**WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021**

**28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Parish Liturgical Schedule**

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<td>Monday, October 11</td>
<td>Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32; 7:00 p.m. MASS - Repose of the Souls of: James Francis Owens &amp; Peter Arseneau</td>
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<td>Tuesday, October 12</td>
<td>Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41; 7:00 p.m. MASS - Repose of the Souls of: Vikranth D’Mello, Giuseppe Giovannielli &amp; Brian Jeffrey</td>
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<td>Wednesday, October 13</td>
<td>Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46; 9:00 a.m. MASS - Repose of the Soul of: Antonio Moraglia; Intentions of: Colleen Gamble &amp; Marie Reid. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows mass for one hour</td>
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<td>Thursday, October 14</td>
<td>Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54; 9:00 a.m. MASS - Intentions of: Damian Shane &amp; Mary Toan</td>
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<td>Friday, October 15</td>
<td>Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7; 9:00 a.m. MASS - Repose of the Souls in Purgatory</td>
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<td>Saturday, October 16</td>
<td>5:00 p.m. MASS - Repose of the Soul of: James McLellan. Sunday, October 17, 2021. Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45</td>
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<td>9:00 a.m. MASS - Repose of the Souls in Purgatory. 11:00 a.m. MASS - Repose of the Souls of: Richard Shtens &amp; Irena Lysak. Intentions of: Romana</td>
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**OFFICE HOURS**: Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon.

E-mail mmogp@bellnet.ca or call 905-337-2184 if you require assistance. We will return your call within 24 BUSINESS hours. **Donations may be made via CANADAHELPS.ORG, cash, cheque or credit card at the office.**

Thank you for your generosity!!

The Knights of Columbus Membership Drive - October 16 & 17.
The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Mary Mother of God Council 14446 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of October 16 and 17. If you would like to join today, or would like more information, please contact John Murphy, at jmurphy36@bell.net.

**RELEIGIOUS EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE AT MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH**

Is your child home schooled or attending a Public or Private School in our parish community? Mary Mother of God Parish offers a Religious Catholic Education correspondence program. In order for your child to receive the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion or Confirmation, it is required they receive ongoing Catholic faith development. Please visit our parish website for further information at www.mmogp.ca.

The 9 am music group is in need of a new member who plays piano. Please come out and join us. We sing once a month. For more information please call Lucy 905-849-1461.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**. If you are 9 years of age (Grade 4) or older and are interested to become an altar server, please contact the parish office. Covid protocols are in place and training will be provided.

MARY GARDEN: Many thanks to a generous donor from our parish who has offered to purchase a life-size bronze sculpture of the Madonna and Child by Timothy Schmaelz for our new Marian garden. For this reason, the bulb planting that we had planned to do next weekend will have to be postponed until after the sculpture is installed next spring.

25th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SCULPTURE: Orders for the Madonna and Child miniature have been extended until October 15th. Please visit our parish website or see the table in the narthex to purchase. Orders are guaranteed to arrive before Christmas.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Food, Bottle and Cell phone drive Saturday October 9th; 9-3 and Sunday October 10th; 9-1. Please bring non-perishable items in bags to the altar and refundable bottles (including beer & wine) to the narthex area. All food collected will go to The Oakville Fare Share Food bank and all monies raised will go to our Knights charities and good works.
OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM The Diocese of Hamilton Regarding Covid Vaccines: The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OM, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

In addition to the Vaccination Policy of the Diocese of Hamilton received earlier, The following reminders are in place regarding COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR Mass and the Distribution of Communion:

All participants in Mass are required to wear masks. Anyone not wearing a mask is not to be admitted to the church unless they can provide a valid medical exemption.

All liturgical ministers (including Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers & Music Ministers) must be fully vaccinated. Servers under the age of 12 who cannot be vaccinated are not permitted to serve at this time.

All ministers of Holy Communion are required to sanitize their hands prior to and after distributing Holy Communion. They are also required to wear a mask or shield when distributing the Eucharist.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to receive Communion on the Hand.

Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue are to receive Communion from the Priest and must receive after all who have received Communion from the Hand.

The Priest is to sanitize his hands before giving Communion to the next person if he has touched someone’s tongue.

These protocols are to be strictly observed in every Parish at this time in order to protect the health and safety of all who participate in the celebration of the Mass.

40 Days for Life is a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting and community outreach. We pray at the corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street from 7am to 7 pm, September 22nd to October 31st 2021. Our prayer and presence changes hearts and reaches thousands of people. Save Lives! Join the Vigil. For more information visit 40daysforlife.com/Oakville or text /contact Steve Germann at 905 333 6472.

VOCATION PRAYERS: October 10, 2021. If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. “You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me.” Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246. vocations@hamiltondiocese.com; hamiltondiocese.com/vocations.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Kids and Youth Ministry News

Gratitude Leaves: Next Sunday after the Masses, our youth will be offering gratitude leaves for our Thanksgiving liturgies. You're invited to write something for which you are grateful on a leaf which will be used during our Thanksgiving Masses. Also if you would like to upload a photo of something for which you're grateful, you can do so on our parish website homepage.

Our next Youth Led Family Mass is October 10th at 11 am. If you are interested in serving as an usher, musician, reader or greeter, please email Debbie at youth.mnosp@bellnet.ca

Congratulations to over 100 children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on September 25th.

Please pray for our First Communicants who will be joining us at the table of the Lord during the month of October.

Tech team: Teens interested in helping with our parish website, screens, and social media please contact Debbie for opportunities to serve. Volunteer service hours will be given.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will resume the weekend of October 3rd. Visit our Youtube Channel to view each week.

ONE HEART/ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN: Bishop Crosby has initiated the One Heart One Soul Campaign in an unprecedented effort to renew and strengthen each parish in the Diocese of Hamilton. Our parish is part of the next round of parishes in our Diocese to embark on this capital campaign. A group of volunteers are working with our pastor and a representative of the Diocese of Hamilton to consider potential future projects for the parish as part of the campaign. The One Heart, One Soul campaign is about helping parishes thrive by giving them an opportunity to identify and fund projects that would build up parish and family life. We are conducting our parish’s campaign in October 2021. You have received a package in the mail. For further information and to learn about One Heart/One Soul, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aoOgPlySzA&feature=emb_logo.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - October brings cooler air and the final harvests of the season. It is a time when we see the beauty of nature and the creative mind of God in providing this world for each of us. Children spend a lot of time wishing for things they don’t have, instead of focusing on what they do have, including love from family members, their faith community and friends and neighbours who care for them. During this month of thanksgiving, help your children focus on giving thanks for all they have by writing a daily gratitude journal. Each day they can write about the goodness of their day and at the end of the month they will have documentation about how much they have to be grateful for - both to God and everyone else who contributes to their lives.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - As we continue to deal with the COVID virus in our communities, people are feeling the continued burden of the unknown about its dangers and how long it will last. This causes stress which might cause couples to lash out at one another or to turn away from each other when they are feeling that they are not being appreciated. Take some time to change the pattern of your life by planning some fun activities for the two of you; communicate truthfully about how you are feeling, acknowledge that your spouse may not be at their best because they are stressed, hold hands and hug often as touch can relieve stress and pray together that God will give you strength. Feeling united will reduce stress levels for both of you and create a more peaceful environment to help you deal with the unknowns.

Halton Alive Gala - October 16th, 202. A virtual/drop-in hybrid event! Let’s celebrate life together and support the life-affirming educational work of Halton Alive! Let us take you on a journey through activity stations that allow you to participate in all your favourite Gala elements including a main stage, testimonials, silent auction, candy raffle, prizes, flower making & in-person drop in for hot apple cider, swag bag and to meet the team! Order your Gala experience. Individual $50 | Couples $75 Sponsor the event. Proceeds support the work and mission of Halton Alive in the local community. Full details www.haltonalive.ca/gala or call 905 632 3232