

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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**May 17, 2015**

**Mass Intentions this week**

**Please note: MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH**

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

*May 21<sup>st</sup> - May 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**Thursday 12: Noon** † All souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of FOSS  
Intentions of: Fran McKay and Phyllis Noonan

**Friday 12: Noon** † Rosa Pich, Intentions of the Maruzin Family

**Saturday 5:00 pm** † Julia & Michael Hrynkiw, Joan Redmond, Margaret P. Smith, Fr. J.J. Johnson, Mass of thanksgiving to St. Christopher, Intentions of: Ann Chamberlain

**Sanctuary Lamp** - Intentions of Rose Tattersall and repose of her soul. Requests may be made by putting an envelope with a \$10.00 donation in memory of your loved one in the collection basket.

<b>DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR</b>	
Monday, May 18	Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
Tuesday, May 19	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
Wednesday, May 20	School Sisters of Notre Dame (S.S.N.D.)
Thursday, May 21	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Friday, May 22	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony
Saturday, May 23	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch

**OFFERTORY.** Last week's offering \$3842.60 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00. Many thanks!

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** All women are invited to a presentation by Lil Petrella from the Canadian Mental Health Association, on **Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 pm** in the rectory meeting room. The business portion of the meeting will follow the presentation.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** at Knight's Hall on Catherine Avenue, Brantford. In support of The Stedman Community Hospice and Hankinson House: **Sunday, June 7, 2015, 9:30 am - 1 pm.** Adults \$8, Children under 10 yrs \$4. All you can eat Breakfast. Everyone Welcome.

### **MEDITATION –**

Our response to today's accounts of the Ascension of the Lord includes repentance, action and hope.

First, we are called to repentance. In today's Gospel, the Risen Lord tells us that only those who believe will be saved, and that these believers will do such things as cast out demons and heal the sick. When I read this teaching I am reminded how far I have yet to go in my faith journey, and that I must always pray for God's mercy.

Second, we are called to action: to bear witness to the Risen Lord to the ends of the earth; to preach the Good News to the whole creation. The Son of God has returned to his Father in Heaven. Now it is up to us to pray for the Holy Spirit to work through us – as the Spirit does through the signs the disciples perform – that God's kingdom might come on earth, as it is in heaven.

Finally, we are called to be people of hope. Despite all the struggles in our lives, and despite all the suffering that we see in our community and in our world, we can have hope: hope that the Risen Lord will come again to fully restore God's kingdom in the world, as he indeed comes again into our lives today, at this Eucharistic celebration.

Rev. Armand Mercier, Edmonton, AB

### **R.C.I.A.**

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in being part of the RCIA team come the autumn. (Anyone else?)

We would like to gather for a preliminary discussion on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm** in the Rectory. (for team members)

We invite **prospective candidates** to come on the same evening **at 7:15** to the Rectory.

The formation sessions will begin in September. Please invite any relative, friend, finance(e) to join us on May 21<sup>st</sup> if they have questions about how to come into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Thank you!

**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

**NEPAL** – As I mentioned last weekend, Bishop Crosby has authorized a special collection in our Diocese for people affected by the tragic earthquake in Nepal.

Our Bishop suggests for those gainfully employed a donation of \$25.00 or more. Development and Peace works with “Caritas Internationalis” to provide emergency assistance. Our government will match our donations until *May 25<sup>th</sup>*. Please make your cheque out to “**St. Basil Parish**” and we will send the lump sum to the Chancery office. Thank you for your generosity.

**ANNUAL CEMETERIES MASS** Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass on *Saturday May 23, 2015 at 11 am* at St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Brantford. All are invited to attend. The rain location is St Pius X Church.

MARIA SS DELLA LIBERA FESTIVAL 2015

**PROGRAM SATURDAY May 30, 2015**

**3:00** -Flowers will be received until 4:00 at St. Mary’s Church - **4:00** - Confession

**SUNDAY May 31, 2015**

**1:30** - Solemn High Mass at **St. Mary’s Church**. Following Mass will be a procession with the statue of the Blessed Virgin Maria Ss. Della Libera with The Hamilton Italo-Canadian Band and St. Mary’s Italian Choir.

**5:00** - Festivities continue at the **Steve Brown Complex/Lion’s Park** 20 Edge St. Brantford Bring your lawn chairs! Children’s Activities with **Airbounce**

**Inflatables!** Light Refreshments available for purchase. Live Entertainment by **New Image Live Music** with **Danny Boni!** Bocce Tournament!

**9:00 Lottery Draw - 9:30** – Spectacular **Fireworks** Display!

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

We now have 4 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!

**LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD**

At its best, the family is a school of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mutual respect, patience and humility in the midst of a world darkened by selfishness and conflict. In these ways, the family teaches what it means to be human. However, many temptations arise which try to coax us into forgetting that male and female are created for covenant and communion. For example, poverty, affluence, pornography, contraception, philosophical and other intellectual mistakes can all create contexts that challenge or threaten healthy family life. The Church resists these things for the sake of protecting the family.

**EVANGELIZATION:**

We spread the “Good News” in many ways. One way is by our teaching and passing on to others correct information about our faith:

- (e.g.) People tell me that they were told that they cannot marry in the Church because their fiancé(e) is not Catholic. **FALSE**. Presuming it is the first marriage for both of them, a Catholic can marry a person of any other faith, or no faith, in the Church. Ideally, it is best to marry someone who shares the same values as you.

- (e.g.) The school will look after registration for the Sacraments. **FALSE**. If I want my child to attend school, I register with the school; if I want my child to receive the Sacraments, I register them at the parish Church.

(e.g.) We baptize babies or children so that they can attend a Catholic School. **FALSE**. We baptize babies and children, and adults, so that they will be able to receive Holy Communion.

Spread the Word.

Thanks, Fr. Earl

**All are invited to the 1st annual talent show “Sounds of Joy” celebrating the musical talents of high school students from the seven Catholic School Boards in the Diocese of Hamilton.**

**Join us at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Tuesday May 26, 2015, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

**For tickets visit: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Chancery Office: (905) 528-7988.**

**Brantford Welcome In Resource Centre** is a 36 bed Homeless Shelter and Resource Centre located at 305 West St, in the heart of Brantford.

Beginning in May, we will be offering a Daytime Drop-In Centre for people with housing issues. The Centre will be open Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to start and expand over the summer.

Volunteers are needed to interact with the guests, play cards or games, engage in conversation, etc.

If you or anyone you know could spare a few hours a week to help the homeless, please consider this fulfilling volunteer opportunity.

Call Roger Luton at **226-250-0120 Ext 1** or register online at **brantfordwelcomein.com** **Thank you!**

**ANTICIPATED FEAST OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

Date: **June 6, 2015** – Time: 10 am - St. Pius X Church.

The event will feature Holy Mass, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary according to the request of Our Lady in Fatima. Initial reception of the IHMMC Associate Candidates and potluck lunch.

All are invited.