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Mass Schedule Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time September 25th to October 1st

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00 p.m.	+Jack Moore (Frances Mantler & Family)
Sunday St. Martin of Tours St. Mary Immaculate	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Tuesday St. Wenceslaus (OM)	7:00 p.m.	+Diane Bloch (Feil Family)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Heritage River Retirement Residence	A.I.D. For the Intentions of Winn Ingham on the Occasion of Her 100th Birthday (Frances Mantler & Family)
Thursday St Jerome (M)	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration For Peace & Reconciliation (National Day of Truth & Reconciliation)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Campbell (Colette Blaney)

"So do not fear, for I'm with you; do not be dismayed, for I'm your God." -Isaiah 41:10

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sincere thanks to parishioners who have asked about how to purchase copies of my latest publication titled, Dialogue: The influence of Intra-personal Discourse on Interpersonal Communication in Fostering Relationships in a Digital Age. This 240-page book was published to mark the 20th anniversary of my priestly ordination (July 14, 2001). I used the period of the lock down last year to write the book. In the present digital age with challenges to human communication and relationships on many fronts, this book draws experiences from the Christian faith, communication studies, African culture and my pastoral experiences across three continents to show how to engage productive dialogue in the family (between husband/wife; parents/children; grannies/grandkids) and among various groups in the Church and workplace. The book is a must-read for anyone desiring a home free of misunderstandings and conflicts as it highlights how to foster relationships through dialogue. Please see how to order on the next page.

OFFERINGS

St. Mary's – September 18th & 19th

 31 Weekly Offerings
 \$ 993.00

 Weekly Loose
 22.00

 9 Needs of the Cdn. Church
 191.00

 Total:
 \$1,283.20

St. Martin's – will be reported by-weekly

YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

COVID VACCINES

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

BOOK ORDER

As earlier stated, sincere thanks to those who have asked for copies of the book on Dialogue. You can purchase copies for yourself, your children and friends at \$29 (in cash) per copy from Louise Lussier. If you wish to have the book autographed, please register the name you wish written on it with Louise or send it to Fr. Emmanuel at: stmelpastor@wightman.ca Kindly do this in the next two weeks. The books will be signed and distributed on Sunday October 10th. Again, thank you and God bless.

THANKS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanks to everyone who supported our Drive-Thru Pork Roast last Saturday by purchasing meals and making donations for our Coats for Kids Program. 48 winter coats will be supplied to The Community Resource Centre for children in need. Thank you so much!

ONLINE PRO-LIFE APOLOGETICS WORKSHOP

What would you say if someone you knew told you that they support abortion? Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting a pro-life apologetics workshop, so that you know how to confidently and concisely articulate the pro-life position to friends, family and even strangers! The event will take place September 30th at 7:00 p.m. online at https://meet.google.com/cns-kphh-pkk. For more information please call (519)-836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife.com.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION RESOURCE

The Diocese of Hamilton Office of Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a two-page resource sheet for confirmandi and their sponsors/parents to help encourage reflection/prayer in the days leading up to Confirmation. This is a free, printable resource available on the diocesan website. We encourage families to use this resource. A downloadable PDF can be found at: https://bit.ly/2YLQIzO

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH		
Sept. 25/26	Collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church	
Sept. 30	Mass of Peace and Reconciliation – 7:00 p.m.	
Oct. 3	Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Lobsinger 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.	
Oct 17/24	Sacrament of First Holy Communion. 2:00 p.m.	