

THE 5th SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 2, 2017

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Mass Intentions this week

April 4 – April 9,

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

- Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Rob Terry
(in Church) Followed by Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday 12: noon** †Mr. & Mrs. Perilli, Intentions of Joe Hoover & Family
- Thursday 12: noon** Intentions of Theresa Neary and Tamara Kurzawski
- Friday 12: noon** Intentions of Fr. Bennett
(in Church) followed by *Reconciliation until 1:15 pm*
- Saturday 5:00 pm** †Anna Maria Janos, Esterina Tamilia & Sons, Frank Scicluna, In thanksgiving to our Blessed Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Intentions of: the Parent Family, Josie MacKinnon and Lil Balazs



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Mel McAllinden. 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, April 3	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Tuesday, April 4	Rev. David Reitzel
Wednesday, April 5	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate (S.O.L.I.)
Thursday, April 6	Rev. Mark Gatto
Friday, April 7	Rev. Fernando Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Saturday, April 8	Rev. Emmanuel Ogboli

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,720.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 396.85
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00

Total Weekly Offering March 26, 2017 \$3,601.85

Budget expenses for the week \$4,265.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Michael King at 905-528-7988 or e-mail mking@hamiltondiocese.com

MEDITATION

Resurrection is a central tenet of the Christian faith. When he rose after three days in the tomb, Jesus showed that he had defeated death once and for all. His resurrection is also the basis for our belief that we too shall overcome death and rise again. Moreover, as Paul tells us in the second reading, Christ’s resurrection transforms our life today, empowering us to reject sin and live in righteousness.

The story of Lazarus demonstrates that resurrection is not restricted to Jesus alone. In order to make this clear, Jesus delayed going to see his sick friend, with the result that by the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. This reminds us of Jesus’ own resurrection after three days.

In the Bible, three days often symbolizes the time span during which things are within human control, but beyond three days only God can act. By delaying his arrival, Jesus made sure that he would not be healing a sick man but rather raising a dead man. He also reinforced that this was the result of God’s intervention.

Every time we gather, we celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection in the Eucharist. We also proclaim it aloud when we recite the Mystery of Faith, affirming his death, his resurrection and his return in glory, when we too shall rise from the dead.

John L. McLaughlin, Toronto, ON
 Novalis, Living With Christ

FATIMA CENTENARY

Saturday, May 13th marks the 100th Anniversary of Mary’s first apparition at Fatima in Portugal.

We will celebrate Mass in Church at 11 am on that day, followed by the blessing of our Grotto and our new statue of Mary. All are welcome! Save the date!

How appropriate that it is also Mother’s Day weekend as Mary is Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church.

Our Confirmation Candidates will gather for their retreat and rehearsal that same afternoon (2-4:45) Another gift!

ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA:

Brantford became a mission of Dundas on December 1, 1840. In 1841 a large white frame building was built on the site of Lot # 2 on Crown St. The mission contained the township of Flambro, East and West Beverly, Dumfries, Hamilton (not the town), Ancaster, Dundas and Indiana (in the 1840’s Indiana was a thriving settlement on the Grand with 300 residents, many Irish Catholics enabling it to form its own parish – St. Rose of Lima).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Easter Vigil – There will be a social in the parish hall immediately following the celebration. Anyone willing to share some of his/her Easter baking is asked to drop it off at the hall before the service.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION – May 26-28, Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener. There is an information package on the CWL bulletin board at the back of the Church. Any member interested in attending is asked to contact Donna Kane (519-752-1331) before April 16th. Each person attending must pre-register or pay a \$10 late fee upon arrival at the sessions.

Attention all women. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy the CWL's Annual Communion luncheon taking place on **May 7, 2017** in the Parish Hall. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry office of the Diocese of Hamilton, will be the guest speaker and the food will be provided by Martha's Catering.

Tickets are \$15. Contact Jill Fediurek ([519-757-1077](tel:519-757-1077)) or Jan Welsh ([519-753-8950](tel:519-753-8950)) to order your ticket or visit us at the back of the Church after Sunday Mass.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE – **Saturday, April 22nd** 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Basil Parish hall – Crown Street. Good used clothing, linens, small kitchen and household items.

FAMILY PLANNING:

Discover your unique pattern of fertility and infertility. Take the guesswork out of preventing pregnancy or achieving pregnancy by learning how to identify your natural signals of fertility and infertility. Natural Family Planning (NFP) helps couple become aware of their own fertility and helps them to understand how the body's natural processes can be used to plan children. Join us on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:30 am – 12:30pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton and learn more about what is effective and what is not when it comes to NFP. Learn more about the scientific data that supports NFP as a viable method of family planning, how it can help you with irregular cycles and also help you to achieve pregnancy when that time comes. This session is meant to inform you about NFP and is not a teaching of a specific method, although information on where to get couple-to-couple instruction will be provided. Rose Heron, our presenter, is the Program Director for the Natural Family Planning Association in Toronto. No charge to attend; couples, individuals, parents and adolescent daughters are all welcome. Please let us know if you are coming at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on line at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/natural-family-planning/>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Meeting St. Basil Council #13442, **Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Mass at 6:30 pm** – Meeting to follow in the meeting room.
Grand Knight: Bill Kane, #519-752-1331.
E-mail: wkane@sympatico.ca

SHARE LENT COLLECTION: Solidarity Sunday is TODAY! Please be generous. Donations will be accepted until April 24th. Read this inspiring story of Ismene Elismene Elismar Garconnect is at the heart of change in her community. This mother of three in Haiti was one of the chief engineers on a project led by our partner ITECA to build new houses after the 2010 earthquake. Thanks to the project, Ismene was trained in how to make reinforced masonry and other skills. The project employed 600 workers and tradespeople, and 800 houses were built. When hurricane Matthew hit Haiti in October 2016, only one home was damaged by the 200 km/hr. winds!

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“MEAL and MEDITATION”

Parishioners interested in learning about Christian Meditation are asked to sign up and join us on Wednesday, April 12th at 5:30 pm in our parish hall. A simple meal will be served, and then students from our three elementary schools will share their experience about praying this ancient Christian Prayer. We will finish about 7 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL C.W.L. in Scotland will be holding their Spring Bazar on **Saturday April 8, 2017** from 1 – 3 pm in their Parish Hall, 57 Simcoe St., - Cabbage rolls, baking, crafts, penny table, etc. Free admission, prizes.

TENOR CONCERT featuring CHARLES Di RAIMONDO

Sunday May 7th, 7:00 pm at St. Basil Church. Join us as Charles Di Raimondo and local artists help us celebrate 175 years for St. Basil Parish. Experience the combination of great music and the wonderful acoustics of a beautiful old Gothic Revival Style Church. Concert Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Students \$10. The event is sponsored by the St Basil Knights of Columbus. Tickets are available after Masses or by contacting 519-752-1331 or 519 484-2951.

ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS – Each year, the bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This year's celebration takes place on **Saturday April 22** during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in the Diocese of Hamilton.