



Monday, December 4 *St. John Damascene*
8:00a.m. Luigi Giurdanella

Tuesday, December 5
7:00p.m. Robert & Shirley McHarg Frank Duff
Bob Mullen JoAnn Walker
Gary Ashbaugh Vincent James Howcroft
Vincenzo & Adelina Spadaro
William and Mary McIntosh

Wednesday, December 6 *St. Nicholas, Bishop*
8:00a.m. Doreen Catterson

Thursday, December 7 *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Dr.*
8:00a.m. Bob Mullen

Friday, December 8 *The Immaculate Conception*
8:00a.m. *Missa Pro Populo*

Saturday, December 9 *St. Juan Diego*
9:00a.m. Intentions of Candia Fletcher

5:00p.m. Intentions of Maria Rosa Mike Kulmatycki
Jordana Krikorian-Page Paulette MacCormack
Michele & Maria Mastrangelo

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Weeks of the December 3rd, 2017

This week we especially pray for:

- Monday Rev. Charlie Jordan
- Tuesday Rev. Mark Sullivan
- Wednesday Discalced Carmelite Sisters
- Thursday Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
- Friday Rev. Edward Mahony
- Saturday Rev. Peter Ciallella

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

This Sunday, December 3rd 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. This years' service will take a different format from previous years. The evening will be rich with readings from Sacred Scripture and beautiful musical selections from The Messiah by Georg Friedrich Handel. This service will be a reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture, song, and Christian fellowship. Once again we are pleased to welcome our fellow Christians from St. John's Anglican Church, Ancaster Village Church, and other congregations in town. You are welcome to invite any friends and relatives you like. As always, the service will be followed by seasonal refreshments and Christian fellowship. Please plan to begin the Season of Advent with this prayerful evening of Scripture and song.

Young People's Hour with Jesus

All young Parishioners between grade seven and university are invited to begin the Advent Season, by spending an hour with Jesus, and then an hour with one another. Join us after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 9, and spend an Hour with Jesus. As we enter into the Advent Season, Jesus invites us to Come to Him, and allow Him to warm our hearts. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar for a time of prayer with Praise Music, Scripture, and Quiet Time with the Lord. After Adoration stick around and have dinner together in the Parish Hall. If you are planning to come please call the Parish office, or e-mail Fr. Ian so that we know how many to expect for dinner. We will be finished by 8:00pm.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children ages 5 + are invited to join us as we present the **Christmas Story** prior to the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Children and parents are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 3rd following the 12pm Mass**. Rehearsal dates will be announced. The pageant will be presented prior to the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions please contact David at the parish office or by email at ddayler@st-anns-ancaster.com



Eucharistic Adoration

This Advent, there is Eucharistic adoration in the side chapel (The Lady Chapel) of St. Ann Parish, each week from Monday morning until Saturday morning. There's no

better way to prepare for the coming of our Lord than by spending quiet time with Him in prayer.

“When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to him; he will come to us; the one to ask, the other to receive. It will be like a breath from one to the other.”

– *Catechism on the Real Presence*

The Church remains open from 7:15am until 4pm each day, if you will be coming to Adoration outside of these hours or for more information, please call the parish office at 905-648-6874.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT-ST. AUGUSTINE'S

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6579 is presenting a CHRISTMAS CONCERT with the renowned Burlington Welsh Male Chorus and featuring the wonderful Burlington Welsh Ladies Chorus in St. Augustine's Church on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Start the Christmas Season with a fabulous concert by this excellent male choir and marvellous ladies' choir. Beer and wine will be offered for sale at the intermission and following the concert at the “Afterglow” in the parish hall. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and \$10.00 for children 16 and under and can be purchased after Masses at St. Augustine's starting next weekend or by calling St. Augustine's Parish Office at 905-628-2880 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. to Fri., or call Chet at 289-921-0748. Proceeds to benefit the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids and various other charities in Hamilton.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE-CARITAS CANADA

In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is working with Caritas Bangladesh to support a food distribution program along the border with Myanmar. Development and Peace is also assisting Bangladeshis with food and other emergency relief given the enormous strain that the refugee crisis is having on their own country's very limited resources.

Visit the Development and Peace website: <https://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh>. for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.

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2. Click register on the bottom right of the picture.
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4. Check the box indicating that you understand the terms and click “submit”.
5. Go to your email and click the link to activate your account. Just LOGIN at the top right corner any time you return to *formed.org* with your email and password you created.

Carmelite Novena to Infant Jesus

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2017. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Healing Mass

You are invited to a Healing Mass for Those Mourning the Loss of a Child – Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 at 4pm**. If you have lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or who have had a still birth are invited to this Mass celebrated by **Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.** Registration is encouraged. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at www.hamiltondiocese.com.