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Mass Intentions this week



October 17 – 22, 2017

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Daniel Kennaley
Wednesday 12 noon †Shirley Robb
Thursday: 12:noon (John Noble Home)
Friday: 12:noon †Larry & Margaret
Saturday 5:00 pm †Clarine Zamora, Gerard Spelier, Intentions of Mary Stewart



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Edith Noonan 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. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
 Tuesday Rev. John Massari, c.s.
 Wednesday: Permanent Deacons
 Thursday Rev. Jose Plascencia, c.s.
 Friday Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
 Saturday Rev. Heinner Paucar, O.M.I.

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes	\$2,600.50
Loose Collections:	\$ 719.00
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering Sept 24, 2017	\$3,804.50
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon or religious. If God is calling you contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, e-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

SHOE BOXES

Are available this weekend.

MEDITATION

Wedding feasts are celebrations of joy. The one in today's Gospel, however, turns ugly. The guests refuse to attend; they attack the king's slaves. The king retaliates with murder and destruction. But the feast must go ahead. Just when things seem to be improving, the king notices a man without a wedding robe and casts him out into the darkness.

This parable is scary and makes me squirm. I recognize myself in those who ignored the king's invitation and in the man wearing the wrong outfit.

The parable challenges us to critique our friendship with God. God desires our friendship, inviting us time and time again into relationship. We sometimes fail in our response. Like those who rejected the invitation, we get busy with our own agendas; we ignore God. Or, like the man who shows up improperly attired, we have the wrong attitude. We may be smug, indifferent or insincere. We cast ourselves into the darkness when we refuse God's offer of friendship.

The Mass is a transitional time between the present and eternity. It is God's standing invitation to enter more deeply into relationship with God and others. Our presence here expresses our willingness to put on the robe of Christ so that we may stand confidently and joyfully in the light of God's friendship.

Louise McEwan, Trail, BC
 Novalis, Living with Christ

SACRAMENTS

– Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and for Confirmation for 2018 are now available on the welcome desk in church.

Please inform family, friends and neighbours that they do not register through the schools. Sacraments are parish celebrations.

Our initial Parent meeting for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grades 2 and higher) is - **Tuesday Nov. 7th at 7 pm** in our parish hall.

Our initial Parent and Candidate for Confirmation is **Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7 pm** also in our parish hall.

SAVE THE DATE

Here is our remaining event to celebrate our parish's 175th Anniversary:

On November 5th!

St. Basil welcomes Soprano Cecilia Kowara with Roger Bayley on piano and organ for An Evening of Classical Music, **Sunday, November 5th at 7 pm** in St. Basil Church
 Cecilia, a young artist from the Chicago area, will sing a varied program of art songs, arias and religious songs.
 Reception to follow in the church hall. Goodwill offering to benefit our Church.

PARTICIPATION AT MASS

The Second Vatican Council invited us to a “full, active and conscious participation” at Mass.

Our parish is good, but could also use improvement. SO;

- “The one who sings prays twice” said St. Augustine. This includes the hymns but also the psalm refrain and the sung responses.
- Coming late and /or leaving early is disrespectful to the assembly. Do not walk to a pew during the proclamation of the Word of God. Everything takes longer than we think: allow extra time to arrive.
- Speak up for the responses – sometimes we can hear a little infant better than 150 adults! Mass is a dialogue – some priests’ parts, some assembly, and some both. Speak to someone you may not know – introduce yourself; we are family.
- Holy Communion:
- Who we receive is more important than who we receive from.
- The Bishops of Canada have asked us to make some sign of reverence (a bow of the head, or sign of the Cross before receiving. This can be done while you are “next in line.”
- In the Communion procession, the Bishops have asked us not to genuflect or kneel.
- Please respond audibly “Amen” when the Eucharistic Minister says “The Body of Christ.” This means “I believe.”
- People of other faiths are welcome to receive a blessing, but only Catholics receive Holy Communion.
- Do not walk away with the host! A host was found on a pew last week after a funeral Mass. After receiving the host in your hand – hold out both hands – one under the other – take a step to the side (allowing the person behind you to receive) Consume the host and then return to your pew.

Thank you for your respectful participation and cooperation!

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Here at our parish; for one hour on the following Wednesday evenings at the Rectory:

Nov. 22nd – 6:30 7:30 pm – Scripture – Old Testament

Nov. 29th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm Scripture – New Testament

Dec. 6th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Praying with Scripture

Dec. 13th – 6:30 – 7:30 pm - Saints for Advent

Before these dates, a church tour will be offered after our three Masses on the weekend of November 18/19th. All are welcome.

“BE A MAN” – Brantford’s Catholic Lay Men’s Initiative.

We want to thank the men of our parish for the warm response to our invitation to join our Saturday morning group. We now have more than 100 men signed up and attendance has been averaging 65 per session. We have been discussing being men of service and men of prayer and we invite you again to join us on Saturday mornings at St. Pius X on Waverly St. in Brantford from 7 to 8:30 am, as we explore living our faith as the men God created us to be. Great coffee, muffins and donuts. For more information contact the Parish office. See you Saturday morning!

C.W.L.

All women are invited to hear Crime Prevention Officer, Chad Crawford’s presentation on how to detect and avoid scams on **Tuesday, Oct 24th**, in the rectory meeting room immediately following the 6:30 pm Mass. The business portion of the meeting will follow the presentation.

Knights of Columbus

St Basil Council #13442

Mass at 6:30 PM in the Chapel

Meeting Tuesday Oct. 17, 2017

In the Rectory meeting room 7:00 PM

Grand Knight, Bill Kane

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RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

The CWL would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of our rummage sale. Thank you for your treasures. Thank you to all who worked so hard sorting, selling, etc., and to those who came to purchase. Also, thank you to Bryan DeRosse for his truck. Our Profit was \$1,051.55. God Bless all of you!

FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Next Sunday our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young diocese in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

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