



Monday, December 3 *St. Francis Xavier*
8:00a.m. Kalla Kostas

Tuesday, December 4 *St. John Damascene*
7:00p.m. John Vanderzalm Robert Mech
James Murphy Alfred Micallef
Donata Raniero Benedicto Ngo Tran
Jenny Nusca

Wednesday, December 5
8:00a.m. Intentions of Lucille Gagnier

Thursday, December 6 *St. Nicholas*
8:00a.m. 50th Anniversary of Phil & Diane O'Keefe

Friday, December 7 *St. Ambrose*
8:00a.m. Lorraine Hodgins

Saturday, December 8 *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*
9:00a.m. Missa Pro Populo

5:00p.m. William Batt Jennie Nusca
Vincenzo & Adelina Spadaro
Gnanapragasam

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Week of the December 2nd**

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Octavio Cidadoo
Tuesday Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Wednesday Discalced Carmelite Sisters
Thursday Rev. Peter Raymond
Friday Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Saturday Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.

Loving Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Advent Service of Lessons and Carols
This Sunday, December 2nd at 7:00pm**

The weeks before Christmas are usually a hurried time of shopping, preparations, and card writing. For Christians, however, these weeks should be marked by prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Plan to attend our **Annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols this evening**, as a way to begin this season in prayer and recollection. This service will be a reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture, song, and Christian fellowship. Once again we are pleased to welcome the Priests and Parishioners of St. John's Anglican Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Ancaster Village Church for this service. Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service. Please come and bring a friend!

Eucharistic Adoration

As you ponder participating in Eucharistic adoration this Advent, please consider this testimony.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Parish Photo Directory

More photography sittings for St. Ann's Photo Directory will take place on **December 3 and 4** for those who missed the opportunity to be photographed during the summer. Appointment sign-ups will take place after all Masses outside the parish hall. OR ... you may use the online appointment system. Go to **ipcpphoto.ca** Click on **Appointments**. Password is " **myphoto** " Then click on **St. Ann's Church**.

By participating, you will receive a **free parish photo directory and a free 8X10 portrait** For information, call **Mary Harmon: 289-239-9663** or email: **harmonmary88@gmail.com**



PARISH NEEDS

We are in need of an adding machine that prints a tape for tallying up the collection, and also a steel file cabinet which locks if anyone has either of these items that they no longer use and would be interested in donating it to the church call Denise at the Church office 905-648-6874.

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF) is accepting applications for 2019 Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about CWLF, the Leadership Program and to complete an application form visit www.cwlfcanada.ca.

Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – Bishop Crosby will be the celebrant of a healing Mass for those who have lost a child, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 at 4 pm. Registration is preferred, but not necessary. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to the parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. This helps to ensure regular, dependable contributions to the parish.

Giving generously, faithfully, and sacrificially not only enables our parish to fulfill the mission of the Church, but it also brings about another important transformation – that which takes place within the heart of the one who gives. In this way, God - who is never outdone in generosity - brings to life the beautiful words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "For it is in giving that we receive."

For more information or to enroll, please contact the parish office.



Envelopes for 2019 are now available in the Parish Centre. Please check the box label to ensure we have your correct names and address. **Please do not use envelopes from previous years.**

Pray for the Sick

Please keep those of our parish who are suffering mentally or physically in your prayers.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

Who will actually conduct the campaign at each Parish?

The Diocese, with the help of the Steier Group, will manage the overall campaign effort, including the preparation of materials. At each Parish, the Pastor will identify campaign leaders who will work with the Steier Group. Those Parish leaders will help recruit other volunteers to form a campaign team that will conduct the personal visits and other elements that are the key to the success of the campaign.

How much help with the campaign can our Parish expect to get from the Diocese and the consulting firm?

The Diocese will pay the financial costs of the campaign. Parishes will not be responsible for any campaign expenses such as postage, printing or diocesan events held at the parish. If a Parish hosts an event to promote the campaign to its parishioners, the Parish will bear those costs. In addition, several Steier Group campaign managers will guide the Parishes through the campaign process. Each Parish will be assigned to one of four "waves." The Parish will be responsible for forming a team of volunteers that implements the necessary elements of the process.

How long will this take?

On a diocesan level, the entire campaign will run through early 2021. On a Parish level, there will be four campaign "waves." A Parish's particular wave will run for six to seven months. That includes preparation, solicitation and follow-up phases. The active solicitation period will last three to four months.

What happens if our Parish doesn't hit its financial goal?

A clergy committee will implement policies that all parishes will follow on such questions. There will be incentives for Parishes to reach their goals. Parishes not reaching their goals face the prospect of not being able to complete needed projects