

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 2

7:00 p.m. Special Intention
Intention of Tim Kreze
Rosie Regier
John Jarczyk
Jan Boyer

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Hoang Tran Chu

Thursday, January 4

10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
6:30 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of CWL

Friday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Joyce Shewchuk and Reverend Bob Walz

Saturday, January 6

5:00 p.m. Peter Nhi Vu and Family
Marie and Waldemar Wagner
Tom Hishon
Wilfred Mayville
Bob English
Betty Germann

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 31

2:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

Thursday, January 28

7:00 p.m. CWL Meeting

Saturday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
10:00 a.m. Server Training

Sunday, January 31

Coffee Sunday following the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass



WORLD DAY OF PEACE – JANUARY 1ST

The World Day of Prayer for Peace is this Monday, January 1st. People are encouraged to pause today, discuss peace and their responsibility to work and pray for it. Let us all pray for peace in our world, for love and goodwill among all nations, and for light and guidance for civil leaders.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 30, 31, 2017

*Genesis 15:1-6;17:3b-5,15-16;21:1-7 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19
Luke 2:22-40*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

New Parish Office Hours

Beginning in the new year, the parish office hours will change slightly, opening one half-hour later Monday to Friday, at **9:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m.** The office will still be closed at 4:00 p.m. and between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. While there may be activity around the Church or in the office during these times, parishioners are kindly asked to hold their requests and inquiries until the office is open. Email and phone messages can be left at all hours for reply in a reasonable amount of time.

Paving Project

It is with joy and gratitude that I announce the completion of the most difficult phase of our paving project: payment. Last week, I signed the final cheque repaying our parish's debt to the Diocese for this endeavour. This means that since the summer, we have repaid \$175 000, a truly remarkable feat! This is still further evidence of the generosity of spirit residing in the people of St. Anthony Daniel Parish. I am deeply grateful to all those who contributed to this project in any way. Please note: Any donations made to the Paving Project/Building Fund after repayment will remain on hand for the next major capital endeavour our beautiful (but 50-year-old) building provides.

Christmas Charitable Donations

Many parishioners are unaware of the substantial charitable giving the parish engages in, especially around Christmas time. Donations made to the parish Underprivileged Fund are distributed periodically throughout the year to local and international charities. Gifts ranging from \$500 to \$3000 were made this year on behalf of the people of St. Anthony Daniel Parish to the following charities:

Anselma House
CYO Camp Fund
Carmel of St. Joseph
Catholic Missions in Canada
Chalice Canada
Camboni Missionaries
Food Bank of Waterloo
Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate
St. John's Kitchen
The Working Centre

It is a privilege and an honour to make these donations on behalf of our community, and I often receive very thankful messages in reply. Thank you to all the parishioners whose donations make this support possible. Our parish is blessed with many generous hearts! Please contact me if you know of any charities that we might consider supporting in the future.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.
Tuesday Reverend Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wednesday Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Thursday Reverend Octavio Cidado
Friday Reverend Jose Edson Moreira
Saturday Reverend Peter Raymond.

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.



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, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

RCIA - open to those who are not baptized or baptized within another faith tradition, those baptized Catholic but have not received other Sacraments and those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Can begin at any time. Meet each Wednesday 7 – 9 p.m. in the Marian room. Call or email office and a team member will contact you with information.



PLEASE NOTE: RCIA will not meet in January, but will resume again in February of the new year).



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.

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League will meet for their General Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018. The evening will start with Mass at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. Our meeting's guest speaker is Sara Escobar, a street out-reach worker from The Working Centre in Kitchener. Our focus for 2018 will be on "Homelessness".



It is also an important meeting with elections and discussion on the "The League of the Future".

Reminder: Please read your Canadian League Magazine Fall 2017, pages 36-43, as a baseline for this discussion.

Also a huge thank you for your sock donations--195 pairs went to St. John's Kitchen.



GRIEF SUPPORT

Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering whether others share your experience? You are not alone. Come for an opportunity to learn, share, pray, and heal as you journey through grief. We will view excerpts from the DVD series "Grief Matters" by Dr. Bill Webster, followed by informal discussion. Join us in the Marian Room on Monday, January 8th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. This month's topic is "Coping with Grief". All are welcome.



MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

The Virgin Mary was already venerated as Mother of God when, in 431, the Council of Ephesus acclaimed her Theotokos (God-bearer). Her role in the mystery of the incarnation was celebrated on this day in Rome in the seventh century, but was soon eclipsed by other feasts of Mary. Restored to the liturgical calendar in 1931, and to this day, the feast celebrates from a Marian perspective the Word make flesh and so enriches the observance of the Octave of Christmas and provides a solemn beginning to the New Year.

MINISTRY RETREAT INVITATIONS

Parish volunteers may pick up their invitations to the February 4th Ministry Retreat *next weekend, January 6th and 7th*, in the narthex.



FLOWERS TO OUR SHUT-INS

The shut-ins of our parish who regularly have Communion taken to them on Sunday morning were each given a poinsettia this Christmas. We wish to thank the Eucharistic Minister(s) who delivered them.



Many, many thanks to all who helped to make our

Christmas Week liturgies faith-filled: readers, Eucharistic Ministers, music directors and choirs, altar servers, decorators and ministers of hospitality. To each of you – our heartfelt thanks!

Father Allen and Father Jim would also like to send a special "thank you" to so many for your wonderful Christmas greetings and generous gifts.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Lord, I know – New Year's resolutions rarely last, but I also know it is good to make them. Sometimes one of them sticks; sometimes one of them really makes it. So this year, I resolve to begin and end each day with a prayer: "Thank you Lord, for the gift of another day." This year, I resolve:

- to taste what I eat, especially at breakfast
- to walk more than I sit
- to listen more than I talk
- to walk more by faith than by fear
- to communicate more than to quarrel
- to sing more in church and in the shower
- to let the small things slide and the big things be confronted
- to eat salads and fruit more than chips and sweets
- to live up to at least one of these resolutions



from the Parish Staff