

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 18, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week



March 20 – 25, 2018

Please Note: (All weekday Masses during Lent will be Celebrated in Church)

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Deceased Members of the Kane & Rimlinger families

(Mass with Stations in Church)

Thursday 1:30 pm (John Noble Home) Intentions of the Grimwood family

Friday 12:noon †Cathy Grimwood

Saturday 5:00 pm †Paula Morency, Jack Clawsie, Intentions of: the Morency Family and Living & deceased Members of the Spelier & Duindam families



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Benedatta Minutella 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, March 19	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Tuesday, March 20	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Wednesday, March 21	Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday, March 22	Rev. David Wilhelm
Friday, March 23	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Saturday, March 24	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,688.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 271.90
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering March 11 th	\$3,444.90
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246. E-mail: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MEDITATION

Jeremiah believed that God was fully aware of sin in human history, and so God had come up with a new strategy for addressing the problem: a new covenant that would make it possible for human beings to be faithful. In this loving plan, a lasting and intimate bond between God and God’s people would be formed when the law was written directly on people’s hearts (minds and wills), and past sins would be forgiven and forgotten.

Although the author of the letter to the Hebrews knows Jesus was Son and sinless, he insists the Son did not go through life without feeling the temptations and sufferings we all do. Faced with his imminent death, Jesus experienced his own agony. Indeed, Jesus could become the source of eternal salvation in large part because he shared our humanity.

Jesus’ death is the moment in which the divine love for human beings – and the new covenant in his blood – is most powerfully revealed. It is the means by which a new and intimate communion between God and believers, facilitated by God’s Holy Spirit, is inaugurated.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Retreat day is Saturday May 5th – 2 – 4:45 p.m.

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

RETREAT:

Your child’s First Communion prayer and practice will be **Saturday, April 21 or Saturday April 28th**, from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m., in the Church.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- The weekend of: April 21, 22, 2018 OR
- The weekend of April 28, 29, 2018 at all weekend Masses.

C.W.L. Membership 2018 reminder – The Catholic Women’s League is still accepting new Memberships and renewals for 2018.

Please use a plain envelope labelled C.W.L., include your name, phone no., home and e-mail addresses, \$21.00 cash or cheque made out to St. Basil C.W.L. Put envelope in Sunday’s collection basket (or drop off at the Rectory) Thank you.

RECONCILIATION

All welcome at St. Pius parish on *Tuesday, March 20th* at 7 pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be six or seven priests available.

ST. JOSEPH

Monday, March 19th, is the feast of St. Joseph, principal patron of Canada; patron Saint of the Sick and dying, of workers, and of many other needs. May St. Joseph watch over our families. St. Joseph, pray for us!

MASS OF CHRISM

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Crosby at the annual diocesan Mass of Chrism on *Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.* in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. During this Mass Oil for the Sick and for Catechumens will be blessed. Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. All Priests present for the Mass will renew their Priestly Commitments in the presence of the Bishop and the lay faithful of the Diocese.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Some Eucharistic Ministers have expressed concerns regarding the reception of Holy Communion at Mass:

- Those receiving on the tongue need to stick out their tongue; it is more hygienic to receive on the hand and Jesus did say “take and eat”
- Your hands should be entirely free- not even a rosary in them; one hand is placed above the other with your palm open.
- Children should lift their hands high enough so that the Eucharistic Minister does not need to bend way down.
- The Communion procession is a procession – so please don’t stand at the end of the front pew “waiting your turn” - keep the lines moving please.
- A sign of reverence (bowing your head or making the sign of the cross) can be made while you are “second in line.”
- Again, please **do not** walk away with the host – take a step to the side and receive immediately.
- Many of our children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time next month. Let us pray for them and model for them how we receive with reverence. Thank you.
- Please respond “Amen” audibly to “The Body of Christ.”

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Everyone is invited to an information session at St Pius X Hall on **Wednesday, March 21st** at 7:00 p.m. The Pilgrimage will take place October 16th to October 26th, 2018 under the spiritual direction of Fr John Redmond. All Travel arrangements will be provided through Travelonly. Contact Estolia Salera by telephone (226)240-0810 or by e-mail esalera@travelonly.com with [any questions.](#)

CWL: Tuesday, March 20, Mass at 6:30 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross which we will be leading that evening. Meeting will follow at 7:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. Convention registration packages will be available.

CWL LUNCHEON, Sunday April 22: We are trying something new, one luncheon for all councils in the Brant region. St. Mary’s council will be hosting this year. Mass at 11 am followed by the luncheon in their hall at 12:30 pm. Guest speaker Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Hamilton Diocese, will speak on the Recipe for Faith. All women are invited to attend. Tickets are \$20 and available by phoning 519-752-1331 and after all Masses on April 7 & 8th.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? You are cordially invited to the Wedding Anniversary Mass on *Sunday, June 10, 2018* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Please refer to the poster in the church for more info or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world – from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign *Together for Peace*, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

SPRING BAZAAR at St. Anthony Daniel in Scotland on *Saturday March 24th* from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Cabbage rolls, baking, crafts, penny table and much more. Free admission and door prizes.

ROSARY – An “older” rosary was found in Church. If you lost or know someone who lost this rosary, please claim it at the parish office. Thank you.