

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME January 31, 2016

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Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

January 31 to February 7

Tuesday: 6:30 pm †Peter Prestie (IN CHURCH)
(Candlemas (Feast))

Wednesday 12:noon †Hartley & Ann Chamberlain

Thursday 12:noon †Roger Clermont, Ann Chamberlain, Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12:noon †Michael & Anne Ivanovick

Saturday 5:00 pm †Mary T. Goncz, Bernard Reilly, Bill Paling, Anne MacDonald, Theresa Leyzer, Eleanor McDonald and Living family members



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Paul Archer and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, February 1	Rev. Peter Ciallella, c.s.
Tuesday, February 2	Rev. James Link, C.R.
Wednesday, February 3	Soeurs du Sacre-Coeur de Jesus (S.S.C.J.)
Thursday, February 4	Rev. Michael McHugh
Friday, February 5	Rev. Michael Sullivan
Saturday, February 6	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.

OFFERTORY for last week was \$3095.35 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

TODAY PARISH COFFEE after the 9:30 Mass. Join us for coffee, tea, juice, treats and fellowship

St. Basil's PARISH

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday February 9, 2016, Church Hall (Crown St.)

5:00- 7:30 PM - Adults -\$7.00 - Youth (13-18) - \$6.00
Children (6-12) - \$4.00 - Children 5 and under - free

SACRAMENTS!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on **Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Instructions for Candidates only: (parish hall):

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Sunday, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Retreat: Saturday, April 16 from 2-4:30 pm in our parish hall.

MEDITATION

How could a synagogue assembly begin so well and end so disastrously? One might have thought that when Jesus announced the fulfillment of the Scriptures, those gathered would rejoice. Indeed, the Nazarenes were pleased with what Jesus had to say, happy that one of their own had done so well for himself, until Jesus made it clear that his mission, divine as it was, could not be contained by the smallness and insular character of the Nazarenes' vision. God's love was without limit.

In his teaching that Sabbath Day, Jesus revealed that the Nazarenes did not know their Scriptures as well as they thought they did. Quoting stories of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, he demonstrated that God's saving will had always extended beyond Israel to all nations. This scandalized the Nazarenes' religious sensibilities and enraged them. No longer able to recognize in Jesus a prophet-figure suited to their taste, they made miracle-working impossible.

The treatment of Jesus in today's gospel positions him in a long line of prophets appointed to proclaim a divine message to their great detriment. The readings prepare us for Jesus' approaching passion and death, and for our own trials as Christ's prophetic witnesses. Yet, they also calmly assure us that those whose concern is primarily the other rather than themselves will have God's protection and the enduring gift of an authentic life.

Christine Mader, Waverley, NS

RECONCILIATION

It seems that there has been a change re: the dates and times for Reconciliation at St. Pius X for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The Diocese has asked us to make the Sacrament available on March 4th and 5th. As a result, INSTEAD of March 10th, priests of Brant Deanery will now be available at St. Pius X Church on: Friday March 4th – from 3 pm – 9 pm and Saturday March 5th from 11 am – 4:30 pm.

So, the information I sent out in our Advent-Christmas newsletter needs to be altered in favour of the above. I apologize for the confusion. Thank you. Fr. Earl.

P.S.: Please advise any Catholics you see of this change – and any organizations could make announcements at their meetings! Thank you.

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

CANDLEMAS DAY

This Tuesday, February 2nd, is a special Feast: The Presentation of the Lord. It is also called Candlemas Day because we bless candles which people use in their homes as a Sacramental. It has been 40 days since Christmas and Jesus is presented in the Temple.

Also, it is the World Day for Consecrated Life and this Tuesday marks the closing of the Year for Consecrated Life wherein we honoured all Sisters, Brothers, and Priests throughout the world who belong to various religious Communities.

Mass will be celebrated in Church at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 2nd and you are encouraged to attend and take home a blessed candle.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Celebration of First Reconciliation: choose either *Wednesday, March 9th* or *Thursday, March 10th* at 7 pm in the Church

Thursday, April 7th: this Session will focus on Eucharist. **Celebration of First Holy Communion:**

Choose one of 6 Masses: the weekends of **April 23, 24 or April 30, May 1, 2016.**

Prayer and Practice – 9:30 am – 11 am on the Saturday morning of your chosen weekend of First Communion. We begin in the Church and end in our parish hall.

The Ontario government is hosting end-of-life consultations (link to the consultation website).

Consultations can be done by e-mail, by filling out the on-line survey, or by attending a consultation in person.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has published three articles on the one-side pro-euthanasia consultation.

1. Consultation seeks death on demand (even for children).
2. Panel recommends a dangerous approach to assisted dying.
3. Panel report seeks to protect physicians not patients.
4. E-mail the consultation your thoughts at: endlifedecisions@ontario.ca
5. Complete the online survey at: <http://www.ipsosresearch.com/endlifedecisionssurvey/>.

SACRED HEART CHURCH in Paris is the Pilgrimage site for this Holy Year of Mercy.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Our first event is *Friday, February 5th - 9:30 am – 1 pm. Reconciliation 6 – 6:45 pm.* Followed by *Mass at 7 pm.* Fr. Tim Hingston will be available for confessions that night and will be the homilist at Mass. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND -

February 19-21, 2016 at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga. The retreat begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday and concludes with Mass Sunday noon, followed by lunch. Preached by the Centre Team. Please call 905-278-5229 for further information or to register.

The Brantford Cabaret in conjunction with the St. Mary's Hospitality proudly presents...

SALUTE TO GREASE --- A family friendly tribute to one of the most loved films of all time!!!

Sunday February 28th 2pm

St. Mary's Parish Centre, 133 Murray Street
Monetary Donation of your choice.

All ages welcome. Light Refreshments Included

Directed & Choreographed by Joan Minnery. Starring 20 Children & 4 Adults all from Brantford & Brant County. Original script penned by cast members.

For more information please contact Joan Minnery @ 519-771-5687

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting *Tuesday, March 1st* (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm), at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. **Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.**

Join us on **FRIDAY, February 12**, for the next St. Jerome's University 150th Anniversary Lecture, "*Laudato Si'*: A New Call for Catholic Social Action." Having been present at the COP21 talks in Paris, **Dr. Margaret Archer**, President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, will examine the impact of Pope Francis' call to all members of the church, including those working at the Vatican, to become more directly involved with, and for, the poorest in our world.

Location: C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University

Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m.

Free of Charge | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments | No Registration Required

YEAR OF MERCY

Please mark your calendars for May 15th – Pentecost Sunday. We are renting a bus to go on pilgrimage to our Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton (leave at 1 pm – return by 6 pm) More details to follow.