**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME January 17, 2016**

**Our e-mail address is: saintbasil@rogers.com NEW WEBPAGE: stbasilparish.ca**

 **Mass Intentions this week**

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

 ***January 23***  *to* ***January 24.***

**Saturday**  **5:00 pm** †Harry Nisbet, Elio Petrella, Elisabetta Fraino, deceased family members, Intentions of Josephine MacKinnon

**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: Cheryle Pappert 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.

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| **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR** |  |
| Monday, January 18 | Very Rev. Ian Duffy |
| Tuesday, January 19 | Rev. Joseph Durkacz |
| Wednesday, January 20 | Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood (R.P.B.) |
| Thursday, January 21 | Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C. |
| Friday, January 22 | Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk |
| Saturday, January 23 | Rev. Francis Trzupek |

**OFFERTORY** for last week was $3,560.50 and our Budget expenses for the week $5,580.00.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood or religious life? If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**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.

**MEDITATION**

Whenever we hear a passage from the Gospels, we can ask ourselves: what aspect of God does Jesus present to us? Today, Jesus reveals himself to be one who enters wholeheartedly into human celebrations, hesitates to interfere in the lives of others, yields to his mother’s initiative, and exceeds all expectations.

 This wedding party takes place in the middle of the week, “on the third day.” This means that, in order to be present and join in the festivities, Jesus had to take time away from his usual routine. The God revealed by Jesus, then, breaks into the “ordinary” with extraordinary actions and surprises.

 When the wine runs out, Jesus does not immediately rush into action. He waits until he is prompted and invited – in this case, by his mother. He acts in community and for the community.

 Jesus responds to his mother’s insistent action. He does turn the water into wine to save the couple from embarrassment and to keep the party going! Thus, Jesus reveals a God intimately concerned with our lives, loving and solicitous.

 The wine that Jesus provides is better than the wine chosen by the couple. God as revealed by Jesus does infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Our God is a God of plenty - plenty of love, compassion and redemption. Always.

Anne Walsh, St. John’s NL

**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, February 7, 2016, 10:30 – 11:30 am

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**

This Session will focus on First Reconciliation: Thursday**, Jan. 28, 2016** at 7 pm. in the hall.

**Celebration of First Reconciliation**: choose either ***Wednesday, March 9th or Thursday, March 10th*** at 7 pm in the Church

***Thursday, April 7th***: this Session will focus on Eucharist.

***Celebration of First Holy Communion:***

Choose one of 6 Masses: the weekends of **April 23, 24 or April 30, May 1, 2016.**

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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE** general meeting, ***Tuesday, Jan 26th at 7:00 p.m.*** in the rectory meeting room immediately following 6:30 pm Mass. Presentation and discussion of budget and other events for 2016. Come and share your ideas.

**St BASIL MUSIC TRIVIA IS COMING!**

Mark your calendars now for ***SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm.***

Tickets $5.00 each. Limited snacks available to purchase or bring your own!

Tickets available at the back of church next week-end or call JoAnne at 519-754-4392 or email joanne.hodd@yahoo.ca...

Join **the Serra Club** of Hamilton in Celebrating 50 years of Service by Fr. Ciavarro, Fr. Curtin, Fr. Isabelle, Fr. Strohmeyer, Fr. Clarke SJ, Fr. Kelly CCSp, Fr. Wagner CSC, Fr. Wahl CR and Sr. Kerrigan CSJ on ***Tuesday April 26, 2016*** at Liuna Station. Check <http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner> for details or contact Margaret Carreiro 905-628-5682.

**WAYS TO BE MERCIFUL DURING THE Jubilee Year of Mercy:** Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy.

**C.Y.O. Children's Fundraiser – Celebrating Camp Brébeuf’s 75th Anniversary**

The Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Hamilton is hosting our 31st Annual Children's Fundraiser on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Proceeds from this wonderful community fundraising dinner enable children with special need to attend the C.Y.O.’s Camp Brébeuf and Marydale through our ‘One-to-One’ Camper program. Please join us for an evening of good food, good friends and good entertainment all for a great cause.

For more information, or tickets, please contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca

Tickets are: $125.00/ea. with the event being held at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

**UP STANDING COMEDY**

Featuring: **KRISTIN WEBER**

**6:30pm** Doors Open / **7:00pm** Show Time

**$12** Advance / **$15** at the Door

**upstandingcomedy.ca**

**FRIDAY 28 -** GUELPH – Parkwood Gardens Church, 501 Whitelaw Rd. 519-836-0180

**SATURDAY 30 – BRANTFORD** Brant Community Church, 69 Superior Street 519-756-3993

**GOSPEL OF LUKE: STUDY SERIES**

A seven part workshop series for Young Adults and Adults: **First Session**: “The Presence of Joy in the Gospel of Luke” ***Tuesday, January 26, 2016 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm,*** at St. Pius X Parish, Brantford

Facilitated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi

To register for these sessions or for more information contact: Monica Verin, mverin@hamiltondiocese.com – 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

**FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The home is the natural environment for initiating a human being into solidarity and communal responsibilities. Parents should teach children to avoid the compromising and degrading influences which threaten human societies. (CCC2224.)

 **DAY of PRAYER**

**SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE**

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton

(SUGGESTED OFFERING $ 25.00)

 ***Friday, January 29th. 9:30 am to 3:00pm***

 Bring a bag lunch….Tea & coffee provided.

 To Register: please call or e-mail

 905-388-3966 OR

 sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

**Bulletin Announcement** Please join us for an **Evening For Couples Event** on January 27th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek beginning at 6 pm.. in the Parish Hall. The topic being presented is "To Love is a Decision" and will provide couples with skills to grow in their love for each other. Tickets are $35 per couple and include dinner and the presentation. Call the parish office (905-643-1637) for further information or tickets.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 29, 2016** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster on our bulletin board to the left at our church entrance for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.