

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 14, 2016

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## Mass Intentions this week

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

*February 16 to February 20*

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Agnes Kane

**Wednesday 12: noon** Intentions of Helen Ferro

**Thursday 12:noon** †Antonio Perilli, M. Louisa Perilli, Bruno Perilli, Vincenzo Sordilli

**Friday 9 :00 am** †Ann Chamberlain

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Bill Paling, Americo Tarentello, Domenico Ricci, Betty Murray, Intentions of Josephine MacKinnon, and in Thanksgiving to St. Jude



## Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Teresa Fediurek 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, February 15	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Tuesday, February 16	Rev. Heinner Paucar, O.M.I.
Wednesday, February 17	Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday, February 18	Rev. Young Hoon Kim
Friday, February 19	Rev. Msgr. William O'Brien
Saturday, February 20	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$3642.85 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. As a result, INSTEAD of March 10<sup>th</sup>, priests of Brant Deanery will now be available at St. Pius X Church on: Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> – from 3 pm – 9 pm and Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 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

When Jesus heads out into the wilderness, he is accompanied by the Holy Spirit, the source and author of mission. Here, Jesus is challenged to make choices about his identity and how he would live his mission.

Each test the devil poses begins, “If you are the Son of God.” Citing scripture, Jesus responds, “It is written.” Jesus is tested to see if he is totally committed to God’s mission for him; tested to believe that he can serve God without suffering; tested about his attitude toward power and wealth. In summary, Jesus claims the primacy of God and of God’s reign.

The first reading from Deuteronomy reveals the liberating love of God in history, while Saint Paul reminds us that, for us as disciples, “the word of faith that we proclaim” comes from the heart of God and must find a home in our hearts.

From my time in Peru, I can still hear the reflections of the native theologian Gustavo Gutiérrez, who would remind us that we go to the word of God to read it and it reads us; we go to it with our questions and it in turn questions us; we go to it as the revealed word of God and it reveals us to ourselves. Such is the power of the Word of God. May God’s Word and God’s Spirit renew our discipleship during Lent.

Fr. Jack Lynch, SFM

## 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

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

*Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:* 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.

## SUCCESS!

74 people from St Basil's, several other parishes and the community turned out for a great time at Music Trivia on Jan 30 in the parish hall. Over \$500.00 was raised for the parish. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Jane Tremblay \$101.00. Thanks to the 8 volunteers and attendees who made it a success!

**T**he Ontario government is hosting end-of-life consultations (link to the consultation website). Consultations can be done by e-mail, by filling out the on-line survey, or by attending a consultation in person.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has published three articles on the one-side pro-euthanasia consultation.

1. Consultation seeks death on demand (even for children).
2. Panel recommends a dangerous approach to assisted dying.
3. Panel report seeks to protect physicians not patients.
4. E-mail the consultation your thoughts at: [endoflifedecisions@ontario.ca](mailto:endoflifedecisions@ontario.ca)
5. Complete the online survey at: <http://www.ipsosresearch.com/endoflifedecision> survey.

**The Brantford Cabaret** in conjunction with the St. Mary's Hospitality proudly presents...

**SALUTE TO GREASE** --- A family friendly tribute to one of the most loved films of all time!!!

Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2pm - St. Mary's Parish Centre, 133 Murray Street - Monetary Donation of your choice.

All ages welcome. Light Refreshments Included

Directed & Choreographed by Joan Minnery. Starring 20

Children & 4 Adults all from Brantford & Brant

County. Original script penned by cast members.

For more information please contact Joan Minnery @ 519-771-5687

## YEAR OF MERCY

Please mark your calendars for May 15<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday. We are renting a bus to go on pilgrimage to our Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton (leave at 1 pm – return by 6 pm) More details to follow.

## 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](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

## PONDERING PRIESTHOOD? "Come and See"

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Peter's Seminary in London on the weekend of March 4 - 6. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details and online registrations at [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**BE MERCIFUL** Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If you feel God's .call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

## 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.).**

## SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE

**11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton**

**(SUGGESTED OFFERING \$ 25.00)**

*Friday, Feb 26th. 9:30 am to 3:00pm*

Bring a bag lunch...Tea & coffee provided.

To Register: please call or e-mail

905-388-3966

[ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca)

**The Annual PASTA SUPPER** in support of the D & P Share Lent Campaign is ready for you to enjoy on **Friday, Feb. 26**. Doors open at Michelangelo's at 1555 Upper Ottawa Street in Hamilton at 6:00, meal starts at 6:30. "Billy and the Boys" will provide lively music. Get your tickets ordered at least a week beforehand from Blessed Sacrament Parish (905-385-3570 or [sacrament@rogers.com](mailto:sacrament@rogers.com)) at \$18 each or \$10 for grade school aged children. Thanks for your support!

## **PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED**

**LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1)** is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 1st (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm), at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. **Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.**

## **COME JOIN US TO FIND THE "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS"**

"Keys" is a **ten week video-based program** meant for anyone (**married or single**) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs **Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45.00. **For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.**