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For further information see the volunteer commitment forms in the main foyer of the church

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners! Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

A minimum of 6 months preparation, which includes a Marriage Preparation course is required for all couples wishing to be married in Hamilton Diocese.

St. Vincent de Paul: 519-865-1562

(Please Leave a Message)

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Burford

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Burford

11:30 a.m. Scotland

WEEKDAY MASSES

Burford: Tues. 7:00 p.m.

Burford: Wed. to Fri. - 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Application forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please fill in and place in collection basket or drop off at office. Once received Andrew Czarny will contact you.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick in home or hospital can be arranged by calling the parish office. Whenever possible, please call before any situation becomes critical.

HOLY ORDERS/RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Individuals wishing to explore a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or the religious life are encouraged to speak to the Pastor or see the vocations website at www.vocationinfo.ca

CATHOLIC FUNERALS

It is customary to celebrate the funeral of a Catholic with a Funeral Liturgy in the parish church. Please call the Funeral Home or the Parish at time of need. The time of funeral must be confirmed by the Pastor.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD. Sun.9:30 a.m.
For the young children of the parish. The children's liturgy is an opportunity for children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at a level they can understand.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

**1st Friday of every month is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30am Mass*
**1st Saturday of every month is Mass at 9:00am followed by the Rosary and Confession*
**Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 4:15 pm-4:45 pm*

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, September 18
 No Mass

Tuesday, September 19
 Adoration 6:00pm
 Mass 7:00pm

† Antonio DaSilva offered by Beatrice DSilva

Wednesday, September 20
 Mass 8:30am
 All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 21
 Mass 8:30am

Prayers for the Homeless offered by Doreen Fader

Friday, September 22
 Mass 8:30am

For the Parents of Joe & Sylvia Miller offered by Joe & Sylvia Miller

Saturday, September 23
 Mass 5:00pm

† Berta Phleger offered by husband Rupert Phleger

Sunday, September 24
 Mass 9:30am
 All Our Parishioners

We Are Stewards

Weekend Contributions \$ 1, 616.90

"Thank you to the Knights and their helpers for a successful yard sale on Sept 9th. Final numbers aren't in yet, but so far over \$700 was raised for the Building Fund. Unsold items will be available to parishioners in the hall after masses this weekend. Please take what you would like and in return we are asking for a donation. A big thank you to all those that contributed items to the sale. We are looking to build on our success next year so please start thinking about any unneeded items you may wish to donate next year."

Thought for the week

XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023
SIR 27:30-28:7; PS 103:1-4, 9-12; ROM 14:7-9; MT 18:21-35

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts, and emotions. Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us. How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset not brooding over hurts but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free. Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out. What joy and freedom we find in the stewardship way of life!

"Creating a Community for a Lifetime" A Presentation by the Grand River Council on Aging

The St. Mary's CWL is pleased to invite you to join GRCOA Executive Director Lucy Marco and Volunteer Darlene McNeil as they share how the Grand River Council on Aging supports the creation of an "Age-Friendly" community. By listening to the "voices of lived experience" the GRCOA provides guidance to municipal and community organizations to support change that optimizes opportunities for health, participation, and security. To learn more please attend on Wednesday, September 20 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Brantford ~Registration not required~

CWL MEETING: Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm there will be a CWL Meeting inside the church hall. Going forward all meetings will be moved to Tuesdays from Wednesdays. We look forward to seeing you!

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, September 24

Mass 11:30am

All Our Parishioners

Weekend Contributions\$ 360.00



St. Matthew September 21st

Patron saint of bankers, son of Alphaeus, St. Matthew was one of the 12 Apostles, a key figure in the development of Christianity. He was an odd convert to the cause of Jesus and Christianity. A Roman tax collector who was called into service as Apostle while conducting business at Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. Matthew found his life's calling in spreading the Gospel across Palestine. Much of Matthew's direct apostolic activity took place in Palestine. Other than that, his life is a mystery. However, the Gospel According to St. Matthew is a key part of the Bible. Originally written in Aramaic, his Gospel concerned the importance of Jesus as the son of God. It's believed that Matthew's Gospel was composed sometime from 42 to 50 AD, maybe as late as 70 AD before the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by the Romans. His feast day is Sept. 21st.



Prayer to St. Matthew

O Glorious St. Matthew, through the grace of God our Father, you gave us the Holy Gospel, which brings us joy and life. Inspired by your example, I ask for your assistance in all my needs. Help me to follow Christ and remain faithful to His service.

Amen.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

September 23

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours everyday hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."

An extraordinary meeting:

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul's pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. "His body," he said, "marked by the 'stigmata,' showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection... Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms." For Padre Pio, "suffering with Christ" was a gift: "In contemplating the Cross on Jesus' shoulders," he said, "I always feel strengthened, and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

Relief from suffering:

The life of Padre Pio also shows an intense commitment to alleviate the sufferings of families. In 1956 he inaugurated the "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" (the House of Relief from Suffering), a new state of the art hospital. "It is the apple of my eye," the friar said when the hospital opened. "This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with the His rays of love."

Death:

Padre Pio died during the night of September 23rd, 1968 at the age of 81. On June 16th, 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."

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