

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 20, 2015

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Mass Intentions this week

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

Sept. 25 to Sept 27

Friday 9:00 am †Phyllis Noonan, Donna Huff

Saturday 5:00 pm †David Cheevers, Orville Smith, Doug Newby, Souls In Purgatory

Good Leaders, Good Shepherds

Father Earl will participate, along with 37 other priests, in the final days of the “Good Leaders, Good Shepherds” programme.

We have been participating for 20 months and this week we “graduate”! We will meet from Monday – Thursday. Many thanks for your prayers!



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of Orville Smith and repose of his souls. 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, Sept. 21	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Rev. Terence Sehl
Wednesday, Sept 23	Students
Thursday, Sept. 24	Rev. Neil Haight, O.M.I.
Friday, Sept. 25	Rev. Peter Watters
Saturday, Sept. 26	Rev. Stephen Sardo

OFFERTORY for last week was \$3323.52 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During our 9:30 a.m. Mass, children age 5 – 8 year are invited to join in the opening procession from the back of the church. They then are dismissed at the beginning of Mass to enjoy their own celebration in our parish hall. They rejoin their families for the second half of Mass.

Discernment Gatherings

If you feel called by God to explore the call to the priesthood or religious life, please join our Discernment Gatherings on 1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month in Waterloo and in Hamilton. We start this October. For more detailed information or to contact Fr. Kuzma, the Vocation Director, please visit: www.HamiltonVocations.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

We invite all women to our first general meeting of the year, **Tuesday, Sept 22 at 7:00 pm** in the rectory. Guest speaker: Kathy Poirier, Grand River Council on Aging will speak at 7:00 pm. The business portion and social time will follow her presentation.

MEDITATION

The Disciples like mountaintop experiences. They like it when Jesus is the center of attention – teaching, healing, performing miracles – and they get to share in the limelight. They are filled with excitement, dreaming of power and glory.

But when Jesus speaks of suffering, they don't want to hear. Like children putting their fingers in their ears and saying “I'm not listening,” they turn away from his talk of betrayal and death and begin to bicker about which of them is the greatest. They have been following the Messiah; surely that leads to greatness. Surely those Scripture passages about the innocent one who suffers, like today's first reading from Wisdom, have nothing to do with the Messiah – or his disciples.

But Jesus keeps coming back to his teaching about a suffering Messiah, with humble, servant-like followers. He leads them – and us – to a new understanding of the Messiah and to a realization that suffering can have meaning, can be redemptive.

Jesus models the Way of the Cross, which his disciples must follow: in some cases literally and always by dying to self, dying to selfishness and greed, as the Letter of James teaches. Following Jesus means leading lives of humility and solidarity, of integrity and generosity, learning from our master to be “last of all and servant of all.”

Dinah Simmons, Halifax, ON

SACRAMENTAL Preparation Sessions:

In next week's bulletin you will find an insert outlining all the meeting dates in preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and for Confirmation in 2016.

The initial session for parents of First Communicants will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, October 22nd, 7 pm – 8 pm.**

The initial session for Confirmation will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, November 5th - 7 p.m.**

According to our diocesan guidelines, First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated with children in grade 2 or higher, and Confirmation with grade 7 or higher.

Please put these dates in your calendar!

Parish Golf Tournament and Bar-B-Q

We have 17 foursomes for a 1 pm shotgun start on **Sunday, Sept. 27th** at Arrowdale! Please arrive early for registration. Cost of golf: \$20.00 plus \$5.00 per person for a power cart (please drop \$ in the collection basket, or through the slot at the parish office.)

Lots of room for a great bar-b-q supper! Please sign up at the back of the Church. Supper will be served about 5 pm on Sept. 27th. Cost: \$20.00 per adult, \$15.00 for students and seniors; \$50.00 for a family of up to three children; children under 7 are free! Please see above for payment instructions.

RCIA:

The process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin on *Wednesday, September 30th* from 7-8:30 pm in the large meeting room in the Rectory. This journey to Easter is for non-Baptized Adults, for Baptized adults seeking full communion with the Catholic faith, or for Catholics who have not been Confirmed.

We have a great team this year to assist in the formation process! If you would like to be a Candidate please fill out the form on the welcome desk (back of church) and place it in the collection basket, or the office mail slot. Those who have registered, see you on the 30th! Peace.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE:

On July 17, the [Canadian government appointed an expert panel](#) to examine the [Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision](#), with the intent of seeking consultation from individuals and groups. The input gathered will be used to make recommendations to the government about assisted suicide legislation. As Catholics we uphold the value and dignity of every human life and so **Bishop Crosby encourages every person in the Diocese of Hamilton** to sign up to receive consultation updates from the official website at www.ep-ce.ca/consultation/. On the site you will see various ways you can provide your input. Please visit the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information on this topic. You may also wish to consult the material developed for the “Life-Giving Love” Campaign, launched last September by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family; more information is available on their web site at www.colf.ca.

St Basil Parish Bazaar and Vendors Marketplace Is Returning this fall - Saturday, October 31st.

- We are looking for donations for the silent auction, craft and baked good tables, homemade gifts, decor, hand knits, crocheted dishcloths, food, etc. Vendors will pay a table rate. If you sell Avon, Pampered Chef, etc., or know someone that does, please contact 519-754-4392 to book your table now.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

2015 Education Campaign Workshops in the Diocese of Hamilton :

Waterloo Deanery Thursday Sept. 24th 7 – 9 at St. John’s, 85 Strange Street in Kitchener

Halton Deanery, Monday Sept. 28th 7-9pm at St. Michael’s 181 Sewell Drive in Oakville

Hamilton Deanery Tuesday, Sept. 29th 7-9pm at Blessed Sacrament, 920 Fennell Av East in Hamilton

Wellington Deanery Wednesday Sept. 30th 7-9pm at Holy Rosary, 1785 Emma Street in Guelph.

ST. PIUS X FALL/BAZAAR

Saturday October 17th – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 9 Waverly Street. Italian Deli (eat in or take out), Knitting and Crafts, Jewelry Table, Bake Sale and Preserve Table, Attic Treasures, Books, DVD and Games, Face Painting, chance Table, Grocery Basket Draw, Grand Draw.

Re: THE FEDERAL ELECTION

Examples of the application of Catholic moral and social teaching

1. Respect for life and human dignity: from conception to natural death. Choosing life means:

- Demanding the right to life for even the smallest among us – the human embryo and the fetus – since they too belong to the human family, while also providing assistance to pregnant women facing difficulties;
- Respecting the life and dignity of the dying, accompanying them until their natural death and promoting greater access to palliative care;
- Raising our voices against practices like physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, which deny the intrinsic value of human life, endanger the lives of vulnerable people, and threaten to morally compromise medical professionals;
- Protecting all persons from being exploited by biomedical technologies;
- Rejecting capital punishment;
- Defending and caring for individuals in all circumstances, beginning with the poorest and most vulnerable;
- Supporting and accompanying individuals with disabilities, the elderly, the sick, the poor and those who are suffering.

**What do the political parties say about these issues?
What positions are the candidates taking?**

A Walk Through the New Testament

This course is geared to those who have participated in Foundations for Ministry, Theology for Ministry, Priest Prophet & King, or for any Lay Parish Ministers. The book for this course is *A Walk Through the New Testament* by Margaret Nutting Ralph. Her extensive knowledge of scripture will help us understand the original biblical author’s intent, as well as to hear scripture as a living word. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND at the Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown on Tuesday evenings starting Sept. 29. The cost is \$100 and includes the text. For further info please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

Foundations For Ministry Program 2015-2016

The “New and improved” Foundations for Ministry Program is a course designed to offer lay Catholics the opportunity to learn more about the foundations of our Catholic faith: Church history, scripture, morality, sacraments and prayer. This foundation is useful to parishioners who serve in a variety of ministries. The course will be offered in Hamilton and Waterloo starting in October 2015. Contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

CHILDREN ARE QUICK

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: HIJKLMNO. Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it’s H to O.