

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 6, 2015

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Mass Intentions this week

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

Sept. 9 to Sept 13

Wednesday 9:00 am Intentions of Fran McKay
Thursday 10:00 am at *Charlotte Villa* †Pearl Kelly
Friday 9:00 am †Salvatore Gullo, Donna Huff
 Intentions of Helen McMahon
Saturday 5:00 pm †Mary Brazier, Patricia Zahrybelny, A Special Intention, Intentions of Ann Chamberlain



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of Phyllis Noonan and repose of her 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, Sept. 7	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Rev. Arthur Busch, RIP
Wednesday, Sept 9	Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) (C.S.Sp.)
Thursday, Sept. 10	Rev. Anthony Ciavarro
Friday, Sept. 11	Rev. Phillip Cook
Saturday, Sept. 12	Rev. Stephen Czisar

OFFERTORY for last week was \$3040.15 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

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

ALTAR SERVERS

All servers, new and veteran, are asked to attend a session in our **Church at 11 am on Saturday, September 12th**. This practice will be followed by a pizza lunch to which parents are also invited.

We need new servers! Thanks, Fr. Earl.

RAMP “UP-DATE”

As I announced during the summer, our Finance Council was successful in acquiring a government grant in the amount of \$40, 900.00 for our handicap accessible ramp for the front of the Church. This project will be initiated in the Spring of 2016. Any contributions are welcome.

MEDITATION

Miracles are extraordinarily convincing. Just look at the healing of the man in today’s Gospel. Even though Jesus orders the people who witness the miracle not to speak of it, those who have seen the man’s hearing and speech returned react by “zealously” proclaiming the extraordinary experience. The first reading, from Isaiah, echoes this theme, revealing that God will reverse the misfortunes of the land and people of Israel.

Jesus not only endows the man who is brought to him with restored hearing and voice, but also with colossally enhanced faith. Consequently, the pinnacle of Mark’s message is to reveal the fundamental reality of eternal salvation. Beginning with baptism, we are restored from the stain of original sin, releasing us to embark on the quest of living with God forever.

To achieve this goal we can draw from the two major pillars sustaining our faith: the Bible and the Tradition of the Church tracing back to the apostles.

We are graced with the ability to turn to the Mass, the sacraments, prayers such as the creed and the Our Father, and instructions such as the Ten Commandments to inform and nourish our faith. Fortified, then, with Scripture, Church and prayer, we can join the healed man in proclaiming convincingly the mystical power of God!

Linda Hazelden, Burlington, ON

PLEASE DETACH AND PLACE IN THE Collection basket. Check one or more! Thank you.

- I would like to assist at our **Parish Rummage Sale**, September 19, 2015 _____
- I would like to assist with our **Parish Golf** tournament and dinner on Sunday afternoon – evening Sept 27th, 2015 _____
- I would like to assist with our **Parish Bazaar** and Vendors Marketplace October 31st. _____
- Please call me about my daughter/son being an **Altar Server** (training in September) _____
- I am able to assist with **Sacristan** duties _____
- I would like to be involved in other ways please mention here _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

e-mail: _____

St Basil Parish Bazaar and Vendors Marketplace Is Returning this fall - Saturday, October 31st.

- We are looking for donations for the silent auction, craft and baked good tables, homemade gifts, decor, hand knits, crocheted dishcloths, food, etc. Vendors will pay a table rate. If you sell Avon, Pampered Chef, etc., or know someone that does, please contact 519-754-4392 to book your table now.

Parish Golf Tournament and dinner

We are set for Sunday, September 27th for a shot-gun start at 1 pm, 9 holes "best ball" at Arrowdale. Please put your \$20.00 (or \$25.00 if you wish a cart) in the collection basket with your name on the envelope (or drop it in the mail slot at the office). Please sign up for the Bar-b-q to follow – same idea \$20.00 for adults (and t.b.a. for children and seniors). Register now by calling 519-754-4392 or sign up on the registration form at the back of church. Thank you!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"For I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me." Mt. 25:35-36.

The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, St. Basil's Conference continue day-by-day to respond to this challenge which Jesus sets before us in Matthew's Gospel. Whenever we offer service to the poor and suffering families and individuals in our community, Jesus assures us: We do it for Him. Can you help? We are looking for volunteers for home visits. After the initial training volunteering can take as little time as 2 hours per week or as much time as you wish to give. Most Vincentians feel that it is impossible to give more than you receive! For more information, call Anita at 519.304.2792 or email ssvpbrant@gmail.com.

THE RED MASS

The annual **Red Mass** will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on **Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m.** The St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild sponsors this annual Mass that originated in the 13th century. The faithful come together to invoke the wisdom of the Holy Spirit upon all those who work in the court system, law enforcement and protective services: we pray for Divine guidance and strength upon them and all that they do for society.

The celebrant of the Mass is the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Father Ian Duffy, pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Ancaster, is the homilist. All are welcome to this great annual tradition of worship and prayer.

REGNERATE(D) 2015 "Speak of My Mercy"

We come to be healed. We come to be educated. We come to be regenerated. Branches Catholic Ministries will be sponsoring a fall conference on October 3-4, 2015 at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Canada. Regenerate(d) 2015 will feature dynamic talks from renowned

Catholic speakers including Vinny Flynn, Sharon Lee Giganti, Matthew Leonard, Dr. Taylor Marshall, Fr. Larry Richards, and Elizabeth Scalia. The conference will begin with an address by Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines and this year's main celebrant and homilist. Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy with the holy year to begin on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. In preparation for this holy year, we invite you to attend Regenerate(d) 2015 which will speak to the intentions of our Holy Father to find a way for the church to "make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy." The theme of this year's conference is Confession: The Sacrament of Divine Mercy. For more information, please visit www.go2branches.com or call Branches at (905) 685-7000.

MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN

Fr. Tom Vermiglio was ordained a Comboni Missionary Priest in 1972. During the first five years of his priesthood he worked in East Africa, teaching secondary school and doing parish ministry in the slum area of Nairobi, Kenya. From 1993 until 2006 Fr. Tom did mission promotion and parish work again in the U.S. and Canada. At the present time Fr. Tom is doing parish ministry at St. Joseph Church in Kitchener, ON. Fr. Tom will be here next weekend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Council #13442 – Meeting **Tuesday SEPT. 15, 2015**. Mass at 6:30 pm in chapel – meeting to follow at 7:00 pm in the rectory meeting room. Guest speaker: Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. Grand Knight – Bill Kane Tel #519-752-1331. E-mail: wkane@sympatico.ca.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We invite all women to our first general meeting of the year, **Tuesday, Sept 22 at 7:00 pm** in the rectory. Guest speaker: Kathy Poirier, Grand River Council on Aging will speak at 7:00 pm. The business portion and social time will follow her presentation.

RUMMAGE SALE: **Saturday, Sept 19th** in the parish hall from 8:00-11:00 am. donations of good used clothing, linens, and small kitchen, household and misc. items can be dropped off at the parish hall on Friday, Sept 18th from 9:00 am to 6 pm.

Calling all retired employees of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board!

Please join us at our 5th annual Retiree Breakfast (complimentary). No RSVP required.

When: Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, 9:30 – 11 am

Where: St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Hall, 165 Thompson Road West, Waterford (New Location!)

Why: In recognition of your contributions to our Catholic Learning Community, to reconnect with your former colleagues, and to be updated on new happenings at the School Board.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FORMATION DAYS

When: **Saturday, September 12th. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm** at St. Patrick Parish 196 Kenwood Avenue, Burlington ALSO, **Saturday, October 3, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm** at St. Joseph Parish, 409 Paisley Road, Guelph. You will receive a mandate from Bishop Crosby for this ministry. Pick up a registration form at the back of the church.