

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

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Mass Intentions this week

Jan. 13, 14, 2018

Saturday 5:00 pm

† Cecil & Anne Fulcher, Martha

Hunks, David Scotland, Robert Protani, Intentions of Brian Gilmore



Sanctuary Lamp

Intentions of The Crawley Family & repose of their souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Baptism of Our Lord
Tuesday Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Wednesday Consecrated Men and Women
Thursday Rev. Pawl Szymanowski, C.R.
Friday Rev. Stanley Zaryczny C.R.
Saturday Rev. Brendan McGrath

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**

HOLIDAYS

Fr. Earl will be away on a well deserved holidays from Monday, January 8th to Sunday January 21st. Also, we welcome Fr. Brian Quigley on the weekend of January 13, 14, 2018.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts will be issued for offerings in 2017. If you wish a receipt, please put a self-addressed envelope with, if possible, your envelope number and put into the collection basket. This will facilitate getting your receipt to you. If you are not able to locate your 2018 envelopes, please call the parish office 752-0361. ALSO, when you start using your 2018 envelopes, please put your name on the first few envelopes. Thank you.

MEDITATION

"Arise, shine, for your light has come," Isaiah says. He calls us to know God's presence, God's light on us, around us, and commands us to spread that light. Isaiah tells the people of Israel that the light of God's blessing shines on them and beyond them. He sees nations streaming to them, attracted by God's light. Some Israelites thought God's favour was exclusively theirs. But God's light can be shared without diminishing it. Every year at Easter the paschal candle, the Light of Christ, comes into a dark church and light is shared so the whole church glows. We proclaim light divided but never dimmed.

Epiphany celebrates God's light being revealed to all nations. The gospel, Paul says, has spread to the Gentiles. They have seen and received the light of Christ. Matthew tells of even earlier Gentile observers of that light, the Magi: "We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." The light that shone on the Magi shines on us. Jesus shares his light with us and asks us to spread it. The light of our faith may seem fragile, but a small light can set the world on fire. Sharing the light of God's love, God's blessing does not diminish it – it grows in strength as it is shared. Let's keep it burning brightly!

Dinah Simmons, Halifax, NS
Novalis, Living with Christ

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, December 24th

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| Envelopes | \$5,940.00 |
| Loose Collections | \$ 598.66 |
| Average Weekly Preauthorized | <u>\$ 485.00</u> |
| Total Weekly Offering Dec. 24, 2017 | \$7,023.66 |
| Budget expenses for the week | \$4,265.00 |

Sunday, December 31st

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| Envelopes | \$2,931.75 |
| Loose Collections | \$ 449.55 |
| Average Weekly Preauthorized | <u>\$ 485.00</u> |
| Total Weekly Offering Dec. 31, 2017 | \$3,866.30 |
| Budget expenses for the week | \$4,265.00 |

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY: Thank you!

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| Envelopes | \$5,120.00 |
| Loose Collections | \$1,699.35 |
| Average Weekly Preauthorized | <u>\$ 485.00</u> |
| Total Christmas Offering Dec. 25, 2017 | \$7,304.35 |

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on **Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on **April 21, 22 and April 28, 29, 2018.**

Epiphany - January 7, 2018

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246.

E-mail: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com,
www.HamiltonVocations.com

Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, or The Joy of Love. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon

MUSIC TRIVIA

Something to look forward to – Music Trivia on **Saturday, January 27** in our parish. Bar opens at 6:00 pm, Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. To help cover costs tickets are \$5.00. No singing just a lot of laughs and friendly competition.

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

St. Basil's raised \$1,358.00 for Pro-life through the purchase of Christmas Cakes. Thank you!



Prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us.

St. Teresa of Avila

Development & Peace 2018 SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN

*With our theme:
"Building peace through dialogue",
join us as we explore
how we and those around us
can become "artisans of peace".*

**ATTEND any one of our
Hamilton Diocesan WORKSHOPS!**

1-Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018 – 7:00pm

Holy Rosary Parish: 175 Emma St

Guelph ON N1E 1V6

2-Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018 – 7:00pm

Annunciation of Our Lord Parish: 280 Limeridge Rd W

Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2

3-Wednesday, Jan 17, 2018 – 7:00pm

St Michael's Parish: 181 Sewell Dr.

Oakville, ON L6H 1E3

4-Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, 7:00 pm

Resurrection College: 265 Westmount Rd. N.

Waterloo, ON N2L 3G7

Questions?...call Rita: 905-525-1198

Pornography Addiction among Children and Teens... It's Time to Talk

Pornography is impacting children and teens at rates never before seen. By the age of 18, 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, far too many are watching these violent and degrading images regularly; many are becoming addicted. **Come and learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how you can protect your children, grandchildren, students and all children.** The information will come to light through discussion and viewing of the documentary **Over 18** (view the trailer at www.over18doc.com/). **Over 18 will be shown at St. Pius X Parish (9 Waverly St.) on Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 7 P.M.** The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 or over should attend. For more information contact: Teresa Hartnett (Director of Family Ministry) at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. The evening is being jointly sponsored by the Brant Region CWL's and Knight of Columbus.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

There will be a meeting Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00pm in the rectory meeting room. Grand Knight – Bill Kane Tel #519-752-1331