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Mass Intentions this week



October 5 – 8, 2017

Thursday: 10:00 am Mass at Assumption College

Friday: 12:noon †Fr. Roger Formosi

Saturday 5:00 pm †deceased Members of the Stemmler Family



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Germain Gaudreault. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.

Tuesday Rev. John Govan, S.J..

Wednesday: Seminarians

Thursday Rev. Drago Gaacnik, S.D.B.

Friday Rev. Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

Saturday Rev. Rev. Charles Galea.

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!

Envelopes	\$3,738.95
Loose Collections:	\$ 389.25
Average Weekly Preauthorized	<u>\$ 485.00</u>
Total Weekly Offering Sept 24, 2017	\$4,613.20
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you been invited? Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, e-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

THANK YOU

A huge debt of thanks is owing to Curtis and Pauline Arthur (custodian and gardeners) and to Dan Leclair for fixing (scraping and painting) the “beams” high in the Church, with the aid of scaffolding. No more paint chips will fall on unsuspecting worshippers!

THANK YOU ALSO, to all who participated in last Sunday's parish golf tournament, the committee, and those who donated prizes.

MEDITATION

Today's Gospel Acclamation verse puts the meaning of this Sunday's readings succinctly. Christian life is about maintaining an intimate and trusting relationship with the Good shepherd. Such a bond shapes hearts, determines actions, and reveals our shortcomings in such a way that we can regard them as failures and yet turn to, and rely on, God's mercy.

Ezekiel's words are meant to inspire rather than threaten, promising that God has a single, dependable criterion for judgment applicable to, and within the power of, each individual: righteousness. God takes no pleasure in the destruction of anyone but desires and offers life to each one.

A testimony to this truth can be found in Jesus Christ who, in his selfless act of sharing our human existence, his forgiveness of sinners and his acceptance of crucifixion, showed the extent of God's steadfast love. He liberated people from what bound them, restored them to community and called them to life. If we know this Shepherd, then we can willingly respond in obedient faith. Even when we fall short, though, we are not left without a remedy before God. The unrighteous tax collectors and prostitutes gained the kingdom through sincere repentance. We too, growing in the kind of humble and open attitude towards God and others exemplified by Jesus, can also share the mind of Christ and his final victory.

Christine Mader, Waverley, NS
Novalis, Living with Christ

SACRAMENTS

– Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and for Confirmation for 2018 are now available on the welcome desk in church.

Please inform family, friends and neighbours that they do not register through the schools. Sacraments are parish celebrations.

Our initial Parent meeting for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grades 2 and higher) is - **Tuesday Nov. 7th at 7 pm** in our parish hall.

Our initial Parent and Candidate for Confirmation is **Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7 pm** also in our parish hall.

SHOE BOXES

Will be available the weekend of October 15th. More information to follow.

St. Pius X BAZAAR – October 14th – 9 am to 2 pm

Italian Deli (Eat in or take out), Knitting, crafts, Jewelry table, Bake sale and preserve table, Attic reassures, Grocery Basket Draw, Grand Draw! Etc.

SAVE THE DATE

Here is a list of our remaining events to celebrate our parish's 175th Anniversary:

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND



Grand Finale! Bishop Crosby will celebrate Mass at 5 pm on Saturday, October 7th. Thanksgiving supper to follow in our parish hall. Several former pastors will be in attendance, and some Religious Sisters.

On November 5th we have added another event!

It is a music recital by 17 year old, Cecelia Kowara from Chicago, Ill., accompanied by Roger Bayley. Price: Will be a free will offering to St. Basil Parish.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY BINGO! Assumption College School Cafeteria, 257 Shellard Lane, Brantford, on Thursday, October 5. Doors open at 6pm; BINGO at 7pm. Grocery Store gift cards, cash and fabulous Raffle Prizes! Goodies and refreshments. Free admission; dabbers available. Proceeds go to Music Department. Bring a friend - must be 18 yrs. of age.

RCIA!

This is an acronym for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."

Primarily it is a process intended for adults who have never been Baptized, but it may also include those Baptized in other Christian Communions who wish to belong to the Roman Catholic faith by being Confirmed and receiving Holy Communion.

Anyone interested in participating as a Candidate or enquirer is asked to come to the Rectory (use the entrance near the garage) at **6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 4th**. Thank you. Invite someone along!

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

You are always welcome in our Church! Parents can ask Father Earl about preparation for the Sacraments. There are also resources for parents available from our Diocese (see the pamphlets on the "welcome table" in Church), and "tips for Mass" (also on the table).

All are invited for a pilgrimage day for the **100th Celebration of the Last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.**

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown. October 14, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be Mass, lunch and outdoor procession with Stations of the Cross and benediction.

** Please make sure to bring a bagged lunch

A plenary indulgence will be given to all who perform all the obligations.

Please visit www.stthomaswaterdown.com for more details.

Join us on **FRIDAY, October 13**, for the first Lecture in Catholic Experience of this year. **Dr. Anton M. Koerkemoer**, astrophysicist with the Hubble Space Telescope, will explore the relationship between science

and faith, especially as that is manifested in the images from the Hubble Space Telescope that inspired illuminations in *The Saint John's Bible*.

Location: Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University

Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m.

Lectures available on a complimentary basis

Something new this year: Please register at: www.sju.ca/lce

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Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **November 3, 2017**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Pornography is impacting children and teens at rates never before seen. By the age of 18, 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, far too many are watching these violent and degrading images regularly; many are becoming addicted. **Come and learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how you can protect your children, grandchildren, students and all children.** The information will come to light through discussion and viewing of the documentary **Over 18** (view the trailer at www.over18doc.com/). **Over 18 will be shown free of charge at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Friday, Oct. 13th at 7 P.M.** The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 or over should attend. For more information please contact: Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry) at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250, or Teresa DiFalco (CWL President - Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish) at 905-643-6819. This educational session is sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry Office.

A LITTLE CHUCKLE:

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

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