

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER April 3, 2016

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### Mass Intentions this week

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

April 4 to April 10

**Monday 9:15 am Mass at St. Gabriel School**

†Ann Chamberlain

**Wednesday 1:45 pm Mass at St. Basil School**

†Roy McMullen

**Thursday 9:15 am Mass at Assumption College**

†Ann Chamberlain

**Friday 9:30 am Mass at Christ the King School**

A Special Intention

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Teresa Smid, Anna Maria

Janos, Giacinto DiDomenico, Bob Grundy



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Annette Shoemaker 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

Monday, April 4	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
Tuesday, April 5	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Wednesday, April 6	Rev. Ted Hughes
Thursday, April 7	Rev. Edwin Lapinski, C.R.
Friday, April 8	Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R.
Saturday, April 9	Rev. Frank Reitzel, C.R.

**OFFERTORY** for Easter was \$9,047.00 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00. Many thanks.

**Sincere thanks** to all who helped with the Easter Vigil reception by sharing your delicious treats, your time to set-up and clean-up and your willingness to join in this time of fellowship with our parish family.

**Parish Coffee** next Sunday, April 10th, after the 9:30 Mass. Those attending the 11:30 Mass are invited to come early to socialize with members of our parish family.

### BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We now have 7 spaces available at the back of our bulletin for advertising. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

### MEDITATION

A Novelist I admired was interviewed shortly before her death. She had been ill for some time, and spoke plainly about what she expected to happen when she died. She said something like this: "I believe that death is the end. We live, we die, and that's all."

I felt saddened by her words. I wanted to think of ways to convince her otherwise, to give her and everyone who shares that view some proof that they will rise again and live in the fullness of life with God forever.

Nearly 2,000 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, we are far removed in time from the disciples, who saw with their own eyes, and from "doubting" Thomas, who could even touch the wounds in Christ's hands and side. But we can still rely on these disciples' testimony, which has been handed down from one person to another over the centuries – authentic and trustworthy.

When our faith seems shaky, we need only look to those who went before us and those around us whose faith is unwavering. They can support us and bolster us. As our faith grows stronger, we become anchors for others who may be drifting. The scriptures, too, are a great source of hope and faith for us today, for we are not the first to doubt, to question. Signs and wonders are all around us, if we have eyes to see and ears to hear!

Anne Louise Mahoney, Ottawa  
Novalis, Living with Christ

### SACRAMENTS!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on **Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** Instructions for Candidates only: (parish hall): **Sunday, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Retreat: **Saturday, April 16 from 2-4:30 pm** in our parish hall.

### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

**Next Parent Meeting is Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: this Session** will focus on Eucharist. 7 p.m. in Parish hall. **Prayer and Practice – 9:30 am – 11 am** on the Saturday morning of your chosen weekend of First Communion. We begin in the Church and end in our parish hall.

### C.W.L. ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Good used clothing, household appliances, jewelry and more. Please drop off donations on **Friday April 8 from 9:00 am to 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall** – No encyclopedias, monitors or large furniture. Call 519-752-0306 for more information.

## CHILDREN IN CHURCH:

To parents of young children:  
Relax! God put the wiggle in your children. Everyone is welcome in Church.

Perhaps you could sit near the front so it is easier for them to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of Mass to them. Sing the hymns and pray and voice the responses. Your children will imitate you.

If you need to leave for a few moments, feel free to do so, but come back!

**Parishioners:** A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small children (remember when yours were that little?).

The presence of children is a gift to the Church. "Let the little children come to me." – Jesus.

## PILGRIMAGE!

In hope Francis' book entitled *The Name of God is Mercy*, the Holy Father says: The practice of *pilgrimage* has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a *viator*, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.

*Please Sign Up* at the back of the Church for our Parish Pilgrimage to our Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton:

**Pentecost Sunday: May 15<sup>th</sup>** – depart by bus at 1 pm from here, return by 6 pm.

**Fr. Earl will preside and preach at the 4 pm Mass.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – St. Basil Council #13442, Meeting **Tuesday April 12, 2016**. Mass at 6:30 pm in the Chapel, meeting to follow at 7:00 pm  
Grand Knight: Bill Kane Tel #519-752-1331, e-mail: [wkane@sympatico.ca](mailto:wkane@sympatico.ca)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH BREAKFAST** – Sunday **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 – 11:30 am in the Church hall (Crown St.) Youth over 13 and adults: \$7./p/p, Child 5-12 yrs. of age \$4. p/p. Pre-School free.

## GRAND RIVER CHORUS

**Presents A Cappella Splendour Sunday April 10, 2016 at 3:00 pm at St. Basil Church**

The Grand River Chorus will fill this glorious acoustic venue with pure sounds of the human voice – and just the human voice. Music by Sergi Rachmaninoff.

## MISSIONARY CO-OPERATIVE

Each year our Diocese asks us to host a Missionary Co-Op Speaker.

This year we welcome Father Mervin Perera who will speak to us about a project in Colombo, Capital of Sri Lanka.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER SUCCESS!

Thank-you to all who attended our St. Patrick's Day Stew Dinner on March 17. We were entertained by a very wonderful fiddle player who got us up dancing and clapping. We were pleasantly surprised by a parishioner who brought his accordion to play. The stew was excellent and there were desserts galore. Our sing along needed work but gave us reason to laugh at ourselves. We want to sincerely thank all the volunteers that made it run so smoothly from decorating at noon till the end of clean up! May the Luck of the Irish Be always With You!

## PROCLAMATION 2016 – OUR 16<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

Sowing God's Word that changed. At St. James Anglican church, 28 Dublin Street, Brantford. Monday to Friday – April 18-22 and April 25-29, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Celebration Service: Friday April 29 at 7:30 pm  
For more info please contact Canadian Bible Society Coordinator David Johnston, 519-752-3086 or 519-752-6814 ext 22 Email: [gracechurch@kwic.com](mailto:gracechurch@kwic.com).

## Gospel of Luke Study Series, Wednesday April 13, 2016 7 – 8:30pm, Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington

The Gospel of Luke study series continues with Bishop Daniel Miehm's presentation "**The Power of the Parable**". Please consider joining us for this very special evening. There is no cost to attend. Supplemental reading resources will be available for purchase for \$5. Please bring exact change.

For further information, future dates and to register, please contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or check the website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.

## Opening Hours of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King

The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton is open each Saturday at 3:00 p.m. until the conclusion of the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon and 3:00 p.m. until the conclusion of the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Visitors are welcome at the Cathedral during these times, and may enter through the *Doors of Mercy* located between the Rectory and the Cathedral. Additionally, visitors may wish to join us for our next "Pilgrim Sunday" on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> we will open on Wednesdays from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m. Additional opening days will be added during the summer months.