

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, September 25, 2016

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Mass Intentions this week

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

Sept. 27 to Oct. 2

- Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Patricia Phee
- Thursday 1:30 pm** (John Noble Home)
- Friday 12: noon** †deceased Members of the Terry Family
- Saturday 5:00 pm** †Shona Comisky, John Doucette, Dorothy Casselton, Intentions of Florence Myers

MEDITATION

The prophet Amos is the great champion of the poor and he is quite serious about the complacent folk who pamper themselves at the expense of others. The idle rich are the target of the prophet’s wrath because their blatant consumption of delicacies is always at the expense of those who lack necessities.

That same theme continues in today’s gospel, where Luke presents a vivid study in contrasts. The rich man, called Dives in the Latin Bible, was consumed in self-centered living. He had everything in this life but no compassion for the poor or anyone else but himself. When Lazarus and Dives were in this life, there was no chasm between them. The rich man could have gone out and helped Lazarus any time. But in eternal life there is a great chasm separating heaven and hell.

Today’s gospel is not just about money or wealth. Almsgiving is good, but involvement is better. Our focus must be on the well-being of the poor and downtrodden. It is in giving that we receive, and God loves cheerful givers. Let us consider what we are depending on. Do we think being rich means we are right with God? It is wiser to think ahead to eternity!

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

FAMILIES!

Jubilee for Families is to be held on Saturday, **Oct. 15, 2016** at the Cathedral Basilica from 10:45 – 4:15 PM (with the option to remain for the 5 pm Mass). This is an opportunity for anyone who is a member of a family to come and here about the importance of family to its members and its role in passing on the faith. The event will include a keynote address by Dr. Deanna Benke-Cook titled, *Into the Heart of Mercy, By Way of the Family*, a session for families working with the newly acquired Saint John’s Bible, as well a chance to attend two workshops during the afternoon sessions. The day will end with all those present entering the Cathedral Basilica through the Holy Doors, where they will also have a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those who can will be invited to remain for Mass at 5 pm, celebrated by Bishop Daniel Miehm.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE 2017: Revised

The second meeting for our Special Events in 2017 will be held on **Thursday, October 6th at 7 p.m.** in the rectory meeting room.

After our opening prayer, we will update one another on the dates chosen for our various Social and Spiritual celebrations in order to print a calendar for all registered parishioners!



Sanctuary Lamp this week Intentions of: Rob Terry 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, September 26	Rev. Peter Coughlin
Tuesday, September 27	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D.
Wednesday, September 28	Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
Thursday, September 29	Rev. Fernando Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Friday, September 30	Rev. Robert Hetu
Saturday, October 1	Rev. David Walter

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We now have 6 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!

CWL NEWS:

Ladies of the parish are invited to come and hear Rose Corby, Public Health Inspector, speak about the importance of food safety on **Tuesday, Sept 27**, in the rectory meeting room immediately following the **6:30 pm Mass**. Whether at home, work or play, learning the four simple steps to safe food preparation ensures you keep your family and friends well and free from Foodborne illnesses. The CWL Meeting will follow the Presentation.

BURSARY – Students who are members of the parish, graduating from St. John’s College and Assumption College in 2017 are eligible for the bursary. Please obtain an application from the school.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday October 1 from 9 – 11 am. Please drop off donations **on Friday, Sept 30** between 9 am and 6 pm.

RCIA!

“RCIA” means: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

This Spiritual process is for adults seeking full Communion in the Roman Catholic Church. This may entail Baptism if the person has never been Baptized. Those Baptized in another Christian communion are welcome – they would celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2017.

Potential Candidates will meet with the team to initiate the journey on **Wednesday September 28th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory**

Think about it for yourself or a friend...and pray!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

This year of 2016-2017 begins the 50th Anniversary of Development and Peace!

Enclosed is a brochure outlining some of the highlights of those 50 years.

In future weeks there will be more inserts and a prayer card to pray for the work of Development and Peace. “Development is the new name for Peace” – Pope Paul VI. Development and Peace was established by our Canadian Bishops in 1967.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Our Diocese has organized formation days for Ministers of Communion. Choose either:

- Saturday, Oct 1st in Guelph or
- Saturday, Oct. 15th in Burlington

Application forms with exact locations are on the “sign-in” table at the back. New Eucharistic Ministers and those who wish to update are encouraged to attend.

WOMEN’S FALL RETREAT at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga for the weekend of Oct. 21-23. The theme for this Retreat will be The road To God is Mercy, preached by the Centre Team. For further info or to Register call 905-278-5229.

We cannot serve two masters. Which master are you willing to follow? If you feel God’s call to priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY WORKSHOP/

RETREAT Day, Saturday Oct. 15th at 10: -2:30 pm

Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton.

Cost: \$30. Includes lunch & patterns.

Are you involved or would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry in your parish? Consider joining us for this day of sharing, reflection & prayer while we work yarn with knitting needles or crochet hooks! Explore the possibilities this ministry has to offer. Patterns & lunch are included at this workshop. Please register by Oct. 11. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office 905-528-7988, x 2238.

SACRAMENTAL Preparation Sessions:

Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are ready for pick up at the back of the Church.

Please bring the completed form, along with a **copy** of the child’s Baptism form to our initial session in the Parish Hall:

The initial session for **parents** of **First Communicants** will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, November 10th, 7 pm – 8 pm.**

The initial session for **Confirmation (Parent & Candidate)** will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, November 17th, - 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!

NB: * No Registration Forms will be accepted after Christmas.

ST PIUS X C.W.L. FALL BAZAAR

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our Bazaar on **Saturday, October 15th** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Plan now to participate, attend and bring your family and friends.

St. Joseph's CWL are hosting their annual Rummage Sale, Saturday, October 22, 2016, 235 Brant Avenue, Brantford, from 8:00 a.m., to 1:00 p.m. Something for everyone. Many unique items for all to see. Toys, clothing, jewelry, books, etc. Craft items, house wares, surprises.

BRANT LIFE CHAIN: October 2nd (2 – 3 pm) along St. Paul Avenue and King George Road between the BGH and Hwy 403.

PERMANENT DIACONATE – Information Meeting Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend one of the three following information sessions:

October 16, 2016 at St. John the Baptist Church, Guelph

February 5, 2017 at the Chancery Office, Hamilton

May 7, 2017 at St. Michael Church, Waterloo

To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at (905) 528-7988, ext 2258.

PRAY for those who are called to ‘run the race’ as priests, sisters, deacons or brothers. If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.