

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, November 13, 2016

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Mass Intentions this week

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

Nov. 15 to Nov. 20


Tuesday 6:30 pm Intentions of Joan Mary Ferraccioli

Wednesday 12:noon †Mark Spencer

Thursday 10:00 am (John Noble Home)

Friday 12:noon †Jennie Creighton and a Special Intention

Saturday 5:00 pm †Gerard Spelier, Mary Doucette, Jeannie Harding, Steve Harri, Intentions of Helen Harri, Josie McKinnon and Bryan & Fran DeRosse (50th Anniversary)

 **Sanctuary Lamp** this week Intentions of: deceased members of the Crawley Family and repose of their Souls. 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, November 14	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
Tuesday, November 15	Rev. Gregory Michel
Wednesday, November 16	Eudiste Fathers (C.J.M.)
Thursday, November 17	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Friday, November 18	Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, O.P.
Saturday, November 19	Rev. Wallace Metcalf

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes:	\$3431.75
Loose Collections:	\$ 604.25
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering Oct 23, 2016	\$4521.00

Budget expenses for the week \$4265.00

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. Wednesday evenings 6:30 – 8 pm in the Rectory.

We happily have ten Candidates for the RCIA this year. What we need are a few more team members to walk the Faith Journey with these folks seeking full Communion in our faith. If you would like to give a presentation or two, that would be welcomed. Please call the office!

MEDITATION

When I was much younger, we used to play a game called Truth or Dare. If you didn't want to answer your opponent's question truthfully, you had to accept a dare. Today, Jesus turns the game inside out and challenges his followers to tell their truth by accepting his dare. Jesus asks, Do you dare to be publicly Christian? How? What are your limits on doing so? What consequences are you willing to risk? Jesus does not promise us the proverbial rose garden. Rose gardens, like nations and kingdoms, will surely pass away. Jesus simply promises his presence, his words and his wisdom. These will never pass away. Here is where the good news lies today for us who accept his challenge.

This is a good time to start preparing for the new church year ahead, asking ourselves how we will be boldly Christian in 2017. Pope Francis offers an example. In his quiet, gentle way, he calls us to examine the lines we have drawn in the sand – and to take one small step past them.

Two of the great dismissals at the end of Mass graciously instruct us, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Perhaps one should boldly declare, "The living God is with you. Don't just sit there: do something. Change the world!"

Margaret Bick, Toronto, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

SACRAMENTAL Preparation Sessions:

Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are ready for pick up at the back of the Church.

Please bring the completed form, along with a **copy** of the child's Baptism form to our initial session in the Parish Hall: (unless he/she was Baptized here).

The initial session for **Confirmation (Parent & Candidate)** will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, November 17th - 7 p.m.**

According to our Diocesan guidelines, First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated with children in grade 2 or higher, and Confirmation with grade 7 or higher. Please put these dates in your calendar!

NB: *No Registration Forms will be accepted after Christmas.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Sunday, November 13th
8:30 am to 12:00 noon.

C.W.L. NEWS

CWL general meeting, *Tuesday, Nov. 22nd* in the rectory meeting room immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass. We will be making a Christmas craft. Please bring a clean, empty soup or 398ml size can to the meeting. Save the date – Advent potluck supper, Monday, Dec 12th.

THANK YOU – TO our St. Basil ladies who donated to the BAKE TABLE on Oct. 29th. Your creations, generosity and hard work made our table beautiful. You raised \$570.00. Also, a big thank you to the ladies who served on the table. Brenda Archer, Sheila Beaton, Aldona Dawson and Jan Welsh. Your commitment and smiles are appreciated, Job well done by all! Mary Taylor, convener.

Membership Drive – Membership, please use “C.W.L. Annual Membership Blue Envelope” in your St. Basil’s Sunday Envelope Box for the Membership Dues of \$21.00, cash or check.

Please drop it in the Collection Basket **or** use a plain envelope with your name, address, phone # and your e-mail address marked “C.W.L. Membership.” Thank you – Pat Renaud, Membership Convener. Come see us at the back of the Church after all three Masses.

3rd Annual Parish Marketplace & Bake Sale

Thank-you to the much appreciated volunteers who make this event a success raising \$1527.91. And thank-you to all who supported the parish by attending. All proceeds go to the parish for painting, lawn maintenance, snow plowing or work on Mary’s Grotto outside. We are hoping to broaden our volunteer base so if you are thinking you might want to get involved in a parish activity just drop your name & contact info in the collection basket or call 519-754-4392 any time.

The winners of the Oct. 29th Raffle Prizes are:

Diane Trifunovic, Linda Beach, Vicki Coyle, Leeanne Vreugdenhil, Louise Connell, Sheila Robertson, Mary Hrynkiw, Noelle Hodd, Marg Crawford, Richard Westbrook, Lori McDonald, Linda Ollgavella, Mary Lee, Dale Rose, Shelly Keats, Brenda Archer, Wendy Farnsworth, Cindy Park & Trina Mulraine.

YEAR OF MERCY Closing Celebrations

The conclusion of the Year of Mercy will be celebrated with an Evening Prayer celebration on **Friday, November 18, 2016** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina will offer a reflective talk on the Year of Mercy following Evening Prayer.

On **Sunday, November 20th**, Bishop Crosby will preach at the Masses on the Feast of Christ the King at the Cathedral Basilica. All those attending will enter the church through the Doors of Mercy. Masses at the Cathedral Basilica are Saturday at 5:00 pm; Sunday at 9:00 am; 11:00 am; and 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

BOOK OF LIFE

In the month of November, Catholics remember in a special way the souls of the faithful departed. Please sign the names of those you wish to be remembered during our November Masses in the Book at the front of the church.

SALVATION ARMY is looking for volunteers to stand on our red kettles this Christmas season, to raise money for programs and services that assist those who need it the most. Christmas Hampers and year round food banks in both Brantford and Paris are just a few of the many services these funds support. Contact Sheri, the Kettle Coordinator, for more info. 519-752-7813 Sheri_moss-mcdonald@can.salvationarmy.org

CHALICE is the largest Catholic sponsorship organization in Canada. It has been given a top rating in Canada. It has been given a top rating for International Aid & Development Charities in Canada by Money Sense magazine, six years in a row. Chalice supports programmes in 15 countries throughout the world, providing direct aid to nearly 50,000 children and aged. Gifts from the Chalice catalogue make a significant impact in the lives of countless individuals and families. Gifts provide support in areas such as education, nutrition, health, and child sponsorship. Consider buying a gift in honour of a loved one and help a child in need in the developing world. You will also receive an official tax receipt for your purchase. Catalogues are available in Church.

HEALING MASS for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child

– Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for **Sunday, November 27th at 4 pm**. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext./ 2249 or register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

ITALIAN CULTURE CLUB – Day Wellness Centre, St. Joseph’s Lifecare Centre. Join us in the celebration of all things Italy! Biscotti, Espresso, Scopa, Briscola, Italian Music, and much more When: Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm at St. Joseph’s Day Wellness Centre, 99 Wayne Gretzky Cost \$15.00. Registration/Inquiries: (519)751-7096, ext 3315

ST. ANN’S ANNUAL BAZAAR Barton Street East at Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton. Saturday Nov. 26th 2pm to 7 pm Sunday Nov. 27th 10am TO 1 pm