

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 3rd

9:00 a.m. Mary Shanahan +

Tuesday, October 4th

Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

9:00 a.m. Laura Colby +
John & Peggy McGuckian, Sp.Int.
Kevin Noonan +
Sheila Draper +

Wednesday, October 5th

9:00 a.m. Marguerite Laroloue, Spec. Int.

Thursday, October 6th

9:00 a.m. Luke Moore +
Kevin Noonan +
Michael O'Hara +
Elizabeth Dalrymple +

Friday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members &
Benefactors
Franciscan Order

Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. Vocations
5:00 p.m. Michael McIntyre +

Sunday, October 9th

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Leo & Philip Sabourim +

Please pray for the following:

Monty Wallace Margaret Cairns
Larry Dawson Dorothy & Ken Weegar



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

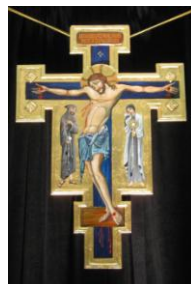
Sunday, September 25th \$ 6,407.00
Envelopes 335
Needs of the Church in Canada \$ 1,487.00

We wish to thank all our faithful contributors!



BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced between Grace Lesiuk and Michael Henrich

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



THE PILGRIM CROSS

The Pilgrim Cross will be in our Church for the week of **October 15 - 23**. This cross will be visiting the friaries and ministries of the Friars of St Anthony of Padua and Immaculate Conception Province for the next three years. Last year the decision was made to unite the two provinces into one. The Union will take effect in three years. During these months of transition, we are asking all the people we minister with to pray with and for us, that this Union will bring about new life and energy for the Friars and all those to whom and with whom we minister. We ask you for your prayers and thank you for your continued support as we move forward to new possibilities and growth in our lives.

"MATURING ADULTS - 60 PLUS"

"The Spirituality of Aging" is an audio-based program for interested men and women. It provides an opportunity for conversation and information as well as offers insight and gives affirmation. There are 4 sessions that take place on **Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting October 19th** through to November 9th. Registration is limited. Please contact Sister Rosalie.



An Invitation: To all interested in becoming Roman Catholic

We have an ongoing process to welcome new members to our faith community called **R.C.I.A., Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. This is a process of learning, reflection and discussion to help adults follow the longing in our hearts to find meaning, to discover God, and to come to know Jesus Christ and our Catholic way of life. We also invite baptized Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or received First Eucharist. If you wish to join our group of inquirers in September, please call Friar Peter at 905-637-2346.

FRIAR RETO'S ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area of the parish for those who wish to attend Friar Reto's Ordination and light reception on **Saturday, October 15th**. All are welcome! Please note the number of people from your family attending the lunch following the 10 a.m. Ordination Mass. You are also invited to attend Friar Reto's celebration of his First Mass on **Sunday, October 16th at 9 a.m.**

GIFT FOR FRIAR RETO

Perpetual prayers will be offered in the Adoration Chapel for Friar Reto from October 10th to 15th. If you or any person in your family would like to be part of this spiritual bouquet gift, please sign up for a few hours on the sign-up sheet located just outside the Adoration Chapel. As one family, one body in Christ, let us join in prayer to help Friar Reto prepare for his vocation to our Holy Roman Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please contact Henry at 905.510.9182

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, October 3rd, 7:15 p.m., St. Francis Rm.

Knitting Group

Wednesday, October 5th, 9:30 a.m., St. Francis Rm.

Decoration Group Meeting

Thursday, October 6th, 7:30 p.m., Hearth Rm.



The **St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection** will take place after all masses next week-end, **October 8/9**. For those who would like to use an envelope, they are available in the Parish Gathering area.

KITCHEN CLEANUP

Monday, Sept 26 was cleanup day for the parish kitchen. A big thank you to our volunteers: Elin, Marilyn, Martina, Mary, and Vivian for their wonderful effort. The kitchen is ready for the 2011/2012 season. Please leave the kitchen in the same condition as you find it. Thank you!

2012 PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Next year will be 10 years since our last photo directory. A committee is being formed to plan for the 2012 directory. We are looking for volunteers to help with this venture. A lot of the work has been computerized/digitalized since the last time. Parishioners with previous experience who were involved the last time would be welcomed as well. If you are interested in helping please contact Marlene at 905-634-0733.



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.

"Change 4 Life" Baby Bottle Campaign for Shifra Home: *Find a home for your change and change lives forever!*

For the next four weeks, please pick up and fill a baby bottle up with your loose change/cheque/bills. Your contributions will come together to create a home-like environment for young women and their babies at Shifra Home, a Christ-centered maternity residence and help us provide support services to young women during their pregnancy, childbirth and for a period after the birth of their baby. Please return baby bottles to the church any weekend through to October 29 & 30th. Questions? Please contact Gay Paige at 905-681-9633 or via email: gaypaige@shifrahomes.com. You can visit Shifra Home on the website www.shifrahomes.com. Coordinated by St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League

An Invitation to Knitters: Join our sociable group as we knit/crochet for our disadvantaged. We will provide patterns, needles and wool. If you can't join our group, you can take the materials home and bring them back when you are finished. Call Rose at 905-633-8455.



WELCOMED INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM:

Sydney Laurel Zoey Gamboa
Taylor Frances Lacroix
Chloe Pauline Leonardo

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Please join us for our **3rd annual "2000 Hail Marys"** on **Saturday October 8th** at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish, 475 Mary St., Hamilton. 2000 Hail Marys prayed from 8:00 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., Divine Mercy sung at 3:00 p.m., Holy Mass at 7:15 p.m. Outdoor candlelight procession to follow with burning of petitions. Honouring our Blessed Mother we come together to pray for more vocations. Everyone is welcome. After the procession, we invite you to the church hall for refreshments and to see displays of different religious communities. For more info please call Pat at (905) 529-3921.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

In Fall we assess our homes in preparation for the winter ahead. Why not take some time to prepare your relationship for those inevitable stormy moments which every relationship encounters? Spend some time together sharing future goals, go on a date and spend time together, or better still, consider signing up for a Marriage Encounter/Enrichment weekend (offered November 12/13) and reconnect in a way that will weather any storm. Spending time on your relationship is sure to boast a bountiful harvest.

Turn a Good Marriage Into A Great Marriage:

Come to a weekend that will enrich your relationship! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Give yourselves a private weekend away and discover each other anew. This may well be the most valuable weekend you will spend together as a couple!! For information about the Marriage Encounter/Enrichment weekend on Nov. 12/13 at Canterbury Hills, Ancaster, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 x 2249 or familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

UPCOMING "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT" SEMINAR

Fr. Bill Trusz, Pastor, and the St Margaret Mary Parish 'Community of Love' Prayer Group invite all adults to the 7-week 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar, which will take place in the Hearth Room following the 7:00 pm Mass every Friday **beginning October 21st** and concluding December 2nd. For information and/or registration please contact George at 905-578-4387 or email: brylow@interlog.com St. Margaret Mary Parish is located at 20 Idlewood Ave., Hamilton.

Transitions: Your Journey of Transformation through Grief and Loss

This retreat will provide insight, hope and prayerful support for those who have experienced a wide-variety of losses including the death of a loved one, illness, loss of a job and the ending of a marriage or significant relationship. Registration is limited to 12 participants – register soon! Facilitator: Sarah Donnelly, BA, M.Div. **Thursday October 27, 5pm – Sunday October 30, 1pm.** Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Live-in: \$475. To register or for more info please call 1-905-356-4113.