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Sunday Mass: 11:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday

7:00pm

Wednesday

9:00am

Thursday

Confession 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

Friday

9:00am

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 am-2pm Monday

9:00 am-3pm Tuesday

9:30 am-3pm Wednesday

9:00 am-3pm Thursday

9:30 am-3pm Friday

(office closes for a half hour at 12 noon)

**Sacraments of Marriage
or Baptism:**

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February 17th - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Saint Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians tells us that if we do not believe in the resurrection of Christ and consequently of the dead our faith is pointless: "For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins". This fundamental truth of our faith should be always proclaimed and taken seriously. In Christ we are born, in Christ we live and in Christ we die and have life eternal and the forgiveness of sins.



This Friday, February 22nd we observe the Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter. This feast has an interesting history and a valuable meaning. Early martyrologies (accounts of lives of martyrs) indicate that in Rome two liturgical feasts were celebrated in honour of the chairs associated with St. Peter, the Apostle. One of them was kept at the baptismal chapel of St. Peter's Basilica and the other one at the catacomb of Pricilla. The feasts were held in January and February to honour two places associated with St. Peter's stay: Antioch and Rome. Today no surviving chair has been identified with either of these chairs. Obviously, the Church did not honour

a piece of wood. The chair of St. Peter signifies the episcopal office of the Pope as Bishop of Rome. In the present we observe one feast of The Chair. In 2012 Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his successors to tend Christ's flock keeping it united in faith and charity. On that day let us pray for Pope Francis as the 266th successor of St. Peter!

This Friday at 7 pm in the church hall there will be the next part of the series 'Let's Talk About Our Faith'. This time we will be reflecting on the Sacrament of Baptism. Everyone is welcome.

This Saturday at 7 pm we are invited to watch a movie about Saint Peter, the Apostle on the occasion of the Fest of The Chair of St. Peter that falls on Friday. Everyone is welcome.

The lights on the both sides of the main altar (the angels' lights) are again shining! We are happy to have them back working.
St. Peter – pray for us!

God bless,

Mass Schedule & Intentions for the week of February 18, 2019

TUESDAY, February 19

7:00 p.m. – Jenny Periera by Corena Furtado

WEDNESDAY, February 20

9:00 a.m. – All Souls in Purgatory, and especially members of the Defreitas family – by Theresa Defreitas

THURSDAY, February 21

6:15 p.m. Confession and Adoration
7:00 p.m. - Isabel Cosentino by Angelo and Maureen Cosentino

FRIDAY, February 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

9:00 a.m. – Leonel Canao by Isabel Canao

SUNDAY, February 24

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

Please pray for the religious of our diocese
Especially this week we pray for:

Mon - Rev. Scott Whitfield

Tues - Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo

Wed - Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood

Thurs - Rev. Francesco Cucchi

Fri - Rev. David Reilander

Sat - Rev. Leszek Szczygiel

Upcoming Events

“Let’s Talk About our Faith” : Baptism

Feb 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.

Feb 23 @7pm - Movie about st. Peter



Giuseppe Cavigliano

Hollier- Heddle & Greco Families.

Gilberto Pavao and Families.

Jackson, Joyce & Moorcroft Families

The Grace, Dunn, Kennedy,
& Nespal Families.



February 3, Sunday Collection

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In the Parish

Let's Talk About Our Faith: Baptism - The next workshop in our 'Let's Talk about Our Faith' series is on Friday, Feb 22nd, at 7pm – The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (1213)

Let us reflect on the great meaning of Baptism! - Everyone is welcome

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday for the Family day holiday.

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In the Diocese:

Share Lent Workshop - this Lenten season Development and Peace and Pope Francis invite us to reach out and encounter migrants and refugees, to make a commitment to really go toward others, to stop, listen and really see them. If you would be interested in learning how to foster a culture of encounter in your parish you are invited to attend this year's SHARE LENT Tues. Feb. 19, at Annunciation Parish Hall, 280 Limeridge Rd. W, Hamilton. 7-9 p.m. If you are interested in attending please call or email the parish office.

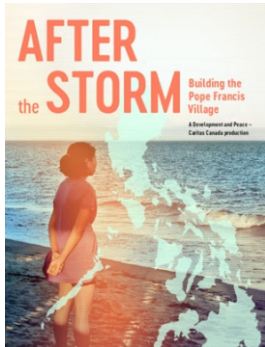
Fourth Annual Diocesan Youth Rally - #RallyUp is coming your way! Registration for the 2019 Diocesan Youth Rally is open. We invite young people in grades 7-12 to join us on May 25th, 2019 for, “According to Your Word” at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. Rally Day promises to be another fun-filled, prayerful and impactful day for the young people of our Diocese. For more information and to register please visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally.

FATAL FLAWS: Legalizing Assisted Death: A Film by Kevin Dunn. Are assisted dying laws leading society down a dangerous path? Film screening and Q&A with Kevin Dunn, the filmmaker Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt St in Hamilton (behind the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King). Refreshments offered. For more info, contact: hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com or 905-528-3065 www.FatalFlawsFilm.com

In the Diocese (Cont.)

Women's Lenten Retreat - On the weekend of March 22nd – 24th, the Queen of Apostles Renewal centre team will preach a Lenten retreat on the theme: Every gift reveals god's love: but no gift reveals god's love more than the gifts of the cross. For further information or to register please call 905-278-5229.

Development & Peace documentary – Please join us February 22nd for a special screening of the Development & Peace documentary, *After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village* with special guest Jess Agustin. Jess is the D&P program officer for the Philippines. He is currently on mission and will return to Canada just in time to give us the latest news on the



reconstruction and community building project featured in this film. Reel Justice Film Screening: *After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village*, Where: St. Raphael, Burlington. When: February 22, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. More information about the film can be found online at: <https://www.devp.org/en/philippines-documentary>.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 9, 2019 - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm.

Are You Separated and/or Divorced? Has a separation or divorce caused you to feel upset, or like you are on a roller coaster? Would you like to minimize the impact on yourself and feel stronger? **LEARNING TO COPE** (Level 1) is a ten week support program offered in both Hamilton and Kitchener starting Tuesday, March 19 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The locations are as follows: Hamilton: Diocesan Chancery Office. Kitchener: St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Have you already completed level 1, 2 or 3? Join the next level and continue the journey toward healing, and connect with others experiencing the same change in their lives. Find out more on line at: www.hamiltondiocese.com under the start date below Upcoming Events.

Stress in Your Marriage? There is help! *Retrouvaille* is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, 2019, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More!

“Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered at the Diocesan Chancery Office, Hamilton, and Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 21 - May 30, 2019. The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com under the start date below Upcoming Events.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced - Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you’re going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group 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, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

There is Hope after an Abortion - Are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own, or someone else’s? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.



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 oneheartonesoul.ca.

What are the potential benefits of the campaign's focus on campus ministry?

We know that many Catholic young people who go away to college and university are going to Mass less when they graduate. We want to help college and university students form networks and communities that help them to be comfortable living out their faith. In short, the Diocese wants to support Catholic students during an important time in their lives. Campaign funds will be allocated toward staff and program costs for chaplaincy programs associated with post-secondary institutions within the Diocese.

How would the hospital ministry goal be beneficial?

Hospital ministry is a way for the Church to be Jesus for us during a difficult time, providing comfort, peace and healing as we tackle big questions. The campaign goal will serve to improve what we already do to make the Church present to a population that might not be present in our parishes. Funds will provide for:

- Pastoral formation and training for those who minister to the sick, whether it be priests, deacons, seminarians or lay hospital ministers.
- Resources for and promotion of palliative care, which aims to relieve the symptoms, pain and stress of a serious illness.

Why the focus on prison ministry and help for migrant workers?

These goals aim to help raise the consciousness of the Diocese at large to these populations and their needs. The Church is theirs, too, and the Church needs to be there for them for the same reason it ministers to all of us. Funds from the campaign will enhance the mission and vision of prison ministry, in particular by formalizing the structure of the ministry in the Diocese. That will include the training of deacons and lay volunteers to help them share the healing and compassion of Jesus with those confined in correctional institutions.

For migrant workers, the Diocese is committed to ensuring their spiritual and pastoral care for the period they spend in the area providing labour in the industries in which they work.