

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 9th

The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Rita Waters, Spec. Int.

Tuesday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. David Creighton +
Ben & Denise Ruel +
Maria das Doris Machado +
John Cicero +

Wednesday, January 11th

9:00 a.m. Loretta Elliott, Spec. Int.

Thursday, January 12th

9:00 a.m. Basil Demik +
Fr. Scott Giuliani, Spec. Int.
George Beattie +
Ralph LaFontaine +

Friday, January 13th

9:00 a.m. Dorothy Harber +

Saturday, January 14th

9:00 a.m. Joseph Peirs +
5:00 p.m. Charles Korczak +

Sunday, January 15th

9:00 a.m. Joseph Longo +
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Please pray for the following:

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| Monty Wallace | Bev Butler |
| Gallina Goreaci | Dorothy & Ken Weegar |
| Fernando Lopes | Lynne Thurston |
| Carlos Telo | Don Hughes |
| Gene Donahue | |



If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office. The Monday Evening Charismatic Prayer Group also prays for those listed above.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, January 1st \$ 9,897.50
Envelopes 358

We wish to thank all our faithful contributors!

ORGAN AND BELL DONATIONS

Thank you very much for your generous donations. To date we have received **\$21,035.00** to help defray the \$35,000 expense.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

We wish to thank you for the many cards, gifts, baked goods and remembrances we received throughout the Christmas season. May our gracious God continue to be our source of peace and love in all that we are called to do.

*Friar Maurice, Friar Peter, Friar Reto,
Sister Rosalie, and Cristian*



BOOKING MEETING ROOMS

A reminder to all Parish Ministries: Please book your meetings for 2012 by dropping of your request in writing or by sending an e-mail to st.raphaels@sympatico.ca.

If you would like your ministry schedule available on the parish website please send your schedule to st.raphaelsbulletin@sympatico.ca

2012 PHOTO DIRECTORY BOOKINGS

Please watch the bulletin in the next few weeks for more details and instructions regarding the booking of appointments in February.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVING TREE

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! Again you opened your hearts to help those less fortunate. Thank you for making their Christmas a little merrier by showing you care with your beautiful gifts. May God bless you for your generosity. Have a very happy, healthy 2012.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM: This program will **commence again on January 15th, 2012** at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Boomerang Bridge and Euchre sessions are held on **Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun for only a loonie.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

On Saturday, February 4th we will once again host our Women's Retreat at St. Raphael's Parish Centre. This is a great community building event for our ladies of the parish. Of course family and friends are always welcome. This year Dr. Josie Lombardi will fill our morning with stories and reflections of faith. We are striving to make this retreat better than ever! To help keep us in the black we have raised the donation request to \$30. Our volunteers will be taking registrations after all the Masses this weekend and for the next three weeks.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

- The first Young Adult meeting will take place on Thursday, January 26th from 7 – 9 p.m. This meeting is for all young adults from 18 to 30 years of age. For more information please contact Cristian Lecanda at 905-637-2346 ext 108 or godsguard@sympatico.ca
- God Squad meetings resume on Wednesday, January 11th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, January 9th, 7:15 p.m., St. Francis Rm.

Men's Group

Monday, January 9th, 7:30 p.m., Hearth Rm.

GOD Squad Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th, 6:30 p.m., Parish Centre

SENT Meeting

Thursday, January 12th, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Rm.



CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Monday, January 16th** in the Parish Centre at 7:30 p.m. All present and past members are welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening of

BINGO for fun and prizes. REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012 - \$23.00. For more info, call Helen Sheehan @ 905-734-7481.



Thank you all members of the Decoration Group, regular and silent, who have worked on our new project this year. A job well done! Friar Maurice, we appreciate your direction and expertise.

WEEKLY BULLETIN IN YOUR INBOX! If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin via e-mail, please send a request to st.raphaelsbulletin@sympatico.ca

WELCOMED INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM:

Elijah Liam Elix Bloom
Rhys Bennett Gittings



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



Come away for a few hours of prayer....

Praying With the Sisters of St. Joseph: All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse at 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton, on **Saturday,**

January 14th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk on prayer, time for reflection and prayer and lunch. Suggested contribution is \$20. Please call 905-528-0138 to register by January 8th.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTION? Would you like to hear more about the process through CCAS?

Upcoming Information Night: **Wednesday January 18th** – 7:00 p.m. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East For more information and to register call Jocelyn Jacobs at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125. Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

FOSTER HOMES FOSTER HOPE!

Give the gift of love – become a foster parent!

Upcoming Information Night: **Wednesday January 25th** – 6:30 p.m. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East For more information and to register call Carol Larsen at (905) 525-CARE (2273) Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

DAY OF PRAYER: SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton. **Friday, January 28th**. 9:00 am to 3 pm. Bring a bag lunch....Tea & coffee provided. Suggested Offering: \$20. To Register: please call or e-mail Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS at 289-799-1064 or ssspertshire@sympatico.ca

A MESSAGE FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE

As Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton, I am inspired by the generosity of heart and goodness of our 16 seminarians. A majority of the seminarians and I will be on pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin next June. I am confident that this will be a wonderful opportunity to build fraternity among the men who are attending one of three seminaries and to deepen our reverence for the gift of the Holy Eucharist. We will be staying at the National Seminary in Maynooth during the Congress. The following is a projected breakdown of our costs for the pilgrimage:

Flight: \$1,000, Accommodations and Meals: \$750 (\$75 per day), Rail Pass: \$150, Congress Registration: \$130 Of the approximately \$2,000 cost for each participant, I am hopeful that a good portion of this will be covered by donations. Since a number of the seminarians have limited financial resources, I would appreciate any support you can offer to assist in defraying the cost. Please know that a tax receipt will be issued for any donations received. Cheques may be payable to the "Catholic Diocesan Account" indicating on the cheque that the donation is in support of the "seminarian pilgrimage" and may be addressed to: Vocation Office, Diocese of Hamilton, 700 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1C7. Please know that I appreciate the prayers and encouragement that you offer to the seminarians. Assisting them on pilgrimage is a wonderful way for us to express our care and support.

Reverend Kevin Cull



RE-LIVE BURLINGTON'S 'SWING ERA'! Sunday, February 5, 2012, 19:00-21:30

Where: The new Burlington Performing Arts Centre. *Description:* Step back to an era when 'Swing' reigned supreme in Burlington.

Come and join us at the new Performing Arts Centre on February 5 and experience an evening of great swing music featuring the powerful and heady hits of the '30's and 40's. The 17-piece Toronto All-Star Big Band wows crowds everywhere they perform. This event is sponsored by the Burlington Knights of Columbus. You can reserve your seats by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. The ticket price is only \$38.50 plus HST.

PILGRIMAGE to the LAND of JESUS, MARY and the APOSTLES: Catholic Biblical invites you on a journey of faith to the Holy Land, March 08-17, 2012. Visit and pray in Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Float in the Dead Sea, visit Qumran and Masada. In Jerusalem, pray in Gethsemane, walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Resurrection; touch the Western Wall and much more! SPECIAL MARCH BREAK DEPARTURE. Call Sr. Jocelyn Monette (Tour Leader) 905 272 3374 or Joanne Cothran 1 866 296 3345. Register now for this journey of a lifetime!