



Monday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine*
8:00a.m. Edward Hollingham

Tuesday, September 18
7:00p.m. Matilde & Salvatore De Luca
Intentions of Maria Aloa Sam Tassone
Dennis King Joseph Commisso
Huibers Family

Wed., September 19 *St. Januarius*
8:00a.m. Stan & Maria Filice

Thursday, September 20 *Sts. Andrew Kim, Paul
Chong & Companions*
8:00a.m. Jin Pill Jang

Friday, September 21 *St. Matthew, Apostle*
8:00a.m. Salim & Olga Gedeon

Saturday, September 22
9:00a.m. **No Morning Mass**

5:00p.m. Christopher Roumi Maria Luisa Caiella
Sofia Runco Graziano Muccignat
Jean Bouchard

**Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Week of the September 16th**

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. Heinner Paucar, O.M.I.
Tuesday Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Wednesday Cong. of Missionaries of St. Charles
Thursday Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Friday Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Saturday Soul of Rev. Peter Coughlin

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.

"Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." — St. Teresa of Avila

**FAITH AND FAMILY-FOOTBALL GAME
AT TIM HORTON'S FIELD**

Bring your family to Tim Horton's Field to celebrate Faith, Family & Football, on Saturday, September 29th at 4pm. Tickets \$35.00 each. **Contact 905-648-6874 or David Dayler at dgdayler@gmail.com this week.**

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Programs are available for children are not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children who are not in Catholic Schools is also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more info.



As you may be aware, the Indian state of Kerala has suffered devastating floods in which hundreds have died and over a million have been displaced. Many concerned Catholics in the Diocese have enquired as to how they can assist. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is supporting their partner, Caritas India, who is providing direct assistance on the ground in Kerala. **Donations should be made directly to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** by visiting their website, <https://www.devp.org/en/articles/development-and-peace-caritas-canada-extends-helping-hand-those-affected-devastating-floods> which contains information about the floods and a link to an online donation page. ***Donations are also accepted through mail, and address information can be found on the website.***

The Mass – Starting on Tuesday, October 16

For Catholics the Mass is the most important thing we do, it is where we are most fully who we are as we gather as a community to worship the God who loves us. Yet all too often the Mass can become familiar almost to the point of being rote, and we can be tempted to ask, "Why do we do this?" among other questions. For Adults we will be offering "The Mass" a new series by Bishop Robert Barron beginning on Tues., Oct. 16th at 7:30pm. For the Youth we will be offering "Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed" by Ascension Press. Watch the bulletin for details for the Youth Program. Call the parish office at 905-648-6874.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Perhaps you are...

- A Baptized Catholic with very little religious formation?
- A Christian who was baptized and raised in a different denomination?
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- Someone who has never been baptized?

The **R.C.I.A.** is an exploration of the essentials of the Catholic faith in a series of weekly meetings. It is an opportunity to ask those questions you have always had, and to explore your own faith and membership in the Church.

R.C.I.A. is not a course with papers and marks, nor is it an encounter session. Rather, it is a weekly gathering with like-minded inquirers, parishioners and parish staff; a place to learn more about God's revelation in Jesus Christ and the life of the Church that Jesus founded.

We are now beginning preparations for **R.C.I.A.** 2018-2019. For further information, or to register please call Fr. Ian at the Parish Office before October 2018.

School Dates to Remember

Confirmation Parent Meetings

Private, Public and Home School Children

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30pm

Holy Name of Mary & Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00pm

St. Ann's & St. Joachim's

Thursday, October 11 at 7:00pm

Grade Two Parent Meetings

Private, Public and Home School Children

Tuesday, November 6th at 7:30pm

St. Ann's & St. Joachim's

Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00pm

Holy Name of Mary & Immaculate Conception

Thursday, November 8th at 7:00pm

OUR RESPONSE TO A CHURCH IN CRISIS

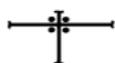
Cardinal Thomas Collins acknowledges that Catholics are "rightly enraged" by these scandals around the world and that "evil must be rooted out". Bishop Robert Barron says this is no time to leave the Church, rather to fight for Her as the saints have done throughout history. In response to Bishop Crosby's call to "*pray fervently for an end to every form of abuse and a renewed commitment to provide a safe environment for all*", St. Ann's Men's and Women's groups are hosting an evening of reflection, prayer and adoration for a Church in crisis and as an act of solidarity with our faithful shepherds, especially Fr. Ian and Fr. Joseph. This is our response as a parish community. The evening will begin in the parish centre with some powerful reflections, followed by a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration and prayers in the Church. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 27th beginning at 7pm.

DIOCESE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Diocese of Hamilton has decided to move forward with a Parish-focused capital campaign after a recent study found support from 83 percent of the respondents. The planning study was conducted from May through June by the Steier Group, a campaign consulting firm, and included more than 900 clergy and lay participants. Under the proposed campaign plan, 75 percent of the funds raised would go to the Parishes for projects of their choosing, 15 percent to diocesan ministries and 10 percent to support Parishes in need. On the diocesan campaign website, www.hamiltondiocese.com/campaign, you can find a letter from Bishop Crosby about the study and the campaign, plus a more detailed summary of the planning study results.

DATE NIGHT

You've asked for it and we've responded! It's finally here! A date night for all young adult Catholics who are single and looking! Join us on Saturday, September 29th at 7pm - The feast of St. Raphael, Patron Saint of Couples and Courtship. Join us at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Waterdown. You **MUST** pre-register as we need equal numbers of men & women and spots are limited. For Catholic Young Adults ages 23-35. Contact jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com for more info or to register.



Rest in Peace

CECELIA MERCER

FRANCA DI GENNARO