

# THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 24, 2018

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## Mass Intentions this week

June 26 – July 1, 2018



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

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Arthur Myers  
**Wednesday 9:15 am** (Mass at Christ the King)  
**Friday 9:00 am** (Mass at Assumption College School for Staff)  
**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Allan & Delores Mitchell, Rosita Blais, Teresa Walsh, deceased members of the Matiuchin Family, Intentions of Fr. Mike Bennett and Pauline Newby.



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Arthur Myers, 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, June 25	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Tuesday, June 26	Rev. Frank Freitas
Wednesday, June 27	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thursday, June 28	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D.
Friday, June 29	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Saturday, June 30	Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

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!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,457.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 399.50
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 692.00
Total Weekly Offering June 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,548.50
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

### Birth of John the Baptist

In every age and time the Lord's call brings forth priests to prepare a people for the Lord. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If you think God is calling you, Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246. E-mail: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### MEDITATION

The Church celebrates John the Baptist's natural birth by a festival of his 'nativity,' assigned exactly six months before the nativity of Christ. The fact that Christ praised John the Baptist so highly encouraged a special veneration.

Today's first reading is the second of the four "Servant of the Lord" songs of the prophet Isaiah. John was the Servant made ready and fit for the preaching of God's word. John was the sharp-edged sword who pointed out the true light to the nations, the one whose salvation would reach to the ends of the earth. Saint Paul spoke of John who heralded the Messiah's coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Because John represents the old, he is born of an elderly couple; because he represents the new, he is revealed as a prophet in his mother's womb. John's preceding Jesus was clearly fixed in the Christian tradition, so much that in two of the three Gospels that begin their story before the public ministry with Jesus' first appearance on earth, John the Baptist is brought forth to precede the appearance as well.

John always defined his humanity in terms of its limitations. He came to teach us that there is a way out of the darkness and sadness of the world and of the human condition, and that way is Jesus himself.

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, Toronto, ON  
 Novalis, Living with Christ.

### C.W.L.

CWL general meeting, **Tuesday, June 26**. Mass at 6:30 pm in the chapel with meeting to follow at 7:00 pm in the rectory meeting room. A wine & cheese social will follow a brief business meeting. All ladies are welcome.

### 2018 Municipal Elections: Becoming a Catholic School Trustee

On **October 22, 2018**, Catholic school board elections will be held throughout Ontario. In an effort to encourage members of our Catholic community to consider a vocation as a Catholic school trustee, OCSTA has produced a brochure entitled A Call to Service / brochure illuminates the distinctive role of the Catholic trustee and outlines some of the legal qualifications required prior to running in the election. These brochures are available at the various entrances to our Church.

**PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND ROME:**

**OCT 15-26, 2018**

There are a few spaces available to join this pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome with Fr John as the spiritual director. All travel arrangements will be provided through TravelOnly. If you are interested, contact Estolia Salera by telephone at (226)240-0810 or e-mail esalera@travelonly.com with any questions.

**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF ST. ANN**

Our annual 9 day Novena to St. Ann will begin with 7pm evening Mass from **Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** and conclude **Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. The Novena will include Mass starting at 7pm each evening throughout, blessing with the relic of St. Ann and novena prayers as well as confessions following the Mass.

Anointing of the sick will take place on **Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate the Feast of St. Ann at St. Ann Church, 120 Sherman Av., North, Hamilton, Mass on **Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. A reception will follow in St. Ann's School gymnasium. Everyone is welcome. Wheelchair / Walker accessible.

**FESTA SAN ROCCO**

**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

St Pius X Church

7:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Torch of San Rocco  
and Memorial Mass for the Deceased

Will be celebrated by Msgr. Murray Kroetsch

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

St Pius X Church

1:00 p.m.

Solemn Mass will be celebrated by  
Fr Peter Ciallella and Fr John Redmond

Followed by

Traditional community procession in honour of  
San Rocco

The procession starts at St Pius X, proceeds on  
Wood Street to St. Paul's Avenue, Charing Cross,  
King George Road, Wood Street and back to the  
church for the distribution of bread.

**LIONS PARK**

**5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

Soccer Game starts at 5:00 p.m.

Bocce Tournament, Children's Activities, Draw  
Variety Show featuring Vinz Derosa  
Spectacular Fireworks!

**GOOD BY TO MSGR. EARL**

How can we begin to thank you for your presence here at St. Basil Church? You have been a great leader both in the material and spiritual realms.

We have enjoyed a great leader, kind, peaceful and loving. You will be greatly missed here and at our three Catholic Schools, plus Assumption College.

We wish you a long happy retirement! We know you will be busy just the same, filling in for other Priests in the area. So, maybe we'll get to see you from time to time. God Bless you Fr. Earl!

**THANK YOU:**

Many thanks to our Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus and many others who organized our parish bar-b-q.

I have very much enjoyed my five years as your pastor. I will offer Mass in thanksgiving for all of you this weekend. Thank you also, Archbishop MacDonald!

**Come Join US to Find the "Keys to Loving Relationships"**

"Keys" is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship you can with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs in **Hamilton** on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. September 27th – November 29th, at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program runs in **Kitchener** on Tuesday evenings, September 18th – November 27th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mark Parish, 55 Driftwood Dr, Kitchener. Cost \$45.00. For more information or to register, call (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) (Upcoming Events.)

**PRAYER FOR SAFETY**

A nearsighted minister glanced at the note that Mrs. Jones had sent to him by an usher. The note read, "Bill Jones having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

Failing to note the punctuation, the cleric startled his audience by announcing, "Bill Jones, having gone to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

**FRIENDSHIP** is when people know all about you ... but like you anyway.