

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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April 26, 2015

Mass Intentions this week

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

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

April 29th - May 3rd.

Wednesday 7:00 pm Confirmation Candidates

Friday 12: noon † James Camilleri and
deceased relatives

Saturday 5:00 pm † Cesar Medeiros, Josephine
Giumelli, Paul Archer, D & D's Anniversary, Intentions
of Fr. Roger Formosi

Sanctuary Lamp - Intentions of John &
Dorothy Rimlinger and repose of their souls. Requests
may be made by putting an envelope with a \$10.00
donation in memory of your loved one in the collection

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, April 27	Rev. Pablito Labado
Tuesday, April 28	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Wednesday, April 29	Sisters of St. Joseph, (C.S.J.)
Thursday, April 30	Rev. Daniel Lobsinger, C.R.
Friday, May 1	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Saturday, May 2	Rev. J. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.

OFFERTORY. Last week's offering \$4585.00
and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.
Many thanks!

MARCH FOR LIFE

AGAIN this year Assumption College School and St.
Basil's Parish will be participating in the March for Life
May 14, 2015 in Ottawa. There are more than 100,000
abortions a year in Canada. It is important for us to
stand up for the **right to life.** We begin with Mass at
5:00 am at St. Basil's and then leave by coach bus. We
will return by midnight. The cost is \$50 per person. If
you would like to come, please call Joe Bissonnette at
226-387-4527.

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

MEDITATION -

Jesus' words in today's Gospel, "I am the good shepherd," take me back to childhood days, when pictures of Jesus gently holding a little 'found' lamb adorned classroom walls. That image has stayed with me. As an adult, I visited Scotland one April when sheep were part of every landscape and I fell in love with their tiny winsome offspring.

I have never found the sheep analogy demeaning. As part of Jesus' flock, I feel enfolded in his love, warmth and delight. I think of times when I was lost and Jesus found me – and of the wonder of our reconciliations!

The Psalm reminds us to "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." How easy it is to lose sight of his presence in difficult times! How awesome to recognize it once the crisis has passed! Yes, his steadfast love "endures forever." Human relationships are precious, but fragile. God is the one and only constant in our lives.

Today's second reading stresses our kinship with God. We are God's children. God has a dream for each of us – a dream that he will slowly reveal to us. Today, on World Day of Prayer for vocations, we pray for increased vocations worldwide. We all have a calling to share our faith in Jesus and, by the way we live, to help draw others into his fold.

Barbara d'Artois, Pierrefonds, QC

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
Will be celebrated during Sunday Masses today

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be
celebrated by Bishop Crosby April 29th at 7 pm.**

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 21st, 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, financé(e) to join us on May 21st if they have questions about how to come into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – We invite all women to attend our Communion Luncheon on **Sunday, May 3rd** after the 11:30 Mass. Sister Lucy is looking forward to a return visit and will be the guest speaker. Tickets are available after the Masses today or call 519-753-8950 to reserve a ticket. Cost \$15 includes chicken divan, oven roasted potatoes, baby carrots, garden salad, homemade rolls and dessert.

General meeting is **Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory meeting room. Kelly Kenny will demonstrate how to make a tea cup bird feeder. Please bring your own china tea cup and saucer (available at St. Vincent de Paul Value Shoppe or Value village). We will also be voting on our choice of candidates to serve on the Hamilton Diocesan executive for the 2015-2017 term of office. Please read the information provided at the February meeting so that we can make an informed decision.

Dr. Corcoran Event

The Brant Region of the C.W.L., want to thank everyone who attended this event on March 26. The information came as a real eye opener to many. Thanks to your generous donations we raised \$115.00 for the Brant Tree Planting Coalition.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Thank-you to all 92 people who attended! We raised over \$1300.00 to help refurbish the parish organ. Everyone seemed to have a great time and asking when the next one will be!

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE presents the musical "West Side Story" on **May 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 2015**. Tickets are available in the schools main office. Adults: \$15.00, Students/Seniors \$10.00. Doors open at 7:00 P.M., curtain time 7:30 P.M.

St. Pius X C.W.L. Annual Retreat

All men and women are invited to attend **St. Pius X C.W.L. Annual Retreat on Thursday, April 30th** beginning at 7 pm. *The guest speaker will be Marcel Dion from Magnificat Ministries.* The retreat will be held at St. Pius X Hall, 9 Waverly Street. Social time and refreshments will follow the retreat. Hope to see you there.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL- will be having a Mother's Day Bingo on **Friday, May 1, 2015 at Assumption College.** Doors will open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Door prizes, raffle prizes and our infamous theme baskets. Must 18 years or older.

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!

**IN Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Our Mother and Our Queen.
CROWNING OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
Mass, Cenacle
Benediction
Friday, May 15, 2015
6:30 – 8:30 pm
St. Basil Church**

Reverend Ronan Murphy, a priest of the diocese of Camden, New Jersey will be the guest celebrant for a celebration of the Eucharist followed by a Cenacle and meditation of the Rosary and Adoration. Everyone is Welcome!

“PRE” - MOTHER'S DAY

PASTA & MEATBALL DINNER

Friday, May 8, 2015 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Adults \$9
Children, ages 5 - 12 \$7 - For Tickets - Visit or call St. Mary's parish office, 519-753-7316 or call Gilda at 519-757-1368.
TREAT Mama to an authentic Italian meal!! St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Mass in honour of the Madonna della Libera – May 3, 2015

The first Sunday of May is the traditional feast day in honour of Our Lady of Freedom – Maria Ss. Della Libera. The St. Mary's church community will be honouring Our Lady of Freedom on **Sunday May 3rd, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** All members of the community are invited to attend. The 2015 Maria Ss. Della Libera Festival Committee are hosting refreshments and fellowship in the church hall following the mass. We look forward to seeing you there! The larger festival with a procession and festivities at Lion's Park will take place on May 31st this year. More information will follow.

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, May 2**, at **St. Paul the Apostle Church, Burlington**, and/or **Saturday, May 9**, at **Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton**, for 9:00 a.m. Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations.

Thinking about Priesthood or Religious Life?

Find out by attending this upcoming event: **Discernment Group** (a monthly morning of prayer, reflection, and lunch): **Saturday, May 2**, at **St. Paul the Apostle Church in Burlington**, and/or **Saturday, May 9**, 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

A MEN'S DAY OF RETREAT, will be held at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga, On, on **Saturday, May 9, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.** Theme: "A Biblical Journey into a Deeper Relationship with Christ." Facilitator is Greg DeMarchi, deacon, doctor. Offering: \$35. To register please contact the Centre at 905-278-5229.

The Annual Cemeteries Mass is scheduled for **Saturday May 23, 2015** with Bishop Miehm at St Joseph Cemetery. The rain location is St Pius X.