

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday December 30– No Mass

Tuesday December 31-NEW YEAR'S EVE

5pm-*Benita & Ettore Tavani, Severino & Margarita Santos, Gino De Fonte (20 years), Terrana Angelo, Marie Fernando*

Wednesday January 1-MARY MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 am-Pro Populo

11:30 am-Pro Populo

Thursday January 2–No Mass

Friday January 3-No Mass

Saturday January 4-5 pm-*Patricia McKenna, Patty Di Francesco, Valdemar Vitold Yankevych, Johann Wolf, Berthe Rodger*

Sunday January 5

9:30 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

11:30 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

PRAY TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The two blue candles by Our Mother of Perpetual Help can be lit for your intention (\$5 each). The shrine is located by our Blessed Tabernacle. We encourage all of our parishioners to take a moment and offer a prayer for these intentions:

*In loving memory of Filomena & Giuseppe D'Agata
Merry Christmas from your daughter Giuseppina D'Agata*

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Monday: Rev. Mark Morley
Tuesday: Rev. Jason Kuntz
Wednesday Diocesan Priests
Thursday: Rev. Mark Sullivan
Friday: Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Saturday: Rev. Gregory Merkley

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY



Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2.1-12

“They knelt down and paid him homage”

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



IN OUR PARISH

Sunday October 20th \$5,918.85
World Missions \$915.00
Thank you for your support!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Parish Office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31st and remain closed on New Year's Day. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday January 2, 2020.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take people communion in their homes. Presently, we have two people who are doing this, however we are in need of more help! Please consider volunteering! For more information, please call the parish office at 905-388-2078 Ext. 200.

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish is looking for couples interested in joining our Baptismal Ministry. This team assists Fr. Don in the preparation and the service of Baptism. Your participation is only required approximately twice a year. Training will be provided. If you are looking to get involved with the parish, this is a rewarding Ministry! For more information please contact Ida Caruso at 905-387-5162.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

There are still many boxes of envelopes to be picked up in the hall beside the Parish Center. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes ASAP!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



The executive would like to wish all members and their families a Blessed Christmas and safe and Happy New Year. Our next general meeting will be on Thursday January 9 at 7 pm in the parish centre. This will be our election night for the new executive. All members are encouraged to attend.

CANADA POST



Canada Post has once again printed Christmas stamps with a Christian theme and they are available now. When you are purchasing stamps, please request these special stamps to ensure that Canada Post will continue the practice of printing religious themes on the stamps each year!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11960-OUT OF THE COLD SOCK DRIVE

This year's Knights initiative, has been extremely successful, thanks to the parishioners and the Knights of our Parish. At this point we have collected over (300) pairs of socks for **Hamilton Out of the Cold** who will distribute these socks to those in need.

The Knights of Columbus and Hamilton Out of the Cold, greatly appreciate the generosity of the parishioners that have contributed to this initiative. Thank you for your support!

THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS

Senior Adult Study Sessions, "The Bible & the Sacraments" is a deeper look at the mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Examining the rich relationship between the Old & New Testaments, the sacraments are more than mere earthly rituals! This DVD presentation & discussion format is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. David Dayler, Director for the Office of Discipleship & Parish Life will facilitate this 10 session program on Wednesday afternoons, beginning January 22, 2020 from 1 – 3pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The cost is \$50 and includes the book, "Swear to God" by Dr. Scott Hahn. Please register by Jan. 13th with Monica by email, mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or telephone, 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 14, 2020

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP FROM THE DIOCESE

Colder days in January can mean more time indoors, a perfect time to connect as a family. Board games, puzzles, movie night, sharing a decade of the Rosary, baking or cooking a meal together – these are all great ways to interact and learn about each other. The more time we spend with each other, the greater the connection we feel for the other. Children need to feel they are valued and nothing speaks to their hearts more compared to time spent together!

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? REDISCOVER JOY IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP!

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about, or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: THE FUTURE OF THE VERY YOUNG

In his prayer intention for the month of December, Pope Francis calls us to pray *"that every country decides to take necessary measures to make the future of children a priority, especially the future of children who are suffering today."*

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

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HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION

It Is Possible - Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

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**CONQUEST and CHALLENGE Youth Ministry
Registration for the 2019-2020 Year
IS NOW OPEN!**

We are very happy to announce that registration for the 2019-2020 year is now open. We will be offering the program, twice a month on Tuesdays from 5:45pm – 7:30 pm.

**Beginning December 17, 2019 –
OPEN HOUSE/COME & SEE**

KICK OFF DATE: January 21, 2020

We hope to see you all back! Please pick up a registration form at the Narthex or by calling Mrs. Tess Perez at 905-388-2078 to register and/or for more information.

Participants: Open to any Boy (Conquest) and Girls (Challenge) from Grades 4-8

Cost: \$40.00 per child



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