

THE 4th SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2017

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Mass Intentions this week

March 28 – April 2,

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

Tuesday 6:30 pm †Einar & Nola Nielsen
(in Church) Followed by Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 12: noon †Tom Turner, Intentions of Maud Maruzin
Friday 12: noon †Lizzie Nichols
Saturday 5:00 pm †Nancy Ann Morin, Gerard Spelier, Intentions of: Mel McAllindon, Feijo Family



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Josette Ambeau. 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 27	Rev. Peter Watters
Tuesday, March 28	Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
Wednesday, March 29	Chaplains
Thursday, March 30	Rev. Frank Ruzza, C.R.S.P.
Friday, March 31	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.
Saturday, April 1	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, Envelopes	\$2,515.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 510.65
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
 Total Weekly Offering March 19, 2017	 \$3,510.65
 Budget expenses for the week	 \$4,265.00

From The Catholic Cemeteries

Families are kindly reminded to remove all 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. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

MEDITATION

Samuel has been commissioned by God to choose a successor to Saul. Like us, Samuel frequently judges by appearances, while God judges by the heart. Samuel's selection of David and Jesus' healing the blind man in today's gospel speak to us of God's choices. Jesus sees in the blind man someone with great potential who moves from a world of darkness to collaborate with Jesus. He will be the one to display the work of God and reveal Jesus to others.

The readings call us to move from our blindness to the revelation of God in Jesus. To believe is to come to the light, while to disbelieve is to be spiritually blind and walk in the darkness.

Paul reminds us that when we are committed to Christ, we become children of the light, and earlier in his letter to the Ephesians he prays that his community might have "the eyes of your heart enlightened" (1.18). "I once was blind but now I see." John Newton composed *Amazing Grace* and based it on his own conversion experience, after which he began a life-long ministry of reconciliation. The blind man received not only the gift of sight but also the gift of faith. May we like him experience this Lent as a true conversion of heart.

Fr. Jack Lynch, SFM, Scarborough, ON
 Novalis, Living with Christ

FATIMA CENTENARY

Saturday, May 13th marks the 100th Anniversary of Mary's first apparition at Fatima in Portugal.

We will celebrate Mass here at 11 am on that day, followed by the blessing of our Grotto and our new statue of Mary. All are welcome! Save the date!

How appropriate that it is also Mother's Day weekend as Mary is Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church.

Our Confirmation Candidates will gather for their retreat and rehearsal that same afternoon (2-4:45) Another gift!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 - e-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

SAVE THE DATE

Our parish Mission will be held this coming *May 28th – 31st*, Each evening at 7 pm – a session.

Our Speaker is Father Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R., affectionally known as "Red". Fr. O'Reilly was born in Monaghan, Ireland in 1944. He came to Canada with his family and later joined the Redemptorists. Upon graduating with a B.A. from the University of Windsor, he pursued his theological studies in France and Montreal and was ordained in 1972. Since 1983 he has preached Missions and retreats to Parishes, teachers, School Boards, Clergy and Religious throughout Canada and the O.S. He has also served in St. John's, Newfoundland as Pastor of a large Parish. He has been Vocation Director for the Redemptorists in the Eastern Province. He has a particular interest in music, and has composed a number of religious songs. Some of his music is in the Catholic Book of Worship and the Grade four and five Religion Programme in Canada. He has teamed up with other Redemptorists, and together they have produced four recordings.

Mission Preaching is Fr. Red's full time ministry and he brings to it a ready smile, a wonderful sense of humour and a compassionate understanding of people and the complex world in which we live.

ALSO, that week the beautiful St. John's Bible will be on display in our Church!

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

ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA:

Two days after the first conveyance of land was made to the Bishop Lot No. 1 was also conveyed by Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Smith for 5 shillings to Bishop Gaulin and 7 trustees. A.K. Smith and Margaret Kirby (Smith) were brother and sister, and niece and nephew of Joseph Brant.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On *Sunday, June 25, 2017*, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2016 (Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). To register for the celebration, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board of the Church, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On *Tuesday March 28th*. Members are asked to attend the 6:30 pm Mass and several members will lead the Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass. A business meeting will be held in the rectory meeting room after Mass. Save the date – annual luncheon, *Sunday, May 7th* following the 11:30 am Mass.

DEMENTIA UNDERSTOOD: Canadian statistics (2015) indicate that 564,000 people are currently living with dementia and within 15 years this number is projected to increase to 937,000. This represents 1.1 million Canadians affected directly or indirectly by the disease. Join us for a workshop that aims to demystify dementia by clarifying the causes and manifestations of the disease. The presentation will also support care givers by offering practical tips for working with the person who has dementia. This workshop is well suited for both professionals and any individual who works with or has family members with dementia. Join us on *Thursday April 20th from 7 – 9:30 pm* at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. For more info or to register (walk-ins that evening are welcome) contact the Family Ministry office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or look on our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The event is free and all are welcome, so bring a neighbor or friend.

GRAND RIVER CHORUS – Gospel Glory

Sunday April 2, 2017, 3:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 9 Waverly Street. Concert Tickets: Adults \$25., Youth \$15., available at the door or in advance at: The Brantford Bookworm, 331 Brant Ave, Green Heron Books, 47 Grand River Street N., Paris, Florian Clinic, 25 Colborne Street S., Simcoe or online at www.grandriverchorus.com.

ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS – Each year, the bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This year's celebration takes place on *Saturday April 22* during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in the Diocese of Hamilton.

SUNDAY JOKE

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during morning Mass. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "pray for me!"