

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT February 21, 2016

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Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

February 23 to February 28

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Lorraine Heidler and Living and deceased members of our C.W.L.

(in Church) followed by Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 12: noon Living & deceased members of Gallant/Dawson families

Thursday 1:30 at John Noble Home
†Ann Chamberlain, Souls in Purgatory and a Special Intention

Friday 12: noon †Roger Clermont

Saturday 5:00 pm †Vittorio Cervone, Frank Imola, Bill Paling, Mary T. Goncz, Intentions of Josie McKinnon and Thanksgiving to the Holy Family



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Lucien 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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, February 22	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Tuesday, February 23	Rev. Laszlo Amaska
Wednesday, February 24	Disalced Carmelite Nuns (O.C.D.)
Thursday, February 25	Rev. Niaz Toma
Friday, February 26	Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Saturday, February 27	Rev. Ron Cote

OFFERTORY for last week was \$3213.17 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Tuesday evening of Lent, following the 6:30 pm Mass in Church, we will pray the Stations of the Cross, led by a different parish ministry each week. (The exception is on the Tuesday of Holy Week, following the 6:30 pm Mass; the *Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 7 – 8 pm*). A wonderful Lenten prayer!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have that same experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life visit www.HamiltonVocation.com

MEDITATION

Today's Gospel story is astounding! Jesus took three disciples with him to a mountaintop to pray. Before their very eyes, his appearance was gloriously transformed. Two prophets from long ago then appeared and spoke with Jesus about his imminent death. Can we even begin to imagine the emotions that surface in the three as they witness the unfolding scene? No strangers to Jesus' miracles, even they must have agreed that this moment surpassed anything that they had ever seen!

Although filled with a desire to sleep, "they stayed awake" and beheld the ultimate splendor of Jesus. They heard the voice of his father proclaim, "This is my Son, my chosen; listen to Him!" What was their inner response? Fear? Awe and wonder? A deepened awareness of the identity of Jesus? A new sense of mission?

As followers of Jesus, we, too, must "stay awake" to recognize his presence in the myriad situations of our lives. We don't hear God's voice coming from a cloud, but when we listen, we hear his voice in the silence of our hearts. God also speaks to us through contemporary prophets who guide us on our spiritual journey.

At the moment of the Transfiguration, Peter and his companions beheld the face of Jesus. Our hearts longingly cry out, "Your face, O Lord, do I seek."

Barbara d'Artois, Pierrefonds, QC

SACRAMENTS!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on *Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.* Instructions for Candidates only: (parish hall): **Sunday, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Retreat: **Saturday, April 16 from 2-4:30 pm** in our parish hall.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
Next Parent Meeting is Thursday, April 7th: this Session will focus on Eucharist. 7 p.m. in Parish hall.
Prayer and Practice – 9:30 am – 11 am on the Saturday morning of your chosen weekend of First Communion. We begin in the Church and end in our parish hall.

NEXT "FUN RAISING" EVENT

On *Thursday, March 17th* in our parish hall, we will celebrate St. Patrick's day with an Irish Stew Supper. More details to follow. Mark your calendar!

UPDATE ON OUR NEW RAMP:

Our barrier free ramp will be built, beginning in April. It will be located at the entrance closest to Crown Street.

This project will be funded by a tripart financial method: our Diocese, the Federal Government, and an estate from a deceased parishioner. As a result this project will not cost our parish anything from our coffers.

A REMINDER:

Parishioners are asked to remember St. Basil parish in your will, or estate. Your assistance is invaluable. Also, at the time of death, please include St. Basil parish in the obituary for Memorial Donations. Thank you! Our parish supports us spiritually all our lives!

RECONCILIATION

It seems that there has been a change re: the dates and times for Reconciliation at St. Pius X for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The Diocese has asked us to make the Sacrament available on March 4th and 5th. As a result, INSTEAD of March 10th, priests of Brant Deanery will now be available at St. Pius X Church on:

Friday March 4th – from 3 pm – 9 pm and

Saturday March 5th from 11 am – 4:30 pm.

So, the information I sent out in our Advent-Christmas newsletter needs to be altered in favour of the above. I apologize for the confusion. Thank you. Fr. Earl. P.S.: Please advise any Catholics you see of this change – and any organizations could make announcements at their meetings! Thank you.

SPIRITUAL EVENT:

We will soon be asking parishioners to sign up for our Jubilee Year of Mercy pilgrimage to the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton on **Sunday, May 15th. PENTECOST!** We estimate the cost for the bus at \$25.00 per person. Depart 1 pm; return about 6 p.m.

COME AND SEE RETREAT

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto on the weekend of February 26-28. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. Register on line at: www.HamiltonVocations.com

PONDERING PRIESTHOOD? "Come and See"

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On February 27-28, 2016, please welcome Deacon Basil Markides who will speak about **CHALICE** – a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. The website is www.chalice.ca

Deacon Basil Markides was ordained in 2010 and is attached to the Diocese of Hamilton. Born and raised in Zimbabwe Africa, he has been married to Susan for 36 years. They are ministers to the residents of Forest Heights Long Term Care. Deacon Basil facilitates bible studies at his home parish St. Mark, Kitchener. Basil has been on two mission trips building houses for less fortunate Mexican families. Deacon Basil resides in Waterloo, Ontario.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – on Tuesday Feb. 23rd Members are asked to attend the 6:30 pm Mass and several members will lead the Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass. A business meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room after Church services. Information and registration forms for the annual convention (May 13-15) will be available. Registrations are due to Donna Kane (519-752-1331) by March 13th.

PARISH COFFEE NEXT Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Those attending 11:30 a.m. Mass are invited to come early to join in this time of fellowship. Donations of sweets are always appreciated.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, Friday March 4th at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, West Brant. Everyone is invited to join us in a prayer service celebrating the women and children of Cuba. Christine Pizzey will also discuss the Child Hunger Organization in Brantford. This location is not

ST. JOSEPH SPRING BAKE & DELI SALE

St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League invite you to their Annual Spring Bake and Deli Sale – **Saturday, March 5, 2016 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 235 Brant Avenue, Brantford.
Deli – Cabbage Rolls, Pierogies, etc., Home Baking Paczki (Polish Donuts), Babki (sweet braids, etc.).