

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 31, 2019

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Mass Intentions this week




Tuesday 7:00 pm †Bill Kane and a Special Intention
Wednesday 9:00 am †Rita Spencer
Thursday 9:00 am †A Special Intention
Friday 9:00 am †Fernando Dicresce family
Saturday 5:00 pm †Encar Parpan Trecapelli, Esterina Tamilia & sons, Janina & Marion Mochalski, deceased members of the Main family, The Deeiantis Family

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- April 27 – 5:00 pm Mass (St. Basil School)
- April 28 – 9:30 am Mass (St. Gabriel School)
- April 28 – 11:30 Mass (Christ the King School)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ONLY

Retreat for Candidates in our parish hall on **Saturday April 6, 2019 – 1:00 – 4:45 p.m.**
 Celebration of Confirmation is **Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in the Church.

 **Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions: Guy & Lina Ferraccioli and deceased family members. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

LENT

The season of Lent is a time for us to journey more deeply into the mystery of God's love and mercy for us. It is an opportune time to examine our lives in the light of the Gospel and respond to the call of conversion. The three keys of Lent are PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING. Fridays of Lent are days for fasting (for those who can) and abstaining from meat.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,084.60
Loose Collections:	\$ 499.90
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 692.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering	\$4,276.50
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings at 7 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (March 29, April 12) you are encouraged to attend the Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent.

Please note – Friday, April 5th is a practice for the Grand River Chorus taking place on Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 p.m. in our church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St Basil Council #13442

Meeting Tuesday April 9, 2019

in the Rectory meeting room at 7:30 PM after the 7:00 pm Mass.

SPRING RUMMAGE SASLE – Donations accepted Friday, **April 12**, sale is Saturday, **April 13**.

A note 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 cleanup. Any wreaths and decorations remaining after April 1st will be removed and discarded. For further information please call 519-442-2608

DIOCESAN PRAYER	CALENDAR
Monday, April 1	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
Tuesday, April 2	Rev. David Walter
Wednesday, April 3	Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) (C.S.Sp.)
Thursday, April 4	Rev. George Stortz
Friday, April 5	Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
Saturday, April 6	Rev. Robert Stainsby

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE –

Milk bags – The CWL is collecting clean outer bags to make plastic sleeping mats for Canadian Food for Children. Please **place the bags in the bin at the back of the church.**

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Holy Week is fast approaching and for us as Catholics it is the most sacred time of the year. In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebration the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen. All are encouraged to participate in the sacred liturgies and to see the liturgies as one continuous prayer. If you have never been to the Easter Vigil which is the liturgy of all liturgies you should come at least once before crossing the finish line of life. Volunteers (4) are needed for the Easter Vigil to be proclaimers of the Word of God. If interested please phone the parish secretary.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

April 18 – Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 p.m. Church will remain open until 10 p.m. for private prayer.

April 19 – Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord – two celebrations: 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

April 20 – Saturday – Easter Vigil – 8 p.m.

April 21 – Easter Sunday – Masses 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Parish Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

Priests from the neighboring parishes will be available for the Sacrament of Penance at St. Basil Church April 16 – 7:00 p.m.

Confession times in the Brantford Parishes:

Our Lady of the Assumption Church April 2nd 5 to 8:00 pm .

St. Pius X Church April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

The members of the St. Basil Conference of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank the congregation for their generous support throughout the 2018 year. Your contributions for 2018 totalled \$16, 704.00.

During 2018 members of the St. Basil Conference made visits to 562 parish households, providing assistance to 414 adults and 192 children. This resulted in the distribution of \$15, 940.00 in food vouchers as well as 491 food slips, 280 clothing slips and 152 furniture slips for redemption at our Thrift Store.

The new Thrift Store, located at the corner of Wellington and Clarence Streets, is now in full operation and we encourage all parishioners to drop by for a visit.

In closing, we again thank all parishioners for their continued and ongoing support.

Pope Francis Message for Lent

His Holiness, Pope Francis, concludes his Lenten message with these words ... Dear brothers and sisters, the “Lenten” period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be “set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

SHARE LENT COLLECTION

The annual Share Lent collection for Development and Peace will be on April 7. For those who have gainful employment you are encouraged to sponsor one hungry family in spirit and budget a toonie a day to nourish them so that on the day of the Share Lent collection your offering will be forty dollars or more.

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I’VE LEARNED . . .

That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

