

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT February 28, 2016

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### Mass Intentions this week

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

#### *March 1 to March 6*

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** Intentions of Shawn Burtnick and Family.

**(in Church) followed by Stations of the Cross**

**Friday 12: noon** †Ann Chamberlain, Peter Perelli, George Gyulvezi, Intentions of Theresa Neary

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Leslie Meszaros, Michael Soluk Senior, Peter & Mary Balog, Intentions of Ken & Mary Taylor and Dalbert & Aldona Dawson



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Michael O. Soluk 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 29	Rev. Jiri Macenauer
Tuesday, March 1	Rev. Mike Francis
Wednesday, March 2	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)
Thursday, March 3	Rev. Adrian Lee
Friday, March 4	Rev. Michael Isabelle
Saturday, March 5	Rev. Robert Kiffman

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$3341.55 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Tuesday evening of Lent, following the 6:30 pm Mass in Church, we will pray the Stations of the Cross, led by a different parish ministry each week. (The exception is on the Tuesday of Holy Week, following the 6:30 pm Mass; the *Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 7 – 8 pm*). A wonderful Lenten prayer!

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** – The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**Please welcome** Deacon Basil Markides who will speak about CHALICE – a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. The website is [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca).

### MEDITATION

Time is an artificial measure established by humans to mark change. We mark the passing of time with birthdays and anniversaries; some we want to remember, others we would like to forget.

For God, there is no time. Today's reading from Isaiah reminds us that God's thoughts are not our thoughts, and God's ways are not our ways. Human understanding is limited. In the psalm, we are told that God's love is "better than life." Pope Francis teaches us that "God never tires of loving us but we tire of loving God."

God gives us the time we need to repent and return to a relationship with him, just as the gardener in today's gospel is given the time he needs to help the fig tree produce fruit. One more year in the mind of God is not the same as one more year in our limited way of thinking about time. Of course, we ought not to presume upon God's goodness, and Saint Paul does tell us that those who put Christ to the test "are struck down." Today, as we gather around the table of the Lord, we have one more time to turn to God, to refresh and renew ourselves so that we may produce good fruit and go forth to help others do the same.

Anthony Chezzi, Sudbury, On

### 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, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Retreat: **Saturday, April 16 from 2-4:30 pm** in our parish hall.

### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

*Next Parent Meeting is Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: this Session* will focus on Eucharist. 7 p.m. in Parish hall. **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.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at

**1:30 p.m.** at St. John's Anglican Church, West Brant. Everyone is invited to join us in a prayer service celebrating the women and children of Cuba. Christine Pizzey will also discuss the Child Hunger Organization in Brantford. This location is not handicap accessible (steps no elevator). See posters in Church for alternate locations.

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

## **Pontifical Collection of Good Friday on March 25, 2016 for the benefit of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday March 25, 2016**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. *"He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness."* Rm 12, 8

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** – Members interested in attending the annual convention (May 13-15) are asked to pick up a registration form located at the back of church and submit to Donna Kane (519-752-1331) by March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – St. Basil Council #13442

**Meeting: Tuesday March 8, 2016** in the Rectory at 7:30 pm after **Mass at 6:30 pm** in the Church and Stations of the Cross.

### **NEXT "FUN RAISING" EVENT**

On **Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** in our parish hall, we will celebrate St. Patrick's day with an Irish Stew Supper. More details to follow. Mark your calendar!

### **UPDATE ON OUR NEW RAMP:**

Our barrier free ramp will be built, beginning in April. It will be located at the entrance closest to Crown Street.

This project will be funded by a tripart financial method: our Diocese, the Federal Government, and an estate from a deceased parishioner. As a result this project will not cost our parish anything from our coffers.

### **A REMINDER:**

Parishioners are asked to remember St. Basil parish in your will, or estate. Your assistance is invaluable. Also, at the time of death, please include St. Basil parish in the obituary for Memorial Donations. Thank you! Our parish supports us spiritually all our lives!

### **NEW CUSTODIAN**

We are happy to announce that Mr. Curtis Arthur will be our part-time parish custodian – commencing February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the other applicants and to our Finance Council.

### **RECONCILIATION**

The Diocese has asked us to make the Sacrament available on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. As a result, priests of Brant Deanery will be available at St. Pius X Church on:

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> – from 3 pm – 9 pm and  
Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 4:30 pm.

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE** - We will visit the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. **Sunday, May 15**, leaving by tour bus at 1:00 pm, returning by 6:00 pm. Purchase carnations after 11:30 Mass to be placed at the Basilica. Fr Earl will preach at the 4:00 pm Mass. Cost: \$25 each.

**Sign-up sheet at the back of Church.**

### **PONDERING PRIESTHOOD? "Come and See"**

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Peter's Seminary in London on the weekend of March 4 - 6. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details and online registrations at [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

### **WAYS TO BE MERCIFUL DURING THIS YEAR OF MERCY**

– Do something kind and helpful for someone who you don't get along with, or who has wronged you.

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION** – with Fr. Guy Desrochers, C.S.S.R – **March 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

**Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 6:40 pm Hymn to Mary- 7: pm Reflection 1 - Bring Baptismal Candle

**Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>** 12: noon HOLY MASS WITH HOMILY - 6:40 Hymn to Mary -7 pm Reflection 2 (bring your Bible)

**Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>** : 6:40 pm Hymn to Mary- 7 pm Reflection 3 + 8:00 pm Confessions

**Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>**: 6:40 pm Hymn to Mary – 7:00 pm Closing Mass and Blessing.

### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed, fall right asleep, stay asleep all night and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day?

**Yeah, me neither!**