR</b>	
Monday, February 23	Rev. Boniface D'Souza, O.C.D.
Tuesday, February 24	Rev. Peter Meyer
Wednesday, February 25	Discalced Carmelite Nuns (O.C.D.)
Thursday, February 26	Rev. Michael King
Friday, February 27	Rev. Bradley Markus
Saturday, February 28	Rev. Joseph deViveiros, C.R.

**OFFERTORY.** Last week was \$2946.90 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on *Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

**Classes will be after the 9:30 am Mass on March 8, 2015, in the Rectory.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST** will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on *April 18, 19 and April 25, 26, 2015.*

*Reconciliation Liturgy* is *February 26, or March 12* at 7 pm. Parent Meeting *March 26* at 7 pm in the Hall.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Various parish groups will lead us in the Stations of the Cross following the 6:30 pm Mass on the following Tuesdays: February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup>. Mass and Stations – a good way to pray in Lent.

## MEDITATION

Today's Gospel begins with strong words: "The Spirit drove him out into the wilderness." These words follow God's blessing on Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

God affirms Jesus and then, without allowing him to enjoy the moment, thrusts him into a harsh place. These are the two extremes of human life, and if we look back over our lives we can all recognize similar moments. You experience the joy of giving birth and learn your child has serious medical problems. You meet someone special only to discover they have deceived you. The hardest challenge in life is to believe that every moment, whether joyful or difficult, is an occasion to deepen our relationship with God and one another. It is not enough to accept or tolerate reality. We are called to love reality in all its glory and messiness.

Jesus meets reality in an honest and loving way, trusting that God is revealed at every moment, even on the cross. That is what makes his life radical and what makes our life radical when we can find our way into this way of living. It is the call to love reality that brings us to our knees, crying out, "God, have mercy on me" or earnestly praying, "Thank you, God!" at the end of each and every day.

## THANK YOU:

Father Roger Formosi appreciated your prayers. If you wish to send him a note, his address is:

Mary Mother of God Parish,  
2745 North Ridge Trail,  
Oakville, ON L6H 7A3

## C.W.L. NEWS

**WORLD Day of Prayer – Friday, March 6, 1:30 pm** please join us at Balfour United Church, West Brant, for the prayer service focusing on The Bahamas. Additional parking is available at the No Frills parking lot.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** – with Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton on **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:30 pm**; for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years in the calendar year 2015. Registration forms are available on the poster on the bulletin board at the back of the Church.

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Sowing seeds of love through 15,200 projects and partnerships**

We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them. – Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 48.

For nearly 50 years, Development and Peace have been committed to nurturing the bond between the faith of Canadian Catholics and the poorest of our brothers and sisters in the human family. Since our founding in 1967, Canadian Catholics have supported 15,200 local initiatives around the world through your generous donations to the annual Share Lent Campaign. These initiatives, in areas such as agriculture, education, community action, peacebuilding and citizen participation, continue to help the poor today. The Share Lent collection is on the Fifth Sunday of Lent – Solidarity Sunday – March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Learn more at [devp.org](http://devp.org).

## **LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER - Sisters of Social Service,**

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton, Friday, February 27th. 9:30 am to 3:00pm. Bring a bag lunch....Tea & coffee provided.

To Register: please call or e-mail

905-388-3966 OR

e-mail: [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca)

## **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY**

Saturday, March 7, 2015, 9 am – 5:30 pm - Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St., W., Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck, Guest Speaker: Al Kresta. High Mass (with Sunday readings) Celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. Separate Youth Event (13-18 yrs.) Music, Skits, Power-packed Talks.

For Tickets (Adult \$20/Youth \$10) call 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510/. Email: [LJHR@rogers.com](mailto:LJHR@rogers.com), visit: [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org).

## **BRANT MEN OF SONG BENEFIT CONCERT**

The Brant Men of Song and guest artists will present a benefit concert in support of the Hankinson House Hospice. Please support this worthy cause being held at St Pius X Church on **Saturday, February 28th** at 7:30 p.m. A free will offering will be greatly accepted.

## **PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED -**

**LEARNING TO COPE** (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting **Tuesday, March 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

**DISCERNMENT RETREATS – March 2015** Come and See Weekend at St. Peter's in London Mar 6-8. Discernment Retreat for Men, St. Joseph's Motherhouse in Hamilton March 13-15. Discernment Retreat for Women, St. Joseph's Motherhouse in Hamilton – March 13-15. [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**Pope Francis** has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October of 2015 which is to include Bishops from around the world. – **this is your invitation to participate** in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese. There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

1. Fill in the questionnaire which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan web site at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The questionnaire seeks information from the faithful on the content of the Lineamenta, which is the working document for the upcoming Synod. It can be completed on line, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. **The deadline for submission is Feb. 27, 2015.**
2. **Attend one of two focus group gatherings** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report. **Both gatherings will occur from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** and you are asked to RRSP by phone (905-528-7988 ext. 2249) or e-mail ([familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)) if you plan to attend. You may join in a focus group at **St. Michael Parish** (240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo) on **Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** or at the **Chancery Office** (700 King Street West, Hamilton) on **Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**.

The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com).

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND -** St Peter Seminary in London is hosting a Come and See Weekend offering a special opportunity for men considering a vocation to diocesan priesthood to reflect on the call of God in their lives, immerse themselves in Seminary life, and interact with seminarians who can share and witness from personal experience. The weekend is **March 6th to 8th** at St. Peter Seminary beginning with registration on the Friday evening between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and concluding with lunch on Sunday afternoon. The weekend is open to men who are in grade 12 and older. Please feel free to contact Father Kuzma at the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Hamilton at [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com) for further information or to register as a participant.