

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week



Tuesday 7:00 pm In Thanksgiving to God for His Goodness and Protection
Wednesday 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 7:00 pm †Mr. & Mrs. CIU Ezeanya
Friday 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 5:00 pm †Betty Murray, José Americano, Dircsce Fernando & family



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions: For those I promised to pray for ... especially family members away from the Church. 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, October 1	Rev. Joseph Okoko
Tuesday, October 2	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.
Wednesday, October 3	Seminarians
Thursday, October 4	Rev. Robert Dunn
Friday, October 5	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Saturday, October 6	Rev. David Wynen

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!

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,977.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 370.50
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 692.00
Total Weekly Offering August 26 th	\$4,039.50
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

BRANT RIGHT TO LIFE LIFE CHAIN

Today, Sunday September 30, 2018 2-3 pm. St. Paul's Avenue at King George, Signs Provided.
Please support this important event.

Adult Formation program. One of the things that is lacking most in our life of faith is a poor understanding of the teachings of our faith and how to respond to some difficult questions people might have about our Catholic faith. For instance, how would you respond to an Atheist who says that God doesn't exist? Or how would you defend the authenticity of the Gospels to those who claim that they were all fabricated and are not real historical documents? I would like to invite you to our **Adult Formation evenings every second Thursday after the 7:00 pm Mass** and learn how to respond to some difficult questions you might have about your faith.

Here are the topics being covered:

- October 4th: How to answer Atheists**
- October 18th: Can we trust the Gospels?**
- November 1st: Why be Catholic?**
- November 15th: Jesus' Resurrection**
- November 29th: Transgenderism**
- December 13th: Same-Sex Marriage**
- January 3rd: Helping People Return to the Church**
- January 17th: Explaining the Eucharist**
- January 31st: Evil and Suffering**

Youth Basketball at St. Basils

Boys and girls from 10-15 years of age are invited to come out every two weeks to have a fun and competitive night playing pick-up basketball.

Bring your own water, but snacks will be provided.

Every second Friday

Start time is 7:00 pm and ends at 8:30 pm.

Adult supervision will be provided.

Here is the schedule:

- October 12th**
- October 26th**
- November 9th**
- November 23rd**
- December 14th**
- January 11th**
- January 25th**

SHOE BOX CAMPAIGN

With the Fall fast approaching, the Shoebox Committee would like to ask parishioners, if possible, to acquire their own shoe box. If that is not possible we will still have some available. Boxes and notes will be available after Thanksgiving. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

C.W.L. NEWS

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.**

Grade 12 graduates – The CWL has a bursary available for a graduate from Saint John's College and Assumption College. One bursary is awarded for each school. Please contact the high schools for the application.

BE A MAN Men, this is a 'Call to Action' to become involved in a challenging and stimulating program that will take you on a spiritual journey to help you become the man God created you to be. The program is designed to help MEN become better husbands, better fathers and better leaders in our communities. Be A Man is a Brantford laymen's initiative and is going into its third year. Men from all the parishes in our area meet for a DVD presentation and discussion every Saturday morning, 7:00 – 8:30 am at St Pius X Catholic Church.

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Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 X 2246. E-mail: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

VENDOR MARKETPLACE AND BAKE SALE COMING!

Saturday December 1, (9am – 2pm) we are once again hosting our Vendor Marketplace. If you are a vendor and would like to attend please email JoAnne at joanne.hodd@yahoo.ca or call (519-754-4392) to register. Tables are \$30 plus a gift to auction and are 6 ft long. We will give preference to St Basil parishioners until Sept 30.

We will also be including our excellent bake sale and candy table so if you can donate some of your delicious treats we would be so happy and forever grateful for sure! Volunteers please contact JoAnne at the above. Many thanks for your continued support of our parish activities. St Basil Fun & Fundraising Committee.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY BINGO – Assumption College School Cafeteria, 257 Shellard Lane, on **Thursday, October 4th**. Doors open at 6 pm; Bingo at 7 pm. 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 years of age.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Readings make a clear distinction between our desires for worldly riches versus the riches that we receive as a result of just living by following God's law. The riches of the world easily seem more appealing at first glance – status, power, wealth, material things. They seem to bring with them freedom, opportunities and comfort. Wealth in and of itself is not a bad thing. What matters is how one acquired it and what one does with it.

Pope John Paul I once said "It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed towards 'having' rather than 'being,' and which wants to have more, not in order to be more but in order to spend life in enjoyment as an end in itself." The reading from James sends a warning specifically to the rich who oppress others for their own benefit.

If we can re-direct our worldly riches and possessions (we all have some!) to serve us in the way that helps us to gather eternal treasures, we can be rewarded with eternal life in the kingdom of God. This has already begun here on earth through the good fruits that result from spiritually healthy choices and just actions: peace, joy, kindness, goodness, charity and well-being. May God bless all of our good efforts!

Natalia Kononenko, Toronto, ON
Novalis, Living with Christ

SUNDAY ENVELOPES

It would be a great help to our counters, if you would please put the amount of money on the outside of your Church envelope, as this will speed up the counting process. Also, please do not put scotch tape or staples on your envelope. Many thanks.

Pamper Party!! Tues. Oct. 16, 2018, 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall--St. Mary's CWL would like to invite ALL ladies to this event. Julie Bonany from the Pregnancy Resource Centre will be our guest speaker. All we ask is that you donate diapers or other small baby items (new) at the door. Refreshments will be available.

IRISH HUMOUR

I don't like to think before I speak . . .

I like to be just as surprised as everyone else about what I say.

It doesn't matter how big your house is, how much money you have, or that you wear expensive clothes. Our graves will be the same size. Stay Humble.