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**Mass Intentions this week**



**June 20 to June 25**

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

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Arthur J. Myers  
**Wednesday 9:15 am** Mass at St. Gabriel School  
**Thursday 9:15 am** Mass at St. Basil School  
**Friday 11:00 am** Mass in Church (Grade 8 Graduation Mass)

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Marion Gavloski, Joe Zammit, Nancy Ann Morin, Bernadette Bradfield, In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: Edith Noonan 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**

*This week we especially pray for:*

Monday Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.  
 Tuesday Rev. David Walter.  
 Wednesday Our Parish Community  
 Thursday Rev. Robert Hetu  
 Friday Very Rev. Ian Duffy  
 Saturday Rev. Joseph Akanbi

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**OFFERTORY: Thank you!**

Envelopes	\$3,327.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 637.00
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering June 4, 2017	\$4,449.00
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

**Body and Blood of Christ**

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

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**MEDITATION**

I heard an expert on poetry remark recently that poetry is language that mirrors the soul. Jesus must have understood this, for he almost always turned to the language of poetry to convey to his listeners what was most important for them to understand: he is the gate of the sheepfold; he is the source of living water; he is the vine and they the branches – and in today's gospel, he says that to follow him it is essential to eat his body and drink his blood.

Jesus longs to convey to us just how profoundly we must remain in his love if we are going to understand his ministry and find strength to live out joyfully our own calling to be God's presence of loving compassion in our broken world. In the Eucharist we are invited to grasp the depth of the love of God for us and for our world, and to unite our own joy and pain with those of Christ.

Usually we receive the Eucharist with others. The Eucharist is a call to community. Together we draw strength and offer thanks, trusting in the wisdom of Pope Francis who has reminded us that the Eucharist is not "a prize for the perfect but... nourishment for the weak" *Evangelii Gaudium*, 47)

Beth Porter, Richmond Hill, ON  
 Novalis Living with Christ

**SAVE THE DATE**

Here is a list of our remaining events to celebrate our parish's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- Strawberry Social – Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> in our parish hall (1-3 pm)
- Parish Golf Tournament – Sunday, September . 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm, 9 holes; best ball; Arrowdale. Supper to follow in the parish hall.

**THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

Grand Finale! Bishop Crosby will celebrate Mass at 5 pm on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving supper to follow in our parish hall. Several former pastors will be in attendance, and some Religious Sisters.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store will be moving to its new location in late fall 2018. Meanwhile its current location is crammed with very usable "stuff" because of storage problems. If you have a dry space, 1500-3000 square feet, in Brantford or the County, in which we could store items (mostly clothing) for a modest rent, please e-mail details to [ssvpbrant@gmail.com](mailto:ssvpbrant@gmail.com).



C.W.L. – All women are invited to join us, **Tuesday, June 27**, immediately following 6:30 pm Mass in the rectory meeting room. It is craft night and social time! There will be a short business meeting.

**B**ishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian CCB, together with other Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Baha'i faith communities launched a national appeal to address the famines in South Sudan and the extreme food shortage in Yemen, Northeast Nigeria and Somalia.

We are encouraged to donate to one of the following three organizations:

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace: <https://www.devp.org/en/famine-relief-fund>  
Phone (toll free): 1-888 664 3387.

Aid to the Church in Need Canada:

[www.acn-aed-ca.org/iamstarving](http://www.acn-aed-ca.org/iamstarving) Phone 1-800 585 6333

Canadian Jesuits International:

<http://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/2017/06/05/famine-relief-appeal/> Phone 1 800 448 2148



### **PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Payment must be made within 2 weeks of registering in order to hold your reservation. Just place your payment in an envelope clearly marked with the names of each golfer and/or the names of people having dinner and a contact name and phone number/email. All names must be listed.

**GOLFING PRICES:** \$25.00 golf with cart; \$20.00 golf with no cart; under 16 \$15.00 golf no cart otherwise \$25.00 with cart.

### **STRODES GOLF DAY PIG ROAST**

All parishioners are cordially invited to join our Golf Day Pig Roast. Prepared on site by Strodes Meats with 2 salads, rolls and bun, tea/coffee and dessert.

PRICES: Adults \$20.00 each; students & seniors (65 & up) \$15.00 ea. Pop will be available to purchase for \$1.00. Beer and wine will also be available – prices TBA. Thank you.

### **ANNIVERSARY TRIVIA**

Research does not reveal when the old church was pulled down, or where the people worshipped while the new church was being constructed, but on enumerators notes it appears one of the schools was used for Mass on Sundays. No drawings have been found of the church and all that is known is that it fronted on Crown Street.

**NOVENA** – Annual 9 day Novena in honour of St. Ann begins Tuesday, July 18 through to Wednesday July 26. Mass each evening at 7 pm, confessions to follow.

Anointing of the Sick on Friday July 21 at 7 pm. Most Rev. Douglas Crosby will celebrate the feast day Mass on Wednesday July 26 at 7 pm. Light reception to follow. At St. Ann's Church, 120 Sherman Ave. N. (at Barton St. E.) .

### **175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER TICKETS**

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Mass Celebrated by Bishop Crosby 5:00 pm. Dinner to follow in our parish hall. \$15.00 Adults \$10.00 Seniors & Students. Tickets will be available the weekend of **June 24, 25<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses.

### **Medically Assisted Suicide – Why the Catholic Church Thinks the Way it Does:**

With the passage of Bill C-14, medically assisted suicide is now legal – what is at stake with this decision? The Catholic Church affirms the dignity of the human person, so opposes this legislation. Why does the Catholic Church take this position? How can the Church's position be explained in a simple and straightforward way? What is the difference between medically assisted suicide and euthanasia? What response does the Church provide for those contemplating – either for themselves or for a loved one – medically assisted death? What common ground do Catholics share with others who do not necessarily hold the Catholic perspective? **Join Fr. David Perrin Ph.D. for a Workshop and Meditative Retreat** to discover the answers to all these questions. To be held at the Galilee Centre, Arnprior, ON from July 7 (7 p.m.) – July 9 (12 noon), 2017. For further information and to register: [www.galileecentre.com](http://www.galileecentre.com) (under Workshops & Events)

**SSVP BRANT** – As partners & supporters of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Brantford & Brant County we invite you to check out our brand new Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/SSVPBrant](http://www.facebook.com/SSVPBrant). Keep in touch here with how WE can help if you or someone close to you is struggling with poverty and with how YOU can help in this service to our neighbours in need. If you have a personal Facebook account we encourage you to “like” our page and to share it with others. Thanks to each of you and your colleagues for your support as we serve our neighbours in need in Brantford & Brant County.

**GRANDMOTHERS TEA** – is an opportunity for women from the reserves (Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississauga's of the New Credit) and women in the neighboring communities to come together and nurture relationships. Although this is called a “tea,” it now is actually a potluck lunch that extends from noon to 2 pm on the last Wednesday of the month. The event is hosted by churches in the communities. Women of the host church plan the question for discussion or the programme. No RSVP is required. Just come and join the conversation. For info contact Rhonda Johns at Nations Uniting; 519-445-2424.

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### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the Church.