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Mass Intentions this week



September 20 - 24, 2017

Wednesday: 12:noon †Anne Turlej
Thursday: 12:noon †James Merrill, Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday: 12:noon †Justin Smith
Saturday 5:00 pm †Doug Newby, Janet Gibbs,
 In thanksgiving to the Holy Family, Intentions of Clair Ann Keodprom



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Teresa Walsh. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Stanislaw Kuczaik, S.Chr.
 Tuesday Very Rev. Jerzy Tomon
 Wednesday: Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians) (C.S.)
 Thursday Rev. Joseph LeClair.
 Friday Rev. Leszek Szczygiel .
 Saturday Rev. Dennis Noon

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	\$3,295.30
Loose Collections:	\$ 418.15
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering Sept 3, 2017	\$4,198.45
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Fr. Michael King, director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. E:mail:mking@hamiltiondiocese.com.

MEDITATION

Forgiveness can be both the easiest and the most difficult thing a person is asked to give. Daily life is filled with moments in which we ask for forgiveness. Often a simple pardon is granted without much thought: “Don’t worry about it” or “No problem” brushes off a minor transgression.

But this may not always be the case, since some moments are not so easily forgotten. Even though forgiveness may be spoken, a person may continue to harbor anger within their heart. In this case, forgiveness has not truly been granted. Some experiences may lead a person to feel so violated that they could never possibly grant a full pardon, even if they so desire it.

Sirach reminds us of the damaging effects that anger and vengeance can bring to our soul. If anger and vengeance are harboured, they violate our covenant with God. In his letter to the Romans, Paul examines the Lord’s sacrifice through which we can all be pardoned. We are subsequently called to do as Christ has done, to forgive those who have trespassed against us.

Finally, in Matthew’s Gospel we learn that forgiveness is not finite and should never run dry. If it is perpetually poured from all people as it does from the Lord, then the cycle of anger, vengeance and hate will come to an end.

Dana Kenny, Charlottetown, PE
 Novalis, Living with Christ

C.W.L. NEWS:

Sunday, Sept 17: Vocations Mass at Blessed Sacrament, Burford at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to join members from the Hamilton Diocese, the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club for the annual celebration.

Tuesday, Sept. 19: All women are invited to join us for our meeting in the rectory at 7 p.m. Guest speaker, Carolyn Boerboom, will discuss Christian meditation which will be coming to our parish this fall.

Saturday, Sept 30: Fall rummage sale. Please drop off donations in the parish hall on Sept. 29th.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY BINGO! Assumption College School Cafeteria, 257 Shellard Lane, Brantford, on Thursday, October 5. Doors open at 6pm; BINGO at 7pm. Grocery Store gift cards, cash and fabulous Raffle Prizes! Goodies and refreshments. Free admission; dabbers available. Proceeds go to Music Department. Bring a friend - must be 18 yrs. of age.

Parish Coffee today, after the 9:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

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

- Parish Golf Tournament – Sunday, September. 24th, 2 pm, 9 holes; best ball; Arrowdale. Supper to follow in the parish hall.

P.S.: We are still in need of many prizes for our Golf Tournament! If possible, please drop them off at the rectory. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

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

On November 5th we have added another event!

It is a music recital by 17 year old, Cecelia Kowara from Chicago, Ill., accompanied by Roger Bayley. Price: Will be a free will offering to St. Basil Parish.

RCIA!

This is an acronym for the “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.”

Primarily it is a process intended for adults who have never been Baptized, but it may also include those Baptized in other Christian Communions who wish to belong to the Roman Catholic faith by being Confirmed and receiving Holy Communion.

Our RCIA team will meet in the Rectory at 6:30 pm on ***Wednesday, September 20th***.

Anyone interested in participating as a Candidate or enquirer is asked to come to the Rectory (use the entrance near the garage) at ***6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 27th***. Thank you. Invite someone along!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This year, ***St. Pius X Conference*** welcomes you on ***Tuesday September 26, 2017 at 6 p.m.*** to join in the Mass in the church at 9 Waverly St., Brantford. Afterwards, we will move into the hall for a lovely meal of ham and scalloped potatoes and vegetables prepared by Martha's Catering. Tickets are now available from your conference president or store manager at a price of \$6.00 per ticket. Tickets ***must be purchased by Tuesday September 19, 2017.*** There are no tickets at the door. I look forward to seeing you all there.

CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS!

Have you received your First Holy Communion?

Ask your parents if they would support you in this ministry of love.

We will have a training session on ***Saturday, September 30th at 11 am in the church.*** This will be followed by a pizza lunch in the rectory. (Parents are invited to pizza too!)

Please call the parish office if you are interested, or e-mail us. Thank you!

A LITTLE CHUCKLE: **Relics:** People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

For more than 150 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been a distinctive, highly successful and valued contributor to our public education system. The Together in Faith campaign amplifies that message by promoting our Catholic school students' achievements in academics, social justice, and Christian service. Parishioners are invited to join the campaign to strengthen publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario – add your name to the “Together in Faith” community list at www.togetherinfaith.ca. Follow the campaign on Twitter (@Catholicedu) and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario) and help us share the Good News!

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

You are always welcome in our Church! Parents can ask Father Earl about preparation for the Sacraments. There are also resources for parents available from our Diocese (see the pamphlets on the “welcome table” in Church), and “tips for Mass” (also on the table).

LIFE CHAIN: The annual Brant Life Chain is set for the first Sunday in October, namely ***October 1st from 2 – 3 pm, along St. Paul Avenue and King George Road to Hwy 403.*** The signs provided read Abortion Kills Children and Jesus Forgives and Heals. You are invited to participate.

Mass in Honour of San Padre Pio at St. Mary's Parish. ***Sunday September 24th at 3pm.*** Rosary at 2:30pm. Fellowship and refreshments in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MOTHER OF CHRIST ASSOCIATION MEETING

Men and Women come join us! On the third Thursday of every month beginning ***September 21st*** at 7 pm in St Pius X Parish Hall, 9 Waverly Street.

Take time apart to increase your devotion to Mary Mother of God through prayer, reflection and fellowship. “To Jesus Through Mary”.

St. Anthony Daniel Church, 57 Simcoe Street Scotland, ON

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima - Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Rosary and Confessions begin at 6:15 pm
Novena and Mass at 7:00 pm

Diocese of Legazpi (Philippines) (The Mission Co-Op)
Our sincere appreciation for your cheque in the amount of \$3,053.55 that we received. It is a testimony to your generosity and interest in the mission and evangelization work of the Church. Thanks again for your generosity.

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