

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 24, 2015

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- Father Earl is on retreat this week.

* Please note that beginning June 3rd, our weekday Masses will be celebrated in the chapel (Rectory) - *May 31st*.

Saturday 5:00 pm † Joan Redmond, Cesar Medeiros, Sophia Hawrys, Roy, Guy & Leonard Ferraccioli, Intentions of: Brother Mike and Ann Chamberlain

Sanctuary Lamp - Intentions of Bob Balazs and repose of his soul. Requests may be made by putting an envelope with a \$10.00 donation in memory of your loved one in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, May 25	Rev. Wojciech Kuzma
Tuesday, May 26	Very Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
Wednesday, May 27	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
Thursday, May 28	Very Rev. Adam Voisin
Friday, May 29	Rev. Robert Hetu
Saturday, May 30	Very Rev. Ian Duffy

OFFERTORY. Last week's offering \$33797.89 and our budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00. Many thanks!

PRIESTS RETREATS

Each year our Bishops and priests are invited to make a retreat, a time of renewal in Spirit.

This week 35 priests will pray at the Carmelite Monastery in Niagara Falls, with a preached retreat led by Bishop Brian Dunn of Antigonish.

Please pray for us. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: All women are invited to a presentation by Lil Petrella from the Canadian Mental Health Association, on **Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 pm** in the rectory meeting room. The business portion of the meeting will follow the presentation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST at Knight's Hall on **Catherine Avenue**, Brantford. In support of The Stedman Community Hospice and Hankinson House: **Sunday, June 7, 2015, 9:30 am – 1 pm.** Adults \$8, Children under 10 yrs. \$4. All you can eat Breakfast. Everyone Welcome.

MEDITATION –

During a day of reflection some years ago, participants were asked to recall an experience that represented for them an image of the Holy Spirit. For me, that experience was singing in a choir, especially in those rare and magical moments when all the individual voices blend in perfect harmony. Others, too, spoke of encountering the Spirit in experiences of unity or connectedness.

The Spirit of unity celebrated in today's readings is at the same time, however, the Spirit of diversity. The Pentecost flames hover separately over each individual present. The onlookers outside do not suddenly all speak the same language; rather, each hears the message in his or her own tongue. The "variety of gifts" of which Paul speaks is all part of the "same Spirit" but retain their individual character.

Today we are challenged to value and celebrate diversity, especially when we are tempted to ignore or to fear those who are 'different.'

The rich harmonies of a choir depend on the many different voices of its members sounding together while retaining their individual quality. Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize and celebrate the diverse gifts of each person we encounter, that together in the one Spirit we may help to "renew the face of the earth."

Krystyna Higgins, Fredericton, NB

THANK YOU: Father Roger Formosi appreciates your prayers. If you wish to send him a note, his address is: Mary Mother of God Parish, 2745 North Ridge Trail, Oakville, ON L6H 7A3

ALTAR SERVER AWARD

Recently Bishop Crosby presented the "Bishop's Award for Service" to Altar Servers from Hamilton, Brant and Halton Deaneries.

Congratulations to **Makayla Hobin** who will receive her medal at the 9:30 am Mass today (May 24th)

This event is organized by the Serra Club.

P.S. We need more Altar Servers — please speak with Fr. Earl.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The registration deadline is now **September 1st, 2015** for World Youth Day in Poland. If you have any questions, please call Father Adam at St. Joseph Parish, Brantford. He is on the Coordinating team for our Diocese.

PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss our First Annual Parish Golf Tournament. Sunday, Sept 27, at Arrowdale Golf course, tee off starts at 1:00 pm, 9 holes with dinner to follow - more details to come. Register now by calling 519-754-4392 or sign up on the registration form at the back of church – beginning May 30-31st. Cost t.b.d..

St Basil Parish Bazaar and Vendors Marketplace Is Returning this fall

Yes, returning this fall - on a Saturday - date to follow. We are looking for donations for the silent auction, craft and baked good tables, homemade gifts, decor, hand knits, crocheted dishcloths, food, etc. Vendors will pay a table rate. If you sell Avon, Pampered Chef, etc., or know someone that does, please contact 519-754-4392 to book your table now.

MARIA SS DELLA LIBERA FESTIVAL 2015 PROGRAM SATURDAY May 30, 2015

3:00 -Flowers will be received until 4:00 at St. Mary's Church - **4:00** - Confession

SUNDAY May 31, 2015

1:30 - Solemn High Mass at **St. Mary's Church**.

Following Mass will be a procession with the statue of the Blessed Virgin Maria Ss. Della Libera with The Hamilton Italo-Canadian Band and St. Mary's Italian Choir.

5:00 - Festivities continue at the **Steve Brown Complex/Lion's Park** 20 Edge St. Brantford Bring your lawn chairs! Children's Activities with **Airbounce Inflatables!** Light Refreshments available for purchase. Live Entertainment by **New Image Live Music** with **Danny Boni!** Bocce Tournament!

9:00 Lottery Draw - **9:30** – Spectacular **Fireworks** Display!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We now have 4 spaces available at the back of our bulletin for advertising. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

All are invited to the 1st annual talent show "Sounds of Joy" celebrating the musical talents of high school students from the seven Catholic School Boards in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Join us at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Tuesday May 26, 2015, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For tickets visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Chancery Office: (905) 528-7988.

Magnificat Ministries invites you to *Behold His Glory*; an evening of corporate Eucharistic adoration through song, silence and prayer, on the eve of the feast of Corpus Christi,

Saturday June 6th at St. Joseph's Church in

Brantford. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 7:14 p.m. and the evening will conclude with Benediction and chanting the Divine Praises.

This quote by Saint John Paul II is the inspiration and guiding principle of these evenings: *"Yes, dear brothers and sisters, our Christian communities must become genuine 'schools' of prayer, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly 'falls in love'."* (Novo Millennio Ineunte 18) **A Behold His Glory** evening is an ideal opportunity to respond to this exhortation, both deepening and broadening our experience of prayer. We hope you can join us!

FEAST OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Date: **June 6, 2015** – Time: 9:30 am - St. Pius X Church. Activities: Holy Rosary, Holy Mass, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary according to the request of Our Lady in Fatima. Potluck Hot Lunch, Come and celebrate with us.

Brantford Welcome In Resource Centre is a 36 bed Homeless Shelter and Resource Centre located at 305 West St, in the heart of Brantford.

Beginning in May, we will be offering a Daytime Drop-In Centre for people with housing issues. The Centre will be open Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to start and expand over the summer.

Volunteers are needed to interact with the guests, play cards or games, engage in conversation, etc.

If you or anyone you know could spare a few hours a week to help the homeless, please consider this fulfilling volunteer opportunity.

Call Roger Luton at **226-250-0120 Ext 1** or register online at **brantfordwelcomein.com** **Thank you!**

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

In 2017 we as a parish family will celebrate our 175th Anniversary! Also, our parish church will be 150 years young.

We are in the process of forming a committee to prepare for these celebrations.

We will invite your participation for various "Fun –raising events before we arrive at some more serious matters (e.g.) we are organizing a 9 hole golf tournament followed by food on Sunday, September 27th (see the other note for details). If you would like to assist in this event, please call the parish office.

We are blessed by the fact that Pope Francis has called for a Year of Mercy beginning December 8th, 2015. This Spiritual year will lay the Spiritual groundwork for our Anniversaries.

Imagine, 175 years of mercy to be celebrated in 2017.