

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 13, 2016

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Mass Intentions this week

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

March 15 to March 20

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Agnes Rimlinger, Intentions
Of Rita Spencer

(in Church) followed by Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 9:00 am † Ann Chamberlain

Thursday 12: noon †Peggy Harvey, Intentions of
Mary

Friday 9:00 am †Elizabeth Urbanowicz

Saturday 5:00 pm †Teresa Smid, Leslie
Meszaros, Ann Chamberlain, Josephine Giumelli,
Intentions of Gillian & Alan Brown, Josie MacKinnon
and Lyle Wright



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Ana Maria and repose of her 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, March 14	Rev. Lawrence Parent, O.F.M.
Tuesday, March 15	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wednesday, March 16	Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny (S.J.C.)
Thursday, March 17	Rev. Jim Donohue, C.R.
Friday, March 18	Very Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Saturday, March 19	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.

OFFERTORY for last week was \$4347.45 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!

Irish Dinner News- March 17

It's more than dinner! Bring your voices for Irish
music and a sing along. Does anyone play the fiddle
or accordion? And don't forget to wear your green
clothing, funny hats and ties. Can you help
decorate Thurs around 12 noon? Just show up or
Call JoAnne @ 519-754-4392

.MEDITATION

The foundation of Jesus' ministry is expressed in his
statement to the crowd – and to us. "Let anyone among
you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at
her." Jesus knows, as surely as we do when we are
humble and honest with ourselves, that all of us have
acted badly in our relationships – with others and with
creation – and will do so again. However, we can fall
into the trap of continually assessing how badly we have
acted and then comparing ourselves to others. This
comparison inevitably leads either to self-congratulation
and harsh judgment of others or to self-loathing and
being victimized ourselves.

Neither leads us to becoming a more
compassionate person, and compassion is what we are
called to. When compassion replaces judgment and self-
loathing, we are no longer as concerned with fairness.
We are freed up to attend to the true purpose of the
spiritual life: to contemplate and appreciate the beautiful
mystery of simply being alive.

Rather than looking at one another and judging
ourselves, we will become a community standing in awe
before the majesty and mystery of life. The spiritual life
is not about rules and consequences or excluding those
who are different than ourselves; the spiritual life can be
found in divesting ourselves of whatever prevents us
from appreciating creation in all its splendor and
diversity.

Joe Vorstermans, Richmond Hill

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 7th: 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.

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.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016

Mass: (Sat) 5pm, 9:30, 11:30 am

Monday March 21, 2016

You are invited to the beautiful Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton at 7 pm.

Tuesday, March 22:

6:30 PM Mass in Church

Reconciliation 7 to 8 PM, Two Priests in attendance

Wednesday, March 23

(in Church) 6:30 pm Mass – Reconciliation 7–8 pm

Two priests in attendance

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

7 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 10 pm

Good Friday March 25, 2016

9 am Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross

11 am Passion of the Lord

(A briefer version for families with young children)

3 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 26, 2016

9 am Morning Prayer

11 am Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 PM Easter Vigil (This first Mass of Easter replaces the usual 5 pm Mass)

Followed by social in Parish hall

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses 9:30 and 11:30 am

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - General meeting, **Tuesday, March 22** in the rectory meeting room immediately following 6:30 pm Mass in the Church. All women are invited to the presentation by Susan Gibson on the Little Free Library. The business meeting and fellowship will follow the presentation.

Assisted – Suicide / Dying

In today's bulletin you will find an insert containing an important message from our Canadian Bishops following the Special Joint Committees release of their report "Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient – Centered Approach."

ALSO, there is a video available from Cardinal Thomas Collins – see www.hamiltondiocese.com.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY

When? Saturday, May 21st from 9 am – 9 pm.

Where? Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood, On

Cost? \$15.00 which includes meals (but not transportation)

For Whom? Young people – grades seven to twelve.

Information? Go to [hamiltondiocese.com/youth rally](http://hamiltondiocese.com/youth_rally) (See the poster on the bulletin board and the cards in various tables in the Church.)

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!

A NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERIES . . .

Families are kindly reminded to remove all winter wreaths on stands and other winter decorations from their lots by April 1st to facilitate the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the cemetery office at 1-800-661-5985.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL, Scotland, - C.W.L. ladies will be holding their Spring Bazaar on **Saturday March 19, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** in Parish Hall, 57 Simcoe Street. Cabbage rolls, baking, crafts, penny table and much more. Free admission and door prizes.

EASTER TURKEY BINGO, Thursday, March 17th at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Doors open at 6:00 pm, Admittance 18 years of age +. Win a turkey or ham, raffle and baked goods for Easter!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE – How did Benjamin Franklin discover electricity? It came to him in a flash.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Those who wish to make a donation toward the cost of flowers for our Church at the Easter Season, may do so by putting your donation in the collection basket, with your envelope number on it, and marking it "Flowers for Easter." *Your generosity is appreciated.*

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!