

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 22, 2018

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### Mass Intentions this week



April 24 – 29, 2018

**Please Note:** Weekday Masses are Celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** †Deceased members of the Pietroban Family

**Wednesday 12:noon** Intentions of George & Rita Spencer and Dian Smith

**Thursday 1:30 pm (John Noble Home)**

**Friday 2:00 pm** At ACS with ACS Staff

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Magda Jakub, Frank Scicluna, Living and deceased Members of the Spelier & Duindam families



**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: Corrie Elford and repose of her 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, April 23	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Tuesday, April 24	Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R.
Wednesday, April 25	Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
Thursday, April 26	Rev. Bill LaFlamme, C.R.
Friday, April 27	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Saturday, April 28	Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.

### OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes, April 15 <sup>th</sup> .	\$1,545.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 192.40
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00
Total Weekly Offering April 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,222.40
Budget expenses for the week	\$4,265.00

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to be a priesthood, religious life or deacon: Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246. E-mail: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### MEDITATION

Today's readings are especially poignant to the western world. North American culture is over-saturated with marketing. Advertisers promote the message that if we buy their products, we will be complete. Most of us have experienced the disappointment of a newly purchased item falling short of our expectations.

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, contrast God's true love with worldly promises of love that fade. Jesus uses the analogy of the Good Shepherd and compares his authentic concern for the flock with that of the hired help who only care about their pay cheque. They flee the scene at the first sign of danger, leaving the sheep to fend for themselves. This message is also present in the other readings. In the first reading, from Acts, Peter states that "there is salvation in no one else." To put our faith in others, whether they be advertisers or celebrities, will lead to disappointment. In Psalm 118, the psalmist praises God who has protected him when all else failed.

God promises us a greater love than we can imagine. As the ultimate sign of this, he sent Christ into the world to call us. During this Easter season, and today on World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that Jesus' message will be embraced by all people searching for immortal and timeless love.

Andrew Hume, Toronto, On  
Novalis, Living with Christ

"St. John's College presents "FAME: *THE MUSICAL*"  
**May 16 - 19.** Tickets: ADULTS : \$15.00  
STUDENTS/SENIORS \$10.00 are available from the Main Office at the school or at the door. Doors Open 6:30 Curtain 7:00."

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

*Retreat day is Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> – 2 – 4:45 p.m., in our parish hall.*

We continue to pray for you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### RETREAT:

Your child's First Communion prayer and practice will be **Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m., in the Church.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be:

- The weekend of: April 21, 22, 2018 OR
- The weekend of April 28, 29, 2018 at all weekend Masses.

## **“FIRST SATURDAY” MASS**

On the first Saturday of each month Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m. at St. Joseph Church here in Brantford.

## **FROM ARCHBISHOP MacDONALD**

A hearty thank you to all who signed the card, said a prayer, attended the Coffee and Cake Socials after last Sunday's Masses – in spite of the wicked weather. A special thank you to the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus for their kind words and presentations, and cakes!

## **ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Please pick up Bishop Crosby's document on the Liturgy for our Diocese (Gathered Into One). It is very important that you read and study it!

## **LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Pope Francis has written an encyclical letter to us entitled “Gaudete et exsultate” (Rejoice and be glad”) – On the Call to Holiness in today's world.

You can find these (in several languages) at the following link:

<https://drive.spc.va/invitations?share=95a6950f539c26988824>

These texts and video link are now on our Diocesan website. A beautiful letter!

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS – WORD AND COMMUNION**

Please prayerfully consider attending a day (or half day) at St. Ann Parish, Ancaster (20 minutes away). Ministers of Communion gather from 9 am – lunch at noon. Ministers of the Word gather from noon lunch until 3 pm.

This takes place on *Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>* and will also feature the beautiful St. John's Bible.

Registration forms are on our “sign-in” table.

The parish will pay for lunch.

## **C.W.L. NEWS**

C.W.L. general meeting: All women are invited to hear Father Earl talk about his mission trip to Guatemala, *Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>*. Mass at 6:30 pm with meeting to follow immediately after Mass in the rectory meeting room.

**CWL Convention May 25-27** at the Delta in Guelph: Today is the last day to register. Please contact Donna Kane 519-752-1331 if you want to attend.

**C.W.L. Membership 2018 reminder** – The Catholic Women's League is still accepting new Memberships and renewals for 2018.

**Spanish Mass for Migrant Farmworkers:** Will begin on *Sunday, April 29* at Blessed Sacrament Church in Burford at 7:00 pm. There will be a social gathering in the Hall following the Mass. All are welcomed. Masses will take place each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month until October.

## **BRANT RIGHT TO LIFE**

Annual Dessert and Speaker Evening, *April 26, 2018*. Speaker: Colin Postma, Grassroots Manager for ARPA Canada.

“Your Love Will Save Defenseless Lives” In an age when assisted suicide is considered ‘dignified’, and abortion is considered a ‘right’, the Church has the opportunity to shine, reflecting Christ's love for those in need. At St. Basil Parish Hall, Doors open at 6:30 pm. Freewill offering. All are welcome! For more info: [brantrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:brantrighttolife@gmail.com).

## **RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU**

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of our SPRING RUMMAGE SALE. To those who made donations THANK YOU for your treasures.

THANK YOU to all the ladies who worked so hard sorting, selling, boxing, etc. etc. and to those who came to purchase our wares!

A special THANK YOU to Bryan DeRosse and his truck and those who came to help load the truck!

You are all truly appreciated. God Bless. Our profit after expenses was \$874.15

Unsold items are sent to Canadian Food for Children and/or other local organizations.

## **12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE**

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join the Catholic Women's League in quiet prayer on **Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, during the hours of 8:00 am – 8:00 pm in St Pius X Chapel, located in the church basement. A Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 8:00 am followed by Adoration and quiet prayer. This nationwide endeavor is a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. Coffee, tea and desserts will be available.

## **Support for Persons Separated or Divorced**

Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST.