

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

**Tuesday, January 1**

New Year's Day

**Wednesday, January 2**

8:00 a.m. Intention of Ruby Kreze

**Thursday, January 3**

8:00 a.m. Burk and Wilma Boyle

**Friday, January 4**

8:00 a.m. Joyce Shewchuk and Reverend Bob Walz

**Saturday, January 5**

5:00 p.m. John Lipski  
John Schipper  
William Boettinger  
Ena and Alderic Luke  
Intention of Lorraine Feeny  
Intention of Maria Hai T. Nguyen

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 30**

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

**Saturday, January 5**

8:00 a.m. Cursillo

**Sunday, January 6**

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

***This week we especially pray for:***

Monday Reverend Peter Meyer  
Tuesday Reverend Jim Petrie  
Wednesday Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)  
Thursday Reverend Kevin Cull  
Friday Reverend Stephen Gilbert  
Saturday Reverend Marko Puljic, O.F.M.

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.



**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**DECEMBER 29, 30, 2018**

*1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52*

**FAMILY TIES**

All of us have a lot of connections because of our families, a lot of family ties. We probably wouldn't mind breaking a few of them, but they are too strong. But, no matter what, and sometimes no matter how hard we try, it's often hard to let them go. At the same time, some ties are worth all the trouble. These bind people into family, but never restrict them.

**The first tie is trust**

Suspicion cripples a family. Trust heals. The more families learn to trust one another, the more they learn to let one another take good risks that allow them to grow. Trusting is acting like God acts. Didn't God trust human families enough to take the risk of putting Jesus into one?

**The second tie is sacrifice**

Sacrifice is often the only kind of glue that can hold a family together. In today's world, sacrifice means living a simple lifestyle, not putting a lot of stock in possessions. It means keeping things in perspective.

**The final tie is care**

Like trusting, care is risky business. Care in a family means putting other people first. Families who care for each other don't worry about whether the other person deserves care. They are simply aware that others need their care. Any family needs to know how to give and receive care.

Combined, these ties don't bind up people into a 'perfect' family, only into a compassionate one. These ties don't wrap a family all up in itself. Instead, they let us look out, beyond the family of birth, to others who need our great family, the family of God.



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Father Michael King, Director of

Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).



**RCIA** - For those not yet Baptized, Baptized in another Faith, those not yet Confirmed or those who have questions about the Catholic Christian Faith.

RCIA is a path for teens and adults to **learn more about the Catholic faith**. It is for those wishing to receive the Sacraments and for those who are just interested in knowing more and might have questions. Sessions are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room. For more information, call the parish office and a team member will contact you.

### ATTENTION CWL MEMBERS

Start the New Year off right! Our first meeting in January will occur as a luncheon and afternoon meeting on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. We will gather in the PLC for homemade soups and rolls, followed by a brief meeting, and a "Prayer Workshop" that day. We will learn how easy it is to compose your own prayers! Mark the date on your calendars and plan to join us.



### WARMTH AND COMFORT PROJECT

Men's, women's and children's new socks are needed and being collected until December 31, 2018. Collection bins are located in the foyers of the church and PLC. So far we are over 1,102 pairs! We are asking all parishioners to be generous with this request. St Anthony Daniel CWL is hoping to create a mountain of socks so we can send our final tally to the Ontario Provincial CWL and distribute the socks to local agencies to help the less fortunate and our local homeless. Please be generous!



### YOUNG ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A reminder that our next training session for new servers will be Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

### YOUTH MINISTRY



Happy New Year!

All young people in grades 7-12 are invited to our first meeting of 2019. Join us Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

### GRIEF SUPPORT



Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering whether others share your experience? You are not alone. Come for an opportunity to learn, share, pray, and heal as you journey through grief. We will view excerpts from the DVD series "Grief Matters" by Dr. Bill Webster, followed by informal discussion. Join us in the Marian Room on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. This month's topic is "Coping with Grief". All are welcome.



All parish volunteers are cordially invited to attend the *Our Hands are God's Hands* morning retreat and complimentary lunch on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendars for this enjoyable social time together.

### PEACE LIGHT



The Peace Light is a tradition that was started in Austria in approximately 1988. It is carried out by the boy scouts of Austria. Every year an Austrian child travels with a group to Bethlehem to the Church of the Nativity to enter the birthplace of Christ and gets the flame from there. The flame is then carried from Bethlehem on Austrian Airlines to Vienna. From there the flame is spread all across Europe, much like the Olympic torch is passed.

Once again this year, through the assistance of local people, arrangements were made to have the flame flown to Ontario. We have received this peace light and we will keep this candle lit until the feast of the Epiphany. Now, more than ever, let us pray for peace.



***CHRISTMAS WEEK  
Schedule of Masses***

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
(Vigil)  
Monday, December 31st  
5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**HOLIDAY PARISH  
OFFICE HOURS 2018/2019**

*Please note the following:*

<i>Monday, December 31:</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 1, 2019</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Wednesday, January 2:</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	

## New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

**Happy New Year and feast of Mary,  
the Mother of God,  
from all the Parish Staff of  
St. Anthony Daniel**