

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 14, 2017

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### Mass Intentions this week

This week Fr. Earl and 31 other priests are on their Annual Retreat. We ask for your prayers for the Clergy on Retreat.

Saturday 5:00 pm †Richard & Elizabeth Hamon, Mark Spencer, Francis & Martha D'Souza and family, Bob Waite, Intentions of Theresa Neary



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Mark Spencer 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, May 15	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
Tuesday, May 16	Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
Wednesday, May 17	Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (I.H.M.M.C.)
Thursday, May 18	Rev. George Stortz
Friday, May 19	Rev. Rafal Tomon
Saturday, May 20	Rev. Ted Hughes

### OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Envelopes	\$3,130.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 631.05
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering May 7, 2017	\$4,246.05
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

### WELCOME

Next weekend we will welcome Bishop William McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary. The Bishop will preach our first Priests' retreat this week and then will stay with us for the weekend, in honour of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Bishop was Baptized here!!

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email: [miking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:miking@hamiltondiocese.com)

### MEDITATION

We are all familiar with that feeling of being at home. Sometimes this takes the form of feeling comfortable with someone, as if to say "I feel really at home being with you." At other times, it refers to the sense of comfort that we associate with the home in which we grew up. Consider for a moment how it would feel to be at home in a place in which we felt comfortable all the time.

During certain periods in our life, we may feel as though we do not know the best course of action to undertake. Christ invites us to believe and to reflect this belief in the work that we do. It is this work that allows the message of the gospel to be lived out in many different ways in today's world. If we ourselves believe, with God's help our work becomes an opportunity to illustrate to those around us the life that satisfies.

In the gospel today, Christ reminds us that an offer has been made to us that can be accepted at any time. This offer is to believe so much in God and the place that has been prepared for us, that we gently allow ourselves to be freed of our troubles by sharing them with Jesus. In so doing, we are indeed at home with our Creator.

John O'Brien, Oakville, ON  
Novalis, Living with Christ

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated by Bishop Hundt on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

**PARISH COFFEE, next Sunday, May 21, after the 9:30 am Mass.** Those attending 11:30 Mass are invited to come early to join in this time of fellowship. Donations of treats are always appreciated.

**Catholic Women's League, Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

All ladies are invited to join us for a tour of the Hankinson House at 7 pm. The business meeting will be held at the Hankinson House at the completion of the tour.

**SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE PRESENTS the Musical, LES MISERABLES,** in our Cafeteria on **May 17, 18, 19, 20.** Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Students/Seniors \$10.00. Doors Open at 7:00 pm and Curtain is 7:30 pm.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Our parish Mission will be held this coming *May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>*, 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!

## **OUR GROTTTO**

On May 13<sup>th</sup> following our Special 11:00 am Mass, our new Grotto and our new Statue of Mary were blessed. We thank the work of Dan Leclair, our custodian Curtis Arthur and spouse Pauline. We also thank the Catholic Women's League and other parishioners who donated to this tribute to Mary, Mother of God.

**MADONNA DELLA LIBERA** Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, in honour of the Madonna della Libera – May 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will take place in the Church hall following Mass. We look forward to seeing you there! For those who wish to donate flowers, someone will be at the Church between 3:00 and 4:00 pm to receive the donations on Saturday May 27.

Messa in onore per la Madonna della Libera – 28 maggio, 2017.

## **THE ROAD TO RECONCILIATION**

First Baptist Church, Brantford, May 17, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Coffee/Tea available.

Speaker: Chief Ava Hill – was elected Chief of the 56<sup>th</sup> Elected Council of the Six Nations of the Grand river Nov. 16, 2013. Ava has experience working with many First Nations and Aboriginal organizations in Canada. Chief Hill has also been active on international files attending the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. For more info call 519-753-2406 or visit [www.firstbaptistbrantford.com](http://www.firstbaptistbrantford.com).

## **R C I A**

Now that God has blessed us with 9 new Catholics in our parish, and many more throughout our Diocese, we look forward in hope to Easter 2018! (April 1<sup>st</sup>).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in September and a team of catechists meets weekly (Wednesday evenings are preferable) with potential candidates.

Non-baptized adults and adults Baptized in other Christian Communion are welcome to join this process for full Communion into the Catholic faith. Registration forms are on the "welcome table" at the back of the Church.

\* \* We need parishioners to form part of this team and also to serve as godparents, or sponsors, or even someone to introduce candidates to parishioners. Please call the office to be involved!

## **ST PIUS X PARISH VBS LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Are you in grade 6 or above? Are you interested in working with children aged 4 to 11? Do you have talents – like singing, dancing, acting, set design, painting, public speaking, etc. – that you'd like to put to good use this summer? Do you have a connection with your faith life, or are you looking to grow in faith and knowledge? Consider whether you might be suited as a Vacation Bible School volunteer at St Pius X Church.

Applications are now available. Contact St Pius X Parish office (519)753-8439 for more information.

## **ST PIUS X PARISH SEEKING VBS "EARLY LEARNERS" LEADER**

St Pius X Parish are seeking a committed volunteer with experience and/or education working with 4 to 5 year olds. The ideal volunteer would be an Early Childhood Educator, Primary Teacher, Educational Assistant or an adult with extensive daycare or preschool work experience. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact the St Pius X Office at (519) 753-8439.

## **WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN?**

Spaces are available. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

## **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50 or 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016? On **Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 1:30 pm**, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only) those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required. Please register by June 1<sup>st</sup>, details on our bulletin board.