

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Blair Shanahan +

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Tony Helion +
Joe Lawlor +
Adrian Dewildt +
Gayle Santi, Spec. Int.

Wednesday, April 9

7:00 a.m. Dennis Camp +
9:00 a.m. Alex Beaton +

Thursday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Jim Cooper +
Thelma McCoy +
Living & Deceased Members
Glenny & Harris Families
Chester Gzik, Spec. Int.

Friday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Ron Chapman +

Saturday, April 12

9:00 a.m. Francis & Isabel Flood, Spec. Int.
5:00 p.m. Pauline Zambogna +

Sunday, April 13

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Francesca Rodrigues +

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon., Apr. 7	Rev. Bradley Markus
Tues., Apr. 8	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
Wed., Apr. 9	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
Thurs., Apr. 10	Rev. Stephen Crowley
Fri., Apr. 11	Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.
Sat., Apr. 12	Rev. Dennis Conway, M.C.C.J.

Please pray for the following:

Marta Cottrill	Larry Dawson
Ed Dawson	Ashley Leslie
Virginia Febo	Joseph Febo
Helen Plouffe	Carol Gallant
Mary Miller	Ken Weegar
Magdalena Szczesniak	Maureen Fisher
Dorothy Rowny	



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 by Wednesday morning. The Monday Evening Charismatic Prayer Group also prays for those listed above.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 30 th	\$ 5,868.00
Envelopes	307
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,252.00

We wish to thank all our faithful contributors!



DURING LENT you are invited to:

- **7:00 a.m. Mass** every **Wednesday** morning
- **Stations of the Cross** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church every **Friday**.

SHARE LENT COLLECTION on APRIL 6TH

Through the Share Lent collection, we are invited to be generous in our support of the good works of the *Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace*. See how your donation is making a difference: www.devp.org/en/sharelent2014 "Let's End Hunger Together". Thank you for your support.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER: The Decoration Committee asks you to consider bringing in flowers for the Easter season. We would appreciate a variety of flowers, and preferably, some that would last well into the Easter season,

which is six weeks long. If you would like to remember a loved one, feel free to include a small card with their name on it. Please bring flowers to the back of the church starting Wednesday, April 16th to Friday, April 18th, no later than 6:00 p.m. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL who donated toys and school supplies to Canadian Food For Children (Dr. Simone's charity). The Catholic Women's League is very grateful for your support with our Lenten Project.

ST RAPHAEL'S 2014 LENTEN PROJECT: St Raphael's Social Justice Committee invites you to participate in a Lenten project in support of Canadian Food for Children. Please offer your donation/almsgiving of the following items: buckets with lids (for food storage and water collection), flour, sugar, oatmeal, milk powder, lentils, rice, salt, washing powder and bar soap. Please bring these items to the marked area in the parish entrance. Thank you for your generosity.



FACEBOOK: Have you been left behind? Wish you could join the world of Facebook with your friends and kids? Join the St. Raphael's web committee for a free Facebook tutorial. Learn how to create an account, navigate through the site, set up security, and much more. **WHEN: Sunday, April 13th** after the 9 am & 11 am Masses. **WHERE:** Parish Centre

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the **CWL SPRING CARD PARTY** on **MAY 1, 2014**. Our annual fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 1st in the Parish Centre at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$10.00 for an enjoyable evening of playing bridge or euchre; 50/50 draw and many door prizes. Come enjoy our fabulous desserts as well. Tickets are available at the Religious Article Store in the Welcoming Area or by calling Helen @ 905-634-7481. Book your tables now!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Event Committee is looking for volunteers who want to have fun while putting together a variety of fun events for all of our Parish families. We will be meeting on **Monday, April 28th** in the meeting room next to the Hearth room at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call Renata Lazzaretto at 905 637 2457 or e-mail galwayrenata@gmail.com

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RENEWAL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 8th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre. The workshop will include a spiritual reflection on Eucharistic Ministry, a review of protocols and a question and answer period. We invite all Eucharistic Ministers to participate, including those who bring Communion to the hospital and nursing homes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group

Every Monday, 9:40 a.m., St. Anthony Rm.

Ladies Coffee Morning All Ladies Welcome

Monday, April 7th, 9:30 a.m., St. Francis Rm.

Boomerang Bridge and Euchre Session

Every Monday afternoon, 1:00 p.m., Parish Centre

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Monday, 7:15 p.m., St. Francis Rm

Men's Group

Every Monday, 7:30 p.m., Hearth Rm

Women of the Bible Study *Please note change in night*

Monday, April 7th, 7:30 p.m., Parish Centre

Eucharistic Ministers Renewal Workshop

Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m., Parish Centre

God Squad

Wednesday, April 9th, 6:30 p.m., Hearth Room

11 o'clock Mass Choir Rehearsal

Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Church All voices welcome!

9AM Sunday Mass Choir Rehearsal

Every Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Church All voices welcome!

Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group

Every Thursday morning, 9:30 a.m., St. Anthony Rm.

Every Thursday evening, 10:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m., Church

PASSION TABLEAU FOR GOOD FRIDAY: Each year a group of parishioners presents the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary of our church on the evening of Good Friday. We'd like to continue this tradition and we need volunteers who appreciate the dramatic arts to offer their services as participants in the tableau. The organizers will supply costumes and directions. There will be one rehearsal on the morning of Good Friday. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to volunteer their time. Please contact Orlando Tesolin at 905-639-2892 if you are interested in participating in this powerful presentation.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER:

10 Things Pope Francis wants you to know!

#4 Never Give Up on God's Mercy (1 of 3 parts)

Every Pope tends to develop a signature line or phrase that seems to sum up the message they're trying to teach. For John Paul II, it was "Be not afraid!", Benedict XVI "Reason and Faith!". Early on, a good candidate for Pope Francis' catch phrase seems to be "God never gets tired of forgiving us", the signature idea from Pope Francis is the reminder that God, above all, is a God of mercy, love and compassion whose capacity to forgive and to let sinners start anew is infinite. "For me, and I say this humbly, the strongest message of the Lord is mercy" Pope Francis said at his Mass on March 17th at St. Anne's Church.

GOD SQUAD MEETINGS: April 9, 16, 23, May 7 (last meeting of the year)

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: July 7 – July 11, 2014.

Registration forms will be available after Easter



The **St. Vincent de Paul** monthly collection will take place after all masses the week-end of **April 12/13**. For those who would like to use an envelope, they are available in the Parish Gathering area.

**** DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS ****

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: We invite you for a **40DFL End-Rally** - Join us on **Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 p.m.** for a candlelight procession from Whole Foods Plaza to OTMH where we will sing, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and offer petitions. At 5:00 p.m. we will celebrate the closing Mass together at St. James Parish, followed by a 'Baby Shower' reception - all proceeds will be donated to the Shifra Home. Please consider donating diapers (newborn size 1 and 2), baby clothes - different sizes, and baby wipes. Refreshments will be served.

SPRING CARNIVAL: Thursday, April 24th to Sunday, April 27th. Memorial Park, Hamilton Street in Waterdown, (across from Fortino's & MacDonalds). Enjoy some family fun on the amusement rides or play some games. Cotton Candy and candy apples available too! All ages welcome! The proceeds will be given to St. Ann's Parish in Hamilton.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2014? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 25, 2014** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Please refer to the poster in the parish entrance for information on how to register. You can also register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com

FUNDRAISER – Performance, Bake Sale and More!

St. Paul the Apostle Ministry for the Needy will be hosting a fundraiser on **Monday, April 7th** at 1pm. All are invited to attend a live performance of an original play called "The Prodigal Daughter" by local playwright and actress, Elisa Lollino, in the parish hall. Admission is \$5. For any questions please contact Trudy (905)336-5343.

The **Serra Club of Hamilton** invites you to attend the **11th Annual Celebration of Priesthood and Religious Life** Dinner. This year, we honour 3 Religious Priests and 6 Religious Sisters who celebrate their 50th anniversary of service. Candidates who will be ordained to the priesthood and profess final vows this year will also be in attendance. The Dinner takes place on **Tuesday, April 29th** at Liuna Station. The cost is \$60 per person. Please contact Margaret Carreiro at margaretcarreiro@gmail.com or phone 905-628-5682 after 5:00 pm for further info.

Join us on **Sunday April 27th** for the celebration of **DIVINE MERCY at St. Anthony of Padua Church**, 165 Prospect Church, Hamilton, with Fr. Janusz Roginski SAC as celebrant. The program is as follows: 2 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions; 3 p.m. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; 3:30 p.m. Holy Mass; 5 p.m. Video on Divine Mercy & Saint Sister Faustina. Refreshments will follow. A free will offering will be appreciated. For more information call 905-335-6902.