

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 26**

No Mass

**Tuesday, December 27**

7:00 p.m. Etelka Dicsi  
Ferdinand Polanic  
Intention of Jack Ball  
Intention of Elisea Runstedtler and Family  
Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 28**

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Kreze Family  
Joanne Tremblay

**Thursday, December 29**

10:00 a.m. Thomas and Beatrice Langan  
(at Sunnyside)

**Friday, December 30**

8:00 a.m. Natale Kalegaric  
Intention of Charlotte Miciula and Family

**Saturday, December 31**

5:00 p.m. Marie and Waldemar Wagner  
Angelita and Nimfa Carino  
Les Sokolowski  
Ratko Krusvar  
Mary Otto

**PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 25**

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass followed by Social  
6:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Social

**Saturday, December 31**

8:00 a.m. Cursillo

**Sunday, January 1**

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass  
6:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Social



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
**DECEMBER 24, 25, 2016**

*Night: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-16*  
*Day: Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18*



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

People often remark to me that Christmas must be a busy time around the parish office and for a priest in particular. They're right, but it's a good, life-giving kind of busy. Over the past few weeks, as we've prepared ourselves and our parish to celebrate the Lord's coming, there have been countless occasions to be both impressed at and grateful for the many people who have given so generously of their time and talent to make our Christmas celebrations what they are. My deepest thanks to our parish staff and volunteers. Whether traveling or staying home, gathering in numbers small or large, this time of year begs for some prayerful reflection on how blessed we are. To all members of our parish community and to anyone visiting with us this year: Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy New Year!

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

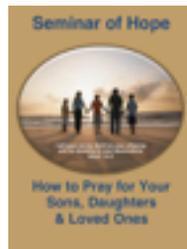
*This week we especially pray for:*

Monday Reverend Paul Boucher  
Tuesday Reverend Felix Nwatu  
Wednesday Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)  
Thursday Reverend Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.  
Friday Reverend Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.  
Saturday Reverend Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## SEMINAR OF HOPE

### ***HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS, DAUGHTERS & LOVED ONES***



***FREE LIVE SEMINAR – by Vernon Robertson.  
As seen on EWTN***

As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you.

**FREE** participant manual will be given at the Seminar. For more information or to register call Pat or Rita at telephone 519-748-5548 or email at [paddy@golden.net](mailto:paddy@golden.net).

The seminar will be held at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring a bag lunch. Love offering will be taken.

View Promo Video at [www.seminarofhope.org](http://www.seminarofhope.org)



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 email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com)

## PEACE LIGHT



The Peace Light is a tradition that was started in Austria in approximately 1988. It is carried out by the boy scouts of Austria. Every year an Austrian child travels with a group to Bethlehem to the Church of the Nativity to enter the birthplace of

Christ and gets the flame from there. The flame is then carried from Bethlehem on Austrian Airlines to Vienna. From there the flame is spread all across Europe, much like the Olympic torch is passed.

This year, through the assistance of local people, arrangements were made to have the flame flown to Ontario. We have received this peace light and we will keep this candle lit until the feast of the Epiphany. Now, more than ever, let us pray for peace.



We warmly welcome all who are celebrating with us this Christmas Season. It is our hope and wish that the liturgies we celebrate together will strengthen your faith, deepen your hope and empower you to love. If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. May the peace of our Lord be with you always.



## 2017 THEATRE TRIPS

2017 Theatre trips have been booked! To view upcoming shows, pick up an information paper found on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Our first outing is "Singin' In The Rain" at St. Jacobs Playhouse Theatre on March 29, 2017. All are welcome to join us!



## TAX RECEIPTS

Please note that all donations requiring tax receipts for 2016 must be received in the parish office **by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS



*Please note the following:*

*Monday, December 26: Closed*

*Tuesday, December 27: Closed*

*Wednesday, December 28: 9:00 a.m. – noon  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

*Thursday, December 29: 9:00 a.m. – noon  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

*Friday, December 30: 9:00 a.m. – noon  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.*

*Monday, January 2: Closed*

*Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



**Dear Friends:**

*What we'd really like to give you  
for Christmas is a star...*

*Brilliance in a package,  
something you could keep in  
the pocket of your jeans  
or in the pocket of your being.*

*Something to take out in times of darkness,  
something that would never snuff or tarnish,  
something you could hold in your hand,  
something for wonderment,  
something for pondering,  
something that would remind you of  
what Christmas has always meant:  
God's Advent Light into the Darkness  
of this world.*

*But stars are only God's for giving,  
and we must be content to give you words and  
wishes and packages without stars.*

*But we can wish you Life  
As radiant as a star*

*that announced the Christ Child's coming,  
and as filled with awe as the Shepherds  
who stood beneath its light.*

*And as we pass on to you the love  
That has been given to us,  
ignited countless times by others  
who have knelt in Bethlehem's Light,  
perhaps, if you  
ask, God will give you a  
star.*



***This Christmas***

*Mend a quarrel.*

*Seek out a forgotten friend.*

*Write a love letter.*

*Share some treasure.*

*Give a soft answer.*

*Encourage youth.*

*Keep a promise.*

*Find the time.*

*Apologize if you were wrong.*

*Think first of someone else.*

*Be kind and gentle.*

*Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.*

*Express your gratitude.*

*Gladden the heart of a child.*

*Take pleasure in the beauty  
and wonder of the earth.*

*Speak your love. Speak it again.*

*Speak it still once again.*

*The parish staff wish you and yours  
the gift of faith,  
the blessing of hope and the peace  
of His love at Christmas and always.*