

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 22, 2015

Mass Intentions this week

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

March 24th. to March 29th.

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Wallace Dignard
Wednesday NO MASS
Thursday 2: 30 pm † Lloyd Edwards
(John Noble Home)
Friday 12: noon Intentions of Ann Chamberlain
Saturday 5:00 pm † Patricia Smith, Living and deceased family members, Intentions of Theresa Neary



Sanctuary Lamp

Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 23	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Tuesday, March 24	Rev. Tomislav Pek, O.F.M.
Wednesday, March 25	Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.)
Thursday, March 26	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.
Friday, March 27	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Saturday, March 28	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic

OFFERTORY. Last week was \$3420.00 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Looking ahead: Easter is fast approaching. Please participate in as many of our Holy Week Celebrations as possible.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 1st at 7 pm.

Your retreat day is Saturday, April 18th, from 1 – 5pm in our Parish Hall.

There will **not** be an opportunity for Reconciliation on that day so you need to think about coming on any Saturday between 4 – 4:30 pm (except April 4th), or as mentioned above. Thank you. Come Holy Spirit!

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on April 18, 19 and April 25, 26, 2015. *Parent Meeting March 26th* at 7 pm in the Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross following the 6:30 pm Mass this Tuesday, March 24th. Mass and Stations – a good way to pray in Lent.

MEDITATION -

I was recently asked by my employer to fill in a lengthy security compliance questionnaire.

I hemmed and hawed, procrastinated and clung mentally to a flimsy justification for not following the directive before finally fulfilling the request. Shirking responsibility and looking for the easy way out may be human nature but it's not Jesus's way.

In today's Gospel, Jesus battles a troubled soul, even raising the possibility of asking the father to save him from death on the cross. But Jesus does not give that possibility a real hearing. Instead, he quickly concludes that such an undignified death is the reason for his time on Earth. He was sent here to glorify God. This message can help us get past our inclination to forgo fasting, prayer and charity because they're inconvenient, beyond our comfort zone or downright painful.

Jesus talks about the grain of wheat that must die to bear fruit. We grapple with that message every day. Jesus is telling us to die to ourselves, to let go of our lives in this world so that we can live for God. Only then can we keep our lives for eternity.

Lent can be a prime opportunity to shed the comfortable cloak of doing everything for ourselves and instead don the unkempt mantle of doing things for God.

THANK YOU: Father Roger Formosi appreciates 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

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Those who wish to make a donation toward the cost of flowers for our Church at the Easter Season, may do so by putting your donation in the collection basket, with your envelope number on it, and marking it "Flowers for Easter." *Your generosity is appreciated.*

WE NEED AN RCIA TEAM!

We have had several enquiries for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for the coming year. Joyce Young will meet with the prospective Candidates in the Spring. For the 2015-2016 year we need to form a team to assist in the formation of new Candidates.

Please speak with Father Earl or contact the office if you would like to be involved in this ministry. It is very rewarding and you learn a lot! Thank you.

NICE SERVICE?

I am noticing that more and more Catholics are calling the Mass a "service." The proper term is Eucharist, or Mass, or Liturgy. A service is conducted in a funeral home. For Catholics, "service" is what we do after Mass is over! "Mass" should always be capitalized – to distinguish it from a mass of people. Thank you.

C.W.L. NEWS

General meeting, Tuesday, March 24th in the rectory meeting room immediately following 6:30 pm Mass and Stations of the Cross. All women are invited to hear our guest speaker, Kathryn Poirier from the Grand River Council on Aging. Her presentation will precede the business portion of the meeting.

Parish Coffee next **Sunday, March 29**, after the 9:30 Mass. Those attending the 11:30 Mass are invited to come early to join in this time of fellowship. Donations of sweets are always appreciated.

Easter Vigil – There will be a social in the parish hall immediately following the celebration. Anyone willing to share some of his/her Easter baking is asked to drop it off at the hall before the Vigil Mass (8 p.m.)

Annual Convention, May 29 – May 31, Delta Guelph Hotel & Conference Centre. Information packages and registration forms are at the back of the church by the C.W.L. bulletin board. Any member planning to attend must complete an individual registration form and return it to D. Kane (519-752-1331) no later than April 12th.

BRANT REGION OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Did you know that shampoos and beauty products are polluting the Great Lakes with tiny plastic beads, referred to as micro beads, that escape water treatment plant filters? Learn about the effects, potential dangers, how they are entering the food chain and how we can approach the government to have them eliminated from every day, common products. Hear Dr. Patricia Corcoran Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm. Takes place on the Laurier campus, S.C. Johnson Building. Donations accepted at the door. Contact JoAnne Hodd for more info - 754-4392 or hoddj@yahoo.com

MUSIC TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

Proceeds go to the refurbishing of the 100 year old parish organ. Sat, April 11, tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased after Masses at the back of church or at the door. Doors and bar will be open at 6:00 pm. A relaxed night of fun and laughter - no singing involved.

CHRIST the KING SCHOOL PASTA DINNER

–catered by LaBottega, Pasta & Meatballs, Salad & Bun, **Thursday, April 23, 2015**, St. Basil's Hall, 50 Palace St., **First sitting:** Doors Open @ 4:45 pm Dinner 5:00 pm. **Second Sitting** Doors Open @ 6:00 pm dinner at 6:15 pm. Soft Drinks & Ice Cream Sandwiches will be sold for \$1.00. Family Ticket \$30.00 (2 adults & 2 children Grade 8 & under). Adults \$10.00, Children \$7.00.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

If you love priests and religious men and women, please support them by joining us in praying for vocations. Vocation Saturday is an initiative of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Hamilton to gather people from across the diocese to unite in prayer for vocations. Join us on **Saturday, April 11**, at Canadian Martyrs Church in **Hamilton**, for 9:00 a.m. Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations.

Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life? - Find out by attending this upcoming event: **Discernment Group** (a monthly morning of prayer, reflection, and lunch): **Saturday, April 11**, at Canadian Martyrs Church in **Hamilton**: starting at 9:00 a.m.: Mass, Holy Hour, Discernment Groups for men and women, and lunch. For more information visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

THANKSGIVING MASS

On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Canonization of John Paul II and John XXIII.

April 26, 2015 Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 714 King Street West, Hamilton, at 11:00 am

April 26, 2015 Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph at 3:00 pm.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We now have 5 spaces available at the back of our bulletin for advertising. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

GRAND RIVER CHORUS – St. John Passion on **Saturday, March 28th**. at 7:30 pm here at **St. Basil Church**, Join the Grand River Chorus and Orchestra, with six superb soloists for this brilliant Master Opus of the late baroque period. Cost \$25.00, Students/Children \$15.00. Tickets available at the door or The Brantford Bookworm, 331 Brant Av., Green Heron Books, 47 Grand River St. N., Paris.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE – Why are fish so smart? They travel in schools.