St. Mary's Parish Community

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
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BAPTISM is a sacrament, an action of Jesus Christ in his church, an outward sign of inward grace. Contact the office to register. Please see the website for more information.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
If you are an adult who: hasn't been baptized; or has been baptized in another non-Catholic church; or has been in another religion; or is a non-believer, you are welcome to contact us. The pastor would be happy to assist you.

MARRIAGES Before starting to plan your marriage please contact the office at least nine months in advance. There is more information on our website.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Pastoral care of the sick in homes or institutions may be arranged through the office. Never wait until the last moment to call the priest. For a visit to the BGH you must provide the full name of the patient, ward, floor and room number.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES
When death occurs in the family, please contact the funeral home first and they will arrange for you to meet with the pastor to make liturgical arrangements.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY
During your time of need and great sorrow please contact the office.

BULLETIN AND NOTICE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS
All announcements and materials displayed in the church and published in the bulletin MUST be approved by the pastor! We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be published as requested and without editing. They must be delivered by Friday NOON for the upcoming bulletin.

Bishop of Hamilton Diocese
Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Chancery Office: 905-528-7988

NEW PARISHIONERS - WELCOME!
New parishioners are welcome to register with the Parish by completing a Parish Registration Form available in the church lobby, or on our website, or from the office.
Please keep your parish records up to date! Notify us of any changes or when you move to another parish.

DONATIONS
Registered parishioners can request Offertory Envelopes. We issue Income Tax receipts for all registered donations. You can also choose to donate online through canadahelps.org. See the instructions on the website. Canadahelps.org provides Income Tax receipts directly to every donor.

LEGACIES & BEQUEST Keep the Love for Your Parish Alive. Remember St. Mary's Parish in your will and when suggesting expressions of sympathy.

MASS INTENTIONS AND IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS can be booked through the office. There are many ways to remember your loved ones. Please ask.

ST. MARY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
For help please call: **226-208 6846,**
or email: **ssvpmary@gmail.com**

Volunteers receive people in need at St. Mary's Catholic Learning Centre, former St. Mary's School. The entrance is located at the side of the building from Colborne St. or by ramp from the carpark from East Ave.
Open: Tue. and Thu. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Pastor: Fr. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.
Pastoral Minister: Mrs. Joyce Young
Office Manager: Mrs. Angela Rowley **Office Hours:** Monday closed
Tue., Wed. and Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m., Thu. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (lunch break Noon – 1:00 p.m.)

OUR LORD'S DAY MASSES Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy: Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (except holidays)
CONFESSIONS Tues.: 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Sat.: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., or by appointment

Elementary Schools associated with our parish
Jean Vanier: 519-753-5283, **St. Peter's:** 519-752-1611, **Holy Cross:** 519-756-5032

Liturgies

Saturday, February 8,
"Jesus had compassion on the crowd; they were like sheep without a shepherd."
- **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

Mass 5:00 p.m. – Int. of Barb Gray
Vocation Prayer - Rev. Ross Campbell

Sunday, February 9, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"You are the light of the world."
Mass 9:00 a.m. –Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)
Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Alberto D'Eramo, **†** Marg Watson, **†** John Kuilboer, **†** Fiorella Gallo, **†** The deceased members of the Sharp Family, In Thanksgiving
Vocation Prayer - Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

Tuesday, February 11,
"You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."
- **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**
- **Devotions 6:30 p.m**. Padre Pio

Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Maria Petrucci
Vocation Prayer – Rev. William Foote

Wednesday, February 12,
"It is what comes out of a person's mouth that defiles."
Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Bernice Guertin
Vocation Prayer – Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (S.J.C.)

Thursday, February 13
"Even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
Mass 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Moses DaPonte
Vocation Prayer - Rev. Robert Love

Friday, February 14, St. Cyril & St. Methodius
"Jesus made those who are deaf to hear and those who are mute to speak."
Mass 9:00 a.m. – In Thanksgiving
- ~~Eucharistic Adoration following Mass, concluding with the Benediction at 10:30 a.m., *confessions available only when time permits*~~

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Edward Hinsperger

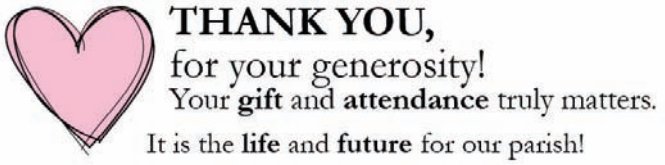
Saturday, February 15,
"The crowd ate and were filled."
- **Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

Mass 5:00 p.m. – Int. of Angela Rowley
Vocation Prayer – Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

Sunday, February 16, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"You have heard what was said to those of ancient times."
Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Vincenzo Tangi, **†** Vincenzo Petitti, **†** Alberto Trombetta, **†** Luciano D'Aloia, **†** Int. of Vicki Coyle, Int. of Ruth MacDonald
Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)
Vocation Prayer – Rev. Luc Payette

Sunday Collection for Feb. 1/2, 2020

Env. $1974.00+ Loose $477.15 = $2451.15
Seminary Education Collection $356.00



DAILY HOLY MASS

Due to inclement winter weather conditions, the daily Holy Mass, Tuesday to Friday may be celebrated in the Msgr. Maloney Room, please check the website or call the office before heading to the church. The church doors will be marked and only the bell tower door will be open.

THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11,
[…] On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, I think of our many brothers and sisters throughout the world who have no access to medical care because they live in poverty. For this reason, I urge healthcare institutions and government leaders throughout the world not to neglect social justice out of a preoccupation for financial concerns. It is my hope that, by joining the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, efforts will be made to cooperate in ensuring that everyone has access to suitable treatments for preserving and restoring their health. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who serve the sick, often compensating for structural shortcomings, while reflecting the image of Christ, the Good Samaritan, by their acts of tender love and closeness.
/ Pope Francis

Prayer: God of wholeness, of space, time and light, Your presence peers in all and overall events and experiences of life, I come to pray, for the most vulnerable among us the broken in mind, body and spirit. For them You have come to be most near. They are among Your chosen ones, to manifest Your healing and saving powers of mercy, patience, and faithful endurance. As on the Cross, through this, our humanity You took on, in love, for love. Touch and make holy, their sufferings, breathe in them Your Spirit. Immerse and wash through old cells, Your precious blood and water. Hide and make as Your own, their wounds. Hear them when they cry out, "Jesus, remember me." They bend, like bruised reeds, but not broken. Like the good thief Dismas, not spurned. For in all ... who is like You, O God of compassion? "Your will be done." A new morning is birthed. Amen. / Isabelita Boquirem BCC

ARISTOTLE AND THOMAS AQUINAS

Jason Wikis who visited us last year and who is the Pallottine Fathers in Canada first candidate for priesthood continues his study on philosophy at Saint Philip Oratory in Toronto. He is coming to visit us again on **February 15/16** and he will share with us some thoughts on HAPPINESS according to Greek philosopher Aristotle and Catholic Theologian Thomas Aquinas. We all want to be happy and we will learn more on this, but it will also be an opportunity to know what knowledge a future priest needs to obtain before ordination. **February 15, after 5:00 pm Mass.**

MARCH BREAK PROGRAM

Altar Servers and children Grade 3 and above who would like to learn what altar servers do are invited for a trip to Christ the King Cathedral Basilica in Hamilton on March 19, 2020, all day. There will be time for exploring, some fun and a meal. Please contact Joyce Young our pastoral minister for more information or ask your teacher at school if you attend one of our schools. Email: pmmarybrantford@gmail.com, or call 519-753-7316

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, 2020

We will begin the preparation process for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptisms will be celebrated in April, May and June. Registration forms are available from our website: www.marybrantford.com and contact the office for more details. Once registered, we will meet families who are interested on February 16, at 11:00 am. Please remain in the church after the Mass for further instructions on that day. The best way to prepare for the Sacrament is to regularly attend Sunday Mass.

PALLOTTINE SEMINARY DONATION

You can support formation of the future Pallottine priests, who might come to Canada or work as missionaries in the world. The "yellow donation envelopes" are available at the doors. Please return you donation before Feb 16, 2020.
THANK YOU!

The God Beat: Writing about religion in the 21st century

On Friday, February 14th, St. Jerome's University's Lectures in Catholic Experience presents **"The God Beat: Writing about religion in the 21st century"**, presented by Michael Enright, host of CBC Radio's *The Sunday Edition*.With over 50 years of journalistic experience, **Michael Enright** has held key positions in Canadian media. With the decline in church attendance, coverage of religion virtually disappeared, and the religion reporter went the way of the labour reporter. Michael Enright, a former religion editor, argues that this has forced a re-thinking of religion and faith coverage, which has become "confused, confusing, and complicated."
Location: Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45 p.m.
Admission is free. Free parking. Refreshments served prior to the lecture. Please **register in advance**, but tickets are not required at the door.

FATHER/DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE

on February 15, 2020 at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in Burford. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus are hosting this event to help support local charities. Cost is $15 per couple and includes entrance, a photo, a slice of pizza and pop. Raffle is extra. For more information please call 519-449-5143 or email pciallella@hamiltondiocese.com.

RITE OF ELECTION (RCIA)

The Rite of Election is celebrated on or near the First Sunday of Lent with the catechumens who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, eucharist) at the upcoming Easter Vigil. It is celebrated by the Bishop who, in the presence of the community, declares the Church's approval of the catechumens for the celebration of the three initiation sacraments. When & Where? March 1st, 2020 at 1:30 PM
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, ON

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday June 14, 2020 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL
A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

Thank you everyone for your pledges and gifts made so far. The work should commence as soon as weather permits, possibly in April. Please don't forget to fulfil your pledge for 2020.

PERPETUAL MASS

The Pallottine Fathers accepts Perpetual Mass Intentions. You can now enroll your deceased loved ones for these perpetual Masses, and they will share in the spiritual benefits:

- Holy Mass each day in Pallottine Communities
- Remembered at daily Pallottine Prayers (morning, noon and night)
- Remembered during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at the Pallottine Seminary in Poland
- Remembered during Holy Mass at the Pallottine Seminary each First Friday
- And blessing of the Holy Father

A beautiful Mass hard cover card will be provided. Donations of $25.00 would be appreciated for this Perpetual Mass League. These are available at the parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION 2020

Our Program is open to children Grade 2 or older who have been baptised Catholic. We invite children from all our Parochial Schools and children who attend St. Mary's church but are from other schools.

If your child is not baptised, you need to contact the church office so we can arrange for the baptism. You can find information on our website:
http://www.marybrantford.com/downloads.html

EVENTS SCHEDULE 2020

Enrolment Sunday
Weekend February 15/16 at any Mass
Bring the artwork with you for display in church

First Confessions
Wednesday, March 11th at 7pm in the church

Joy Sunday
Weekend March 14/15 at any Mass
Parish community will celebrate with them the joy of having received Confession for the first time

Rehearsal
Friday May 1st at 10am
Bussing provided from Jean Vanier, Holy Cross and St. Peter. Children not from these schools need to arrange transportation

First Holy Communion Mass
Saturday, May 2 or May 9 at 5:00pm Mass or
Sunday, May 3 or May 10 at 11:00 am Mass
Please arrive early and sit at the front of the church

Blessing of First Communion gifts
Weekend May 16/17 at any Mass
Bring you First Communion gifts to Mass for a blessing

A more detailed package will be sent home from the schools and is also available from our website.

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