

# St. Margaret Mary Parish

20 Idlewood Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario L8T 1V9

Phone: 905-388-2200 Fax: 905-388-8416

Website: [stmargaretmaryparish.ca](http://stmargaretmaryparish.ca) Email: [office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca](mailto:office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca)

**Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, CR, Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Rene Marechal, Deacon**

**Mrs. Marilyn Sturtevant, Parish Minister**

**Miss Sheila Campbell, Secretary**



***Feast of the Holy Family***

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### MONDAY – DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

7:15 am +++ Nellie Narozaski,  
Tony Stanfl, Jr., Mickey Jackowitz

### TUESDAY – DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

7:15 am – In Thanksgiving

### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### TUESDAY – DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

5:00 pm – Eucharistic Ministers

### WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

11:00 am – Altar Servers

### THURSDAY – JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> – ST. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN

7:15 am + Jackie Mathews

### FRIDAY – JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

7:15 am + Tony Stanfl, Sr.  
6:00-6:45 pm – Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
7:00 + Salvatore Tiberti

### SATURDAY – JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 am +++ Fiorelli, Clelia & Franco Nori

### SUNDAY LITURGY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### SATURDAY – JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

5:00 pm + Gennaro De Michele

### SUNDAY – JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 am – Living & Deceased Parishioners  
11:00 am ++ Colomba & Leo Mancinelli

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

### PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony

TUESDAY – Rev. Felix Nwatu

WEDNESDAY – ***Solemnity of Mary the Holy  
Mother of God***

THURSDAY – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

FRIDAY – Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.

SATURDAY – Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

### **\*\* JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION \*\***

We are both blessed and saddened to announce the retirement of our esteemed Pastoral Minister, **Marilyn Sturtevant**, after 24 years of dedicated service to our parish community. Marilyn has been a guiding light and a source of support for so many, enriching our lives with compassion, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

We invite you to join us for a heartfelt farewell gathering in honor of Marilyn on today, December 29th following the 11 AM Mass in the Hearth Room. This will be an opportunity to express our gratitude and share some of our favorite memories. A basket will be provided in the narthex for cards and well wishes from members of our parish after every Mass that weekend for those that cannot attend the gathering.

### YOUTH MINISTRY



We are excited to announce that after months of discernment and preparation, we have hired a Youth Minister for St. Margaret Mary Parish! This enthusiastic young lady will coordinate a youth ministry program for young people around our parish area and will keep us well-connected with the schools. Please welcome **Carina Charmaine Sandejas** to our parish!

### ALTAR SERVERS BOWLING



Fr. Adam and Deacon Rene invite all Altar Servers for our upcoming 5-pin bowling night on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Mountain Lanes located at 335 Upper Wentworth Street. We trust that parents will bring their children for a fun night out with their friends.



**THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 –  
A HOLY YEAR OF HOPE**

This year on Christmas Eve, 2024, Pope Francis, like Pope John Paul II in 1999, opened the Holy Door to begin a Jubilee Year in 2025. It will be an ordinary holy year — in

accordance with the tradition of the Church to celebrate such a year every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their life. Those who participate in a Holy Year pilgrimage are granted a plenary indulgence; those who are unable to attend in person for concrete reasons are invited to participate spiritually, “offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.”

The last ordinary Holy Year, the Great Jubilee Year of 2000, which took place under John Paul II, was one of the biggest events in the history of mankind. The Holy Father Francis wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a “year of hope,” very symbolic in times when the world’s wars seem to be unending and multiplying. Catholic tradition refers back to the Jewish tradition of the “jubilees” present in the Bible (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13), although in Rome it was started simply for pilgrims. In preparation for the coming Holy Year, Pope Francis has decided to dedicate the year 2024 to prayer in its personal and community dimension. The term “Jubilee” comes from the name of an instrument, the yobel, the ram’s horn, used by Jews in Biblical times to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).

**VOCATIONS INSERTS**

**Feast of the Holy Family – December 29, 2024**

By Baptism we are God’s holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**BLESSED CHALK**

Each year on the Feast of the Epiphany the Church celebrates the blessing of chalk and homes which is a great Catholic tradition for families. Bless your door every year on this Feast! It’s very simple to do: using the blessed chalk write **AD 20+C+M+B+25** on the ‘lintel’ of the door (the horizontal piece above the door). The letters have two meanings. First, they mean *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “25” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is written as a request for Christ to bless the homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. The C, M, and B also represent the initials of the Magi—Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar—who visited Jesus in His first home.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. The following is a short prayer that can be said for the blessing:

*God of heaven and earth, Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.*



**SUNDAY COLLECTION  
DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

Regular Sunday Envelopes + Loose Cash	\$7,193.30
Christmas Envelopes	220.00
Building Fund	45.00
St. M. M. Parish Outreach	515.00
Haiti Project – Education	145.00
1 Funeral	300.00
Christmas Flowers	<u>1,320.00</u>
	\$9,738.30





**La BAKERI**  
Pasticceria Italiana  
Since 1988  
935 Fennell Ave. E. (Upper Gage)  
905-383-3667 info@labakeri.com

**Valentino's**  
restaurant  
authentic homemade  
italian cuisine since 1978  
824 King St. W. 835 Paramount Dr.  
905-523-4240 905-385-3284

**Dignity**  
MEMORIAL  
Every Detail Remembered™  
Cresmount Funeral Homes  
"Fennell Chapel"  
322 Fennell Ave. E.  
905-387-2111  
Phil Seagrove, Manager  
cresmountfennellchapel.com

**REALTY NETWORK**  
100 Inc., Brokerage  
Sales Representative  
**Ed Beattie**  
is a  
House **SOLD** name  
289-921-9740  
ed@edbeattie.com



**Harry's**  
Fish & Chips  
"The best in town!"  
1138 Fennell Ave. E. 905-383-0074

**industria**  
pizzeria + bar  
Your Favourite Full Service  
Italian Dining at its Best!  
Book Your Baptisms,  
Communions +  
Confirmations with Us  
Today.  
365-601-3757  
1791 Stone Church Road E  
scevents@industriapizzeria.com

**TOTAL TREE CARE INC.**  
Eugene Stevens - Parishioner  
Arborist/Forest Technician  
trimming • pruning • removal  
cabling • surgery • consultation  
34 Viewpoint Ave.  
Bus 905 574-4532 Cel 905 570-5443

**EXCEPTIONAL INTERIORS & CARPENTRY**  
Renovations – Bathrooms  
Built Ins – Cabinetry  
Stone/Tile/Wood Feature Walls  
Mantels – Floating Shelves  
Beams & Columns  
Storage Solutions  
Painting – Custom Carpentry  
Craftsmanship – Integrity  
Customer Service

**SUPERMIKE HANDYMAN SERVICES**  
Drywall & Plaster Repairs  
Interior & Exterior Painting  
Fence & Deck Repairs  
Small Jobs – Big Jobs  
Hang, Repair, Replace,  
Assemble, Remove,  
Install Anything!  
Your To-Do List done.

**www.exceptional-interiors.ca**  
**MIKE TAPUSKA 905-516-2150**

**CENTRAL** Est. 1950  
Plumbing & Heating  
Sewer Cleaning • Water Heaters  
Boilers • Air Conditioning • Plumbing  
601 Green Mountain Rd E 905-527-2406  
www.centralpandh.ca



**Mario Carvalho**  
Sales Representative  
My Cell Phone  
**905-317-9831**  
is NEVER OFF  
**ROYAL LEPAGE**  
MACRO REALY Brokerage  
Independently Owned & Operated



Award Winning  
• Catering  
• Deli  
• Bakery  
• Prepared Foods  
**Comfort Foods**  
...at Amazing Prices  
www.zarkys.com  
20 Hempstead Dr. 905-574-1500

**THE WELLINGTON**  
Hamilton's Premium Retirement Residence  
BOOK A TOUR call us at 905-385-2111 x 104  
1430 Upper Wellington St, Hamilton • www.thewellington.ca



**Gia Walton**  
Sales Representative  
905-719-0599  
www.giawalton.com  
**RE/MAX ESCARPMENT**  
REALTY INC., BROKERAGE  
**RE/MAX HALL OF FAME**  
DEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED

**CHARLES MACALUSO**  
B.Sc., LL.B.  
Barrister & Solicitor  
INGRASSIA MACALUSO  
ASSOCIATES  
69 John St. South  
Suite 200  
**905-522-7442**

**Friscolanti Funeral Chapel Ltd.**  
Funeral Directors:  
Adriano D'Alessandro, Rod Cameron  
Alicia Friscolanti-Ludgate  
Shane Ludgate, Andrea Di Nicola  
Alex Kovacich, Kelly Del Fiacco  
Alex Ludgate (IT), Catherine Neilson  
**43 Barton St. E.**  
**905-522-0912**  
www.friscolanti.com

**PAUL LEWIS SETTIMI** B.A., LL.B.  
Barrister And Solicitor  
280 Barton St, Stoney Creek  
Tel 905.527.0808  
Fax 905.527.0774  
36 Main St E #4, Grimsby  
905.527.0808



**Eastmount Family Dentistry**  
Dr. Julius Losonci D.D.S.  
• General Family Dentistry • Crowns/Bridges  
• Wisdom Teeth • Dentures • Implants  
• Ortho • Cosmetic Dentistry • Extractions  
★Canadian Dental Care Plan participants★  
Accepting and providing care to approved CDCP clients  
Proudly practicing in Canada for over 25 years!  
**10-788 Upper Ottawa St.**  
**Tel: 905-383-5664 Emerg: 905-537-2162**



**Bay Gardens Funeral Home**  
by Arbor Memorial  
www.baygardens.ca  
1010 Botanical Drive  
Burlington, Ontario  
**905-527-0405**  
947 Rymal Road East  
Hamilton, Ontario  
**905-574-0405**



**HAMILTON RIGHT to LIFE**  
Promoting the Sanctity of  
Life from Conception to  
Natural Death  
www.HamiltonRightToLife.org  
905-528-3065 | office@HamiltonRightToLife.org

**Upper Gage Pharmacy**  
558 Upper Gage Ave.  
North West Corner  
Upper Gage &  
Fennell Ave E  
905-574-5000



**Fascination Flowers**  
100% Satisfaction Guaranteed  
1104 Fennell Ave. E.  
905-527-2881

**DR. JERRY DeSTEPHANIS**  
FAMILY DENTISTRY  
New Patients  
Welcome  
1104 Fennell Ave. E.  
Suite 204  
**905-383-8338**



**THE PERFECT SPOT TO ADVERTISE**  
TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE  
PLEASE CALL  
**1-800-268-2637**