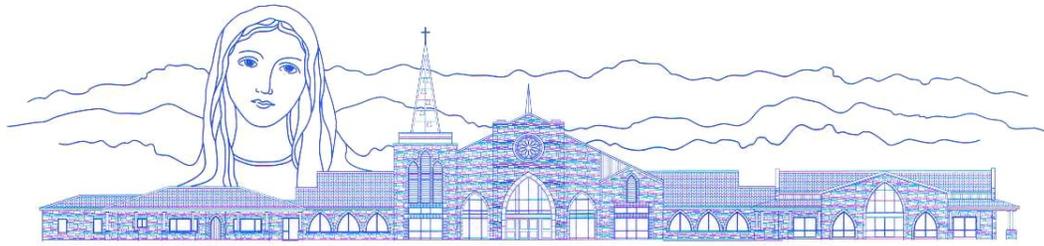


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Our Parish's Vision Statement:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is a welcoming place of joyful worship where one finds grace, refuge, serenity, strength and compassion.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, with the love of the Father, the parish offers outreach, understanding and hope to a diverse community in a meaningful way.

Prayerfully, openly, and lovingly, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish provides a faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

FR. WILLIAM TRUSZ

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PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Ilaria Paletta
YOUTH MINISTER: Billie Filice

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Thursday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Friday 9:30-12:30p.m.
Closed: Monday, Saturday & Sunday

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5:00p.m;
Sunday 9:00a.m; 11:00a.m; 4:00p.m

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday & Tuesday: 10a.m. - Midnight;
Wednesday: 10a.m. to Saturday 9a.m.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish office to book.
Prep 1st Sunday of month (Sept-June)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Speak with Fr. Bill

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 11A.M. Mass – JK to Grade 2 only. (Sept to June)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS: Please call the Parish Office

VOCATIONS: Rev. M. King 905-528-7988 ext. 2246
visit: www.hamiltonvocations.com

SCHOOLS: Immaculate Heart of Mary 905-523-2332
St. Gabriel's 905-523-2468

SPECIAL NEEDS: Families with children that have special needs are always welcome in our parish.
Please contact us to show us how we can help you.

HEALING VIGILS:

3rd Friday of Each Month from 7-9p.m. (Sept to Dec)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:

Tuesday evenings 8pm in the church (Sept-June)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:

Tuesday evenings 6:30p.m. followed by Mass

CHOIRS:

Music Ministry Director: Teresa DiFalco
Ken Bates (Sunday 9a.m & Tuesday 7p.m);

Marisa Ciarmoli (11a.m. Youth Gr 3-)
Teresa DiFalco(5p.m); Luigi Visocchi (11a.m. All Ages)

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN: Email: ihmchurch@cogeco.net

SOCIAL MEDIA:  Immaculate-Heart-of-Mary-Parish
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KEEP THIS PRAYER & RECITE EACH DAY: Come Holy Spirit, Come by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Your well beloved spouse upon the Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

We welcome you and your family to our Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr. Bill.
To register with our Parish; kindly complete the following and place it in the collection basket.

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TELEPHONE: _____
Please check one: Envelopes _____ Pre-authorized giving _____
EMAIL: _____ E-Bulletin yes/no

(form will be emailed to you)

Envelopes are available from January to June only and will be in the sacristy the weekend after your registration is received by the parish office. Thank you

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 6-12, 2019
~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~

**Diocesan Vocation
Prayer Intention**

MONDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BILL NEEDHAM—Jadwiga	Rev. Stipe Renic
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† ANNE VANTROOST—Knights of Columbus Council #14421	Rev. Peter Watters
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M.	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14421 MEMBERS	Felician Franciscan Sisters
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	† STANISLAW BIALACH SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ELIZABETH BIALACH	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	† STEPHANIE NOWAK—Alice & Mitch Szrajber † GIOVANNI CASTELLAN—Family	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	† VITTORIO D'INTINO—Ada Di Iorio † FRANCO BERLINGERI—Dora Gatto † PETER LAUGHLIN—Marie & Joe Giallonardo † VANDA CELESTE—Marina Griffin & Family † CHARLIE AGRO—Lilla Avarello † PETER HARHAY—Larry & Laura Mackisoc † FRANCESCA MARIE CARBONE—Sam & Luci Frosina	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek



Dear Fellow Parishioners, let us think of Christmas as God's therapy for the deepest wound of all ~ our rebelliousness against God. This rebelliousness takes away our trust in Him, which is the most grievous hurt of all. If we can't lean on God, then we can't find security and peace anywhere! This Christmas spend some time pondering your Nativity scene at home. Let the great truth, as great as the starry heavens themselves, sink in -I can trust God. Dear Christ child—I trust you!



EPIPHANY

*The wise men followed the star,
And found Christ who is light from light.
May you too find the Lord when you
pilgrimage is ended, Amen.*



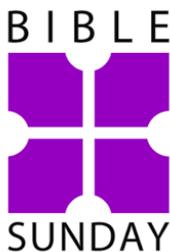
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TO ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES may you have a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR. May God Bless you and your loved ones throughout 2019

Please visit our website above to keep updated on the various KOFC activities over the next 3 months.

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JOIN THE KNIGHTS and make a difference.**



BIBLE SUNDAY 2019— Our second Annual Bible Sunday will take place on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**. The focus of our observance this year will be Listening to God's Word at Mass. To highlight this theme we have invited Father Michael Patella, O.S.B, a monk of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville to be our guest speaker **at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton (7:00 p.m.)** Father Patella will

be speaking on the Gospel of Luke which we will be hearing during the coming Liturgical Year C. In particular, Father Patella will be inviting participants to consider what to listen for as the Gospel of Luke is proclaimed at Sunday Mass during the coming year. The Gospel and Acts Volume of the Saint John's Bible will be available for viewing at each presentation. You are invited to mark your calendars now. These presentations are open to all the faithful. Copies of the Little Rock Scripture Study series on Luke (by Father Patella) and a limited number of the small booklets by Fr. Scott Lewis are available from the Discipleship and Parish Life Office.



"I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE MEN, WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE who come every day and see we do not go hungry. You don't realize the difference you make in my life. If not for just the food, the smiles and cheer you bring into

our lives. There are days I come for a hot chocolate and your happiness. I love you all with all my heart. I thank you. May God bless each and every one of you. I pray every day for you. Thank you. I can't thank you enough!" (A Christmas note "to all the volunteers at St. Patrick Parish," Hamilton.) Says it all, doesn't it!



DAY OF PRAYER—Challenge of our Day **"PUTTING GOD FIRST"** - Presenters: Sr. Elaine Arsenault SSS and Rita Carriere, Place: St Catherine of Siena Parish (Corpus Christi Site) 1694 Upper James St; **JANUARY 11, 2019**

beginning with Mass at 9a.m (followed with fellowship (muffins & coffee/tea) **To register call 905-388-3966 or email: sssperthshire@sympatico.ca. Please bring a bag lunch and coffee mug. Suggested Offering; \$25. JESUS SPEAKS TO ME IN THE SILENCE OF MY HEART** God is always ready to have a conversation with us. We just have to show up. This prayer day is devoted to:
•SILENCE •PRAYER •MEDITATION •WORD OF GOD



THE SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES are out, please pick up your box and do not use them until January 2019. When you begin using them in January please remember to write your name on the envelope. Pre-Authorized giving envelopes are also out. Thank you

Giving Back

SOCIAL ACTION/OUTREACH/ST. PATRICK'S PROJECT:
THANK YOU VERY SINCERELY to all parishioners who have donated to the **BLUE BOX** each and every month. December was a special month as many of you opened your hearts and gave significantly to the BLUE BOX. There were many more parishioners who donated this month and last month. Your generous heart enables our parish to continue to feed the poor of Hamilton with delicious home cooked meals twice a month. This is close to 600 meals a month. In December our two cooking groups also baked home made cookies, tarts and other Christmas goodies that the people who come to The DeMazenod Door really enjoyed, and in spite of the bitter cold, they were very happy to get this extra bit of love at this time of the year. Our parish is an example of people's generous heart to help those in need. To all our volunteers who help prepare, cook and deliver the meals every month - **THANK YOU** and may **GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU** and **MAY HIS LIGHT SHINE ON YOUR FACE.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: will resume on Tuesday, January 8 beginning at 8p.m. in the Church

POWER & PURPOSE ADULT CONFERENCE,



Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio June 7 - 9, 2019 **"Glorious Inheritance"** "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know.....what are the riches of glory in His inheritance" Ephesians 1:18 \$322U.S. funds/person - includes; \$145 - registration; \$105 - shared A/C room; \$72 - 6 meals; Plus \$80 CDN for coach bus transportation there & back (non-refundable) to register contact; Billie Filice ihmyouth@cogeco.net Or Nadia Gigliotti at 905-643-4460 precisecarservice@bellnet.ca



DURING THIS HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS I would like to take the time to thank all our **VOLUNTEERS** who with dedication and hard work keep our Church immaculate and running smoothly and are always ready for anything

that comes their way, for keeping our flowers blooming inside and out, our Music Ministries for bringing music to our ears each week. Our Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion for spreading the good news and bringing the Lord into our hearts. For the Children's Liturgy volunteers who share the Good News with our little ones. Altar Servers who serve our Lord with a smile. To our **COMMITTEES** who fundraise for the good of our Church and to you our Parishioners who support our events and parish throughout the year. *We thank you for all you do, for without you, all that is accomplished would not be possible!*

We wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and New Year.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND with Fr. Jerry Punnassery of St. Luke's Parish, **FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 2, 2019.** Contact Stan at International Heritage Tours 1-877-999-8868 or email: stan@ihtours.com. There will be a

meeting for those interested on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24** at 7:30p.m. in the Hinsperger Centre.



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Happy New Year to our 101 members! We wish you good health, peace and love in 2019. If you have any friends who would like to be members, please let us know. We would love to have them. As a reminder, we will start collecting the 2019 membership dues (\$30). The specially marked envelope will be with your 2019 envelopes. We will also take membership dues at meetings. Your Executive has put together the 2019 calendar of events. We have some very exciting plans to share so please do come out to our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 16. We would welcome your input. We are also working on having a guest speaker that will provide some laughter to lift us during the cold days of January. Watch for more information in next week's bulletin.

DID YOUR FAMILY receive children's toys, games and the like for Christmas? Are you amazed by the generosity of family and friends but also wondering what to do with some items that haven't even been opened and/or a gift that perhaps is not a fit for your child. Well, we are starting early to collect these items for our 2019 Bazaar. Drop off at the office and please ensure they are new and in the original packaging.



If you know of any League members who are ill please contact me at either cblemmen@korver.ca or 905-643-5087 as we would like to pray for them and send them a card. Thank you. Charlene Brûlé-Lemmen, President



ARE YOU FEELING A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE DYING? Please join our prayer group, Apostolate for the Dying, in our prayers "Holy Hour: A Devotion for the Dying", **EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 3P.M IN THE CHURCH.** We look forward to seeing you there. **We will resume on January 9.**



ARE YOU STRUGGLING, SICK OR EXPERIENCING DIVISION IN THE FAMILY.....? Join us any **Thursday Evening from 7- 9p.m. In the Parish Hall** (Teaching/Talk, Meditation, Intercessory Prayer) **No Registration Required. We will break for the Christmas Holidays from December 6 to January 17.**



LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: You are invited to drop into our meeting room after Tuesday evening Mass to learn more about our Catholic Faith.



JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP! Calling all children grades 3 to 6. Session Dates: January 25, February 22, April 26, May 24 from 7-8:30p.m. We will meet once a month for some fun rooted in Christ. Email: ihmyouth@cogeco.net. Don't forget to Bring Your Friends!



SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

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