

Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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Christmas



the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:10

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We wish you a very Merry Christmas! May God bless you abundantly now and in the New Year.



Mass Intentions This Week
(8:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Join us to pray the Rosary before Mass. **Rosary starts at 7:30 a.m.**

Tues. Dec. 27	Gilda Cupido
Wed. Dec. 28	Marie Semeniuk
Thurs. Dec. 29	John Hayhurst
Fri. Dec. 30	Felix Marcuccilli
Sat. Dec. 31 @ 5 pm	Mark Tonkovich

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Saturday, Dec. 31st 5:00 pm
Sunday, Jan. 1st 9:00 am
11:00 am

(Confession – New Year's Eve 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.)

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Dec. 23 at 12 noon until Jan. 3 at 9:00 am

CHURCH DONATIONS FOR 2016

Don't forget, in order to receive a charitable tax receipt for 2016, donations must be made **before Dec. 31**. Receipts will be available late January, early February.

2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Church envelopes for 2017 will be available for pickup at the Church office after January 2nd during normal office hours.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

This way of giving for your regular weekly Sunday contributions is available for your convenience—just call Chris at the church office 905-634-7441 to sign up.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 26	Rev. Paul Boucher
Tues. Dec. 27	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed. Dec. 28	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thurs. Dec. 29	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Fri. Dec. 30	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Sat. Dec. 31	Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.

**The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas**

December 25, 2016

Today is born our Savior;
Christ the Lord!



Christmas, 2016

Dear friends,

Year after year we come to this great celebration of the birth of Jesus; year after year our hopes and dreams never change. We long for a world of justice and peace, and for peace in our own hearts, lives, and families. We continue to seek the embrace of the One who first called us into being. And we pray that we have grown a little wiser, a little more humble, a little more loving, as another year has passed.

At Christmas we call to mind that God earnestly desired to share life with us completely. Whatever we can become, it is due to his life dwelling within us, as surely as that tiny baby dwelt in the manger that first Christmas night, to be worshipped and loved, to be ours, even as we are his.

As I greet you on our first Christmas together, I thank you so much for the welcome you have given me. It is a great honour to be your Pastor, and I hope to serve you for many years to come. May your blessings be many at this holy and wonderful time.

Father Martin Vallely



A Christmas Prayer

God of love, Father of all,
the darkness that covered the earth
has given way to the bright dawn of your
Word made flesh.

Make us a people of this light.
Make us faithful to your Word,
that we may bring your life to the waiting world.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

VOCATIONS

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or by email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com or you can visit the website: www.hamiltonvocations.com

THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE 'GIFT OF SWING'
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.
Burlington Performing Arts Centre



In support of their many activities, the Burlington Knights of Columbus are presenting a Tribute to Dean Martin and Ella Fitzgerald with the Toronto All-Star Big Band! They welcome you to come and enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing with your family and friends. Reserve your 'Gift of Swing' by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. Tickets are \$45pp and would make an excellent Christmas gift!

DAY OF PRAYER IN HONOUR OF MARY

St. Charles Garnier Church, 129 Hughson St. South Hamilton invites you to a special day of prayer on:
Sat. Dec. 31 – 9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 p.m. Mass – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

Sat. Dec. 31st @ St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Come to an evening of dining, dancing and friendship at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington. Dinner, dancing, midnight buffet and champagne. Please email: stpaulsocial2011@gmail.com or call the parish for more information 905-332-5115.

EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF MONKS & MYSTICS

Senior Adult Workshop Series—6 Wednesdays
Starting Jan. 11, 2017 from 1:30- 3:30pm

This 6 part workshop/study session at the Chancery Office in Hamilton will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Please **register by Dec. 22** 2016. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

COMING EVENTS for Halton Alive

"Stop Censorship Tour!" **Tues. Jan. 10 @ 7:30 p.m.** Learn how the Government of Ontario is actively hiding abortion statistics. Join guest speakers John Sikkema, lawyer, Mike Schouten, Director of WeNeedaLAW.ca and pro-life blogger Pat Maloney. Free will offering to support ongoing efforts of WeNeedaLAW.ca



"The Euthanasia Deception" **Tues. Jan. 31 @ 7:30 pm** Join us for this 54 minute film followed by Q & A with producer Kevin Dunn. Come learn about this important issue affecting Canadians. Oakville Banquet Hall, \$10 includes popcorn, drinks. RSVP to reserve your seat at: haltonalive.com/film-nights or call 905-632-3232.

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