

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 6, 2016

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NEW WEBPAGE: [stbasilparish.ca](http://stbasilparish.ca)

### Mass Intentions this week

Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

#### March 8 to March 13

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** Intentions of George Cormier  
(in Church) followed by Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday 12: noon** † Peggy Harvey  
**Friday 12: noon** † Thérèse Dion, Intentions of  
Ralph Clark  
**Saturday 5:00 pm** † Josephine Giumelli, Intentions  
of Josephine MacKinnon



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Jim MacTavish and repose of his soul.  
Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name  
of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection  
basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, March 7	Rev. David Perrin, O.M.I.
Tuesday, March 8	Rev. Stephen Csiszar
Wednesday, March 9	Permanent Deacons
Thursday, March 10	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Friday, March 11	Rev. Tom Moisan
Saturday, March 12	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$3180.10 and our  
Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Tuesday evening of Lent, following the 6:30 pm  
Mass in Church, we will pray the Stations of the Cross,  
led by a different parish ministry each week. (The  
exception is on the Tuesday of Holy Week, following  
the 6:30 pm Mass; the *Sacrament of Reconciliation will  
be offered from 7 – 8 pm*). A wonderful Lenten prayer!

### Irish Dinner News- March 17

It's more than dinner! Bring your voices for Irish  
music and a sing along. Does anyone play the fiddle  
or accordion? And don't forget to wear your green  
clothing, funny hats and ties. Can you help  
decorate Thurs around 12 noon? Just show up or  
Call JoAnne @ 519-754-4392

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – St. Basil Council  
#13442 - Meeting: **Tuesday March 8, 2016** in the  
Rectory at 7:30 pm after Mass at **6:30 pm** in the Church  
and Stations of the Cross.

### MEDITATION

The younger son in today's parable experienced twists  
and turns on life's journey, before he "came to himself."  
We all need to "come to ourselves" – to know who we  
really are. Our good and loving God created us to be  
people of love and goodness. We've been given gifts  
and talents, for our good and the good of others. We've  
been created with great dignity and great responsibility.

Often, we forget that. We get lost, go astray:  
we make the wrong choices, taking the wrong path. We  
need to "come to ourselves" – to remember who we are.  
Scripture, prayer, Reconciliation, Eucharist: they help  
us find our way.

Maybe our getting lost or forgetting who we are is  
not as extreme as with the younger son, but it still happens. It  
happened to the older son. He, too, needed to come to  
himself. His father had to remind him: "Son, you are always  
with me, and all that is mine is yours." We need to hear that,  
too. We need to know that God created us in love and calls us  
into relationship. When we lose track of that, we don't live as  
we should: We aren't being the people God meant us to be.  
We all need to be reminded of who we really are, so we can  
live from that fullness.

Dinah Simmons, Halifax, NS

### SACRAMENTS!

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will  
be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on *Wednesday, April 27,  
2016 at 7:00 p.m.* Instructions for Candidates only: (parish  
hall): **Sunday, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am.** Retreat:  
**Saturday, April 16 from 2-4:30 pm** in our parish hall.

### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

*Next Parent Meeting is Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: this  
Session* will focus on Eucharist. 7 p.m. in Parish hall.  
**Prayer and Practice – 9:30 am – 11 am** on the  
Saturday morning of your chosen weekend of First  
Communion. We begin in the Church and end in our  
parish hall.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** – Members  
interested in attending the annual convention (May 13-  
15) are asked to pick up a registration form located at the  
back of church and submit to Donna Kane (519-752-  
1331) by March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE** - We will visit  
the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.  
**Sunday, May 15**, leaving by tour bus at 1:00 pm,  
returning by 6:00 pm. Purchase carnations after 11:30  
Mass to be placed at the Basilica. Fr Earl will preach at  
the 4:00 pm Mass. Cost: \$25 each.

**Sign-up sheet at the back of Church.**

## HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016**

Mass: (Sat) 5pm, 9:30, 11:30 am

**Monday March 21, 2016**

**You are invited to the beautiful Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton at 7 pm.**

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

6:30 PM Mass in Church

*Reconciliation 7 to 8 PM, Two Priests in attendance*

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

(in Church) 6:30 pm Mass – Reconciliation 7–8 pm

**Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016**

7 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 10 pm

**Good Friday March 25, 2016**

9 am Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross

11 am Passion of the Lord

(A briefer version for families with young children)

3 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday March 26, 2016**

9 am Morning Prayer

11 am Blessing of Easter Food

**8:00 PM Easter Vigil (This first Mass of Easter replaces the usual 5 pm Mass)**

Followed by social in Parish hall

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses 9:30 and 11:30 am

### FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Those who wish to make a donation toward the cost of flowers for our Church at the Easter Season, may do so by putting your donation in the collection basket, with your envelope number on it, and marking it "Flowers for Easter." *Your generosity is appreciated.*

**Remember next Sunday, March 13, 2016 Daylight Savings Time starts – put your clock ahead one hour before you retire on Saturday night!**

### A REMINDER:

Parishioners are asked to remember St. Basil parish in your will, or estate. Your assistance is invaluable. Also, at the time of death, please include St. Basil parish in the obituary for Memorial Donations.

Thank you! Our parish supports us spiritually all our lives!

### Pontifical Collection of Good Friday on March

**25, 2016 for the benefit of the Holy Land**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday March 25, 2016**. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. *"He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness."* Rm 12, 8

### DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH RALLY

**When?** Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 9 pm.

**Where?** Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood, On

**Cost?** \$15.00 which includes meals (but not transportation)

**For Whom?** Young people – grades seven to twelve.

**Information?** Go to [hamiltondiocese.com/youth rally](http://hamiltondiocese.com/youth-rally) (See the poster on the bulletin board and the cards in various tables in the Church.)

### BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We now have 4 spaces available at the back of our bulletin for advertising. If you can fill these empty spaces, please call Bialas Printing at 519-752-4268. Thank you!

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, May 29, 2016, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2016. (space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). To register for the celebration, please refer to the poster on our bulletin board or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 11, 2016. Call 905-664-5212 or e-mail [hamiltonretrouville1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouville1@cogeco.ca)