

St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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December 9th - Second Sunday of Advent

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Sunday Mass: 11:00am
Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday

7:00pm

Wednesday

8:00am

Thursday

Confession 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

Friday

8:00am

Parish Office Hours:

9am-1pm Mon & Fri

9am-3pm Tues, Wed & Thurs
(office closes for a half hour at 12 noon)

**Sacraments of Marriage
or Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Office to
make an appointment to meet
with Father Peter.

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Liturgy of the Second Sunday of Advent introduces to us to Saint John the Baptist. He is identified as the "Voice in the wilderness" mentioned in the prophecies of Isaiah. Isaiah has been called the evangelist of The Old Testament because he wrote a lot about the coming Saviour. However it is only St. John the Baptist who points us to The Saviour. He was sent to prepare the way to the Lord, appearing in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins as the Prophet Isaiah had foretold. The prophecies of St. John the Baptist and of the Prophet Isaiah are not out-of-date but encourage us to come back to the Lord and make room for Him in our hearts.

Next Sunday, December 16th, there will be an Advent Retreat Day in our church. Its topic is 'Friendship & Solitude'. We will begin with the 11 o'clock Mass, then there will be lunch, a reflection and discussion time, the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with an opportunity for Confession, the Eucharistic Benediction and a social time to follow. The retreat will be finished by 5 pm. Please, register with our parish office if you wish to attend. You may find the details on our website and Facebook page.

On Wednesday, December 12th we observe a feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There is a beautiful story about Juan Diego to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared in 1531 in Mexico. He was a simple farmer and labourer. While he was making his way to Mass in the early morning of December 9th Our Lady became visible to him as a native princess and her words sounded more beautiful than the sweetest music ever made. She wanted him to bring a message to the local bishop, so that a church dedicated to her might be built. A miraculous sign was given to the bishop: on Juan Diego's tilma (outer garment) was made an exquisite image of Our Lady. This picture is still venerated in the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The image to this date cannot be explained by science. It contains many miraculous details. According to Kodak of Mexico, the image is smooth and feels like a modern day photograph (produced 300 years before the invention of photography). The image shows no sign of deterioration after 450 years! In the eyes of the Blessed Virgin in this picture we can see with a zoom lens another image... I encourage everyone to read more about this miraculous picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pope Pius XII in 1945 decreed Our Lady of Guadalupe to be the Patroness of the Americas.

Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us!

God bless,
Fr. Peter

**Mass Schedule & Intentions for the
Week of
December 10, 2018**

TUESDAY, December 11

7:00 p.m. – Larry Keys

by Patrick Sullivan and Anna Kocmarek

WEDNESDAY, December 12

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
& National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with
Indigenous Peoples*

8:00 a.m. – Jenny Periera

by Sidalina Periera

THURSDAY, December 13

Memorial, St. Lucy

8:00 a.m. – Mario Bessi

by Lucia Bessi & Family

FRIDAY, December 14

Memorial, St. John of the Cross

9:30 a.m. school mass – Franco Frisina

by Giovanna Frisina & Family

SUNDAY, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. – The Parishioners of St. Lawrence
the Martyr Parish

Important Dates and Events

December

16th CWL Christmas Bake Sale

16th Advent Retreat Day:
Friendship and Solitude



December 2, Sunday Collection
\$ 1134.00

Mass Times this week - Please note that Thursday mass will be at 8:00 a.m. and Friday will be at 9:30 a.m. (celebrated with the school)

Advent Retreat Day : Friendship and Solitude - Solitude and time alone can sometimes seem at odds with our need for connections through friendship. As both human and Divine, Jesus provides us with many examples of the connection between solitude and friendship and what God teaches us about the need to seek out the solitary to prepare for friendship.

This day retreat led by Fr. Peter will reflect on this idea, beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by a shared meal. The afternoon will include discussion & prayer, concluding with adoration, opportunity for confession, and benediction. There is no cost for the retreat, please register through the parish office, through our facebook event page or email stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com

Good Shepherd Christmas Donations - The perfect gift for the person who wants for nothing! Please consider a donation to Good Shepherd. Your gift will help to brighten the lives of families and individuals in need during the Christmas Season. Christmas donations can be made in Honour of a person of your choosing and if you wish, Good Shepherd will send them an "in honour card" - A limited number of donation forms and mailing envelopes are on the tables at the back of the church. Please be generous.

Seniors Bingo - For the next few weeks, The Vivere Sani Social Club seniors bingo will be on winter break and is tentatively scheduled to restart on January 23, 2019.

In Memoriam - If you would like to have a name included in our In Memoriam section of the Bulletin for 2019 please contact the Parish Office - your contributions help to pay for the printing costs of this bulletin.

2018 Tax Receipts - Early in the new year we will be preparing charitable donation tax receipts. If you have moved please ensure that you update your address with the parish. Forms to update your information are available at the back of the church.



Giuseppe Cavigliano
Hollier- Heddle & Greco Families.
Gilberto Pavao and Families.
Jackson, Joyce & Moorcroft Families
The Grace, Dunn, Kennedy,
& Nespal Families.



In the Diocese...

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF) is accepting applications for 2019 Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative

Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about CWLF, the Leadership Program and to complete an application form visit www.cwlfcanada.ca.

Be Born in Us Today Is the theme for an advent retreat for seniors taking place at the Chancery office, Thursday December 13th from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of prayer, reflection and song to nourish our Advent journey in preparation for Christmas. Using David Haas' beautiful book of reflections, facilitators David Dayler, Anne Jamieson and Sandra Gould will lead us through this prayerful session.

The cost for this retreat is \$5 and includes a copy of the book. Space is limited so please register early! Contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 - 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. NO COST.

Healing After an Abortion: It Is Possible? - Project Rachel offers a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Seeking the Sacred: The Soul's Slow Ripening - A Senior Adult Workshop Series taking place on 7 Tuesday afternoons, starting Jan. 29 2019 1:30- 3:30pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. This 7 part workshop/study session will explore twelve unique Celtic-Christian spiritual practices. These 12 practices are intended to give practical ways for us to deepen our relationship with God and all of creation. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35, which includes the text. Please register by Jan. 25 2019. For further information please contact 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com

Congratulations to the newly elected chairs of the Catholic District School Boards throughout the Diocese. Pat Daly was elected Chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board; Bill Conway, Chair of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board; Peter DeRosa, Chair of the Halton Catholic District School Board; Rick Petrella, Chair of the Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk Catholic District School Board; Beverley Eckensweiler, Chair of the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board. We await elections in the Wellington Catholic District School Board and Mon Avenir Conseil Scolaire Catholique. As stated in *Renewing the Promise*, the elected Trustees have been "entrusted with the profound responsibility of stewardship of the mission of Catholic education!" We pray for them!

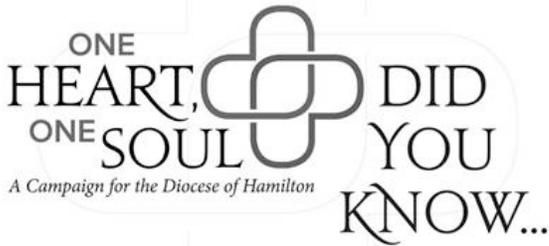
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The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at onehearttonesoul.ca.

What kinds of things does the Diocese do for Parishes and others already?

The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people:

- Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life.
- Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life.
- Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry.
- Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation.
- Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees.
- Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized.
- Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers.
- Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development.

Does the Diocese help organizations outside of it?

Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake there in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations who support the poor and marginalized, like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd and several others; health care initiatives, including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children's Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need who do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter's Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada.

Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese?

There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter's Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter's has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter's, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary's staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter's to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.