

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, September 4, 2016**

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**Mass Intentions this week**

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

*Sept. 6 to Sept 11*

- Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Lynnsie Feijo
- Wednesday 12:noon** Intentions of Dian Smith
- Thursday 12:noon** Intentions of Rita Spencer
- Friday 12:noon** †Dorothy Casselton
- Saturday 5:00 pm** †Josephine Giumelli, Mary Brazier, Lynnsie Feijo, Anne Margrett, Intentions of Joe & Selma Springall.

 **Sanctuary Lamp** this week Intentions of: Shirley Noonan (Somers). Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

<b>DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR</b>	
Monday, September 5	Rev. Todd Arsenaunt, L.C.
Tuesday, September 6	Very Rev. John Van Hees
Wednesday, September 7	Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) (C.S.Sp.)
Thursday, September 8	Rev. Tomislav Pek, O.F.M.
Friday, September 9	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Saturday, September 10	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou

**BULLETIN ADVERTISING**

We now have 6 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!

**ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS**

All are invited to join in the celebration of vocations in the Diocese of Hamilton by attending the Fifteenth Annual Vocations Mass, which will take place on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Matthews Parish in Oakville. For more details please visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

**PARISH COFFEE**, Sunday, October 1 immediately following the 9:30 am Mass.

**KNIGHTS OF Columbus** – St. Basil Council 13442 Meeting Tuesday Sept. 13 – Mass at 6:30 pm in Chapel meeting to follow.

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE:** Musical Auditions, “The Wiz”! Gr. 6-8 at Assumption College Wed. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5 pm Call 519-751-2030 ext 445

**MEDITATION**

Today the words of the gospel call us to look beyond our treasured possessions, obsessions and addictions for the sake of following Jesus without distraction.

“Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple,” cautions Jesus. Again, he warns, “So therefore, whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot become my disciple.”

Jesus is calling us to a deeper commitment, to look beyond people and possessions to a relationship with God. Jesus is calling us to understand the true meaning of “Come, follow me.” To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is an all-consuming vocation; it is never-ending. There is no other priority that takes precedence over a decision to follow and to imitate the life of Christ.

Ironically, if we can find the courage to commit to a life of discipleship, God takes on the care of our most precious and personal needs. We are not forsaking or abandoning them – we are giving them over to the love and care of our heavenly Father. Only by letting go of our pursuit of earthly things can we find perfect joy in the love of God. Today, let us reflect on what we might let go of, in order to better follow Jesus.

Fr. Matthew Durbam, CSB, Windsor, On.  
Novalis, Living with Christ.

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: LAST CALL!**

**Sign up now** for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on **Sunday, September 25**, at 2:00 pm. We’re glad to say Gator Bar-B-Q will be back with their delicious chicken dinner. Sign up for golf or dinner or both – don’t be disappointed – only 72 golfers can play!

Cost is: \$20.00 for golf plus \$5.00 for a cart; \$20.00 for dinner. Lots of room in the parish hall! Please pay for golf and/or dinner **by placing your payment in the collection basket, or in the rectory door mail slot!**

**CAN YOU DONATE A PRIZE FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT?**

The parish would greatly appreciate your help. Any small, unused prize would be appreciated. Golf balls, Tim Horton gift certificates are ideas. They can be dropped off at the rectory during business hours or at the back of church before week-end Masses. Many Thanks!

## 2017 ANNIVERSARIES

Recently a Committee of parishioners met to discuss possible Spiritual and Social Celebrations to honour two Special Anniversaries for our parish in 2017:

- 150 years for our parish church
- 175 years for our parish family! You will receive a calendar of events and we invite your participation. Please let us know your ideas as well.
- If you have photos from the past, please submit them to our office – they would make an interesting collage.

## RCIA!

“RCIA” means: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

This Spiritual process is for adults seeking full Communion in the Roman Catholic Church. This may entail Baptism if the person has never been Baptized. Those Baptized in another Christian communion are welcome – they would celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2017.

The team for the RCIA will meet on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Rectory.**

Potential Candidates will meet with the team to initiate the journey on **Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Rectory**

Think about it for yourself or a friend...and pray!

## **PARISH VENDORS MARKETPLACE & BAZAAR Coming up Sat, Oct. 1, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.**

If you are a small entrepreneur and would like to sell your products at the Parish Marketplace please contact JoAnne at 519-754-4392 or email

[joanne.hodd@yahoo.ca](mailto:joanne.hodd@yahoo.ca). The table fee is \$25.00 and a small gift donation to the raffle table. Tables are limited so please don't delay.

## **BRANTFORD CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION 2016-2017 SEASON**

The programs are run most Saturdays at Assumption College (Girls) and St. Johns College (boys). Registration fees are \$110.. Further info can be found at [www.brantfordcyogirls@outlook.com](http://www.brantfordcyogirls@outlook.com). or [www.brantfordcyoboys@gmail.com](mailto:www.brantfordcyoboys@gmail.com).

**"CALLING ALL MEN...** Are you happy with your life, your marriage? The way your family is going? With your relationship with God? Well this is for you... Are you NOT Happy with your life, marriage, the way your family is going, or with your relationship with God? Well this is definitely for YOU!...

Brantford's first ever lay Men's group is beginning this **Sept. 17, at St Pius X Church hall. Saturday mornings. 7:00 a.m.** Great coffee! Light breakfast. Unbelievable talks.

Incomparable companionship. Guaranteed to change your life. Period."

## **SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH**

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada invite your prayers for their General Chapter to be held September 11-16, 2016. A General Chapter is a grace-filled event in the life of the Congregation and the Church. A General Chapter reviews the life and ministry of the Congregation and its fidelity to its charism and mission; elects the Congregational leadership; makes decisions necessary for the continuing spiritual and apostolic vitality of the Congregation. Your prayerful support is greatly appreciated.

## **The Parables of Mercy**

A Senior Adult Workshop Series- Wednesday afternoons, starting Sept. 28 2016 1:30 – 3:30pm  
Chancery Office, Hamilton Facilitated by David Dayler -  
Cost: \$25 includes text

In this 6 session program, we will study many of those parables familiar to us. We will be invited to look at them in a new way, recognizing ourselves in the stories. In our personal reflections we will see the powerful force that is God's mercy, his fierce love for us & how God fills our hearts with unbridled pardon.

Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 to register by Sept. 21 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.

## **THE RED MASS: Come to the Red Mass**

and join in the company of all the great kings, queens and saints who have kept this tradition alive for nearly 800 years. It is our annual reminder that all law is based on the Eternal Law of God, as stated in the preamble of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms - "**Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law....**". *Your Invitation To: The 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RED MASS 2016 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.* at ST. MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL~146 Park St N. Hamilton.

## **MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. PADRE PIO:**

Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Parish. Rosary at 2 pm. Mass at 3 pm with Fr. Janusz from St. Anthony of Padua, Hamilton Fellowship and refreshments in the hall. All are welcome!

## **ARE YOU A CATECHIST?**

If you pass on the faith in children's sacramental prep, RCIA, your own family, adult faith groups, a Catholic school, correspondence courses, marriage prep, then **YOU** are a catechist! Join us September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Notre Dame Convent 2 – 4:30 pm for our retreat, "Announcing the Mercy of God" Bishop Miehm is our keynote speaker. For more info or to register visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) – Year of Mercy Events or by phone 905-528-7988, ext 2238 (Monica) There is no cost, please register.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:** Teenagers tired of being harassed by your stupid parents? **ACT** now! Move out ... Get a Job ... Pay your own bills. Do it while you still know everything.