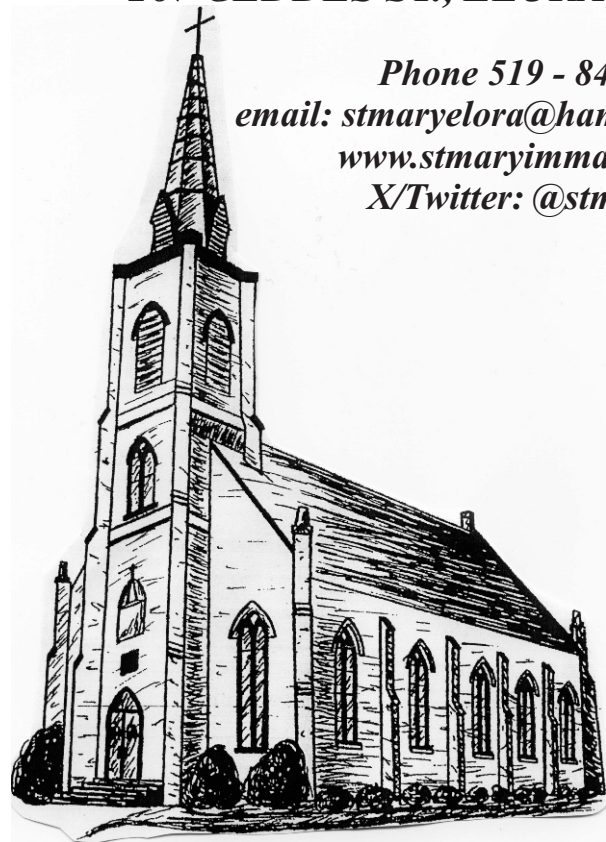


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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am*
Sunday 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm
Sunday 8:30 - 8:45 am*
First Thursday of the Month 6:40 - 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday 9:00 am
On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at Wellington Terrace LTC and the last Wednesday of the month at Heritage River Retirement Residence, both at 10:30 am, instead of 9:00am at St. Mary's

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

The first Thursday of each month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

* Celebrated at St. Martin of Tours in Drayton

The Sacrament of Baptism Parents are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible after the birth of their baby. Adults seeking Baptism for themselves are also encouraged to contact us.

Ministry to the Sick If you or a family member is in hospital and in need of sacramental ministry, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Matrimony Those seeking marriage should contact the parish office before booking a reception venue. Weddings are normally celebrated in a parish where either the bride or the groom resides.

Memorial Donations Please remember your parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

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CANDLEMAS - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Candlemas - The Presentation of the Lord</i>	
Saturday, February 1st	
5:00 p.m.	+Brad Carberry (Bowen Family)
Sunday, February 2nd	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	+James Cushing (Deacon & Mrs. Lombard)
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Monday	<i>St. Blaise (OM)</i>
9:00 a.m. After Mass	Special Intention Blessing of Throats
Tuesday	
9:00 a.m.	Special Intentions of Janet Dawes
Wednesday	<i>St. Agatha (M)</i>
9:00 a.m.	+Mary Howes (Dan Padden)
Thursday	<i>St. Paul Miki & Companians</i>
9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:40 – 7:00	Special Intentions of Janet Dawes Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Confessions
Friday	
9:00 a.m.	Special Intentions of Janet Dawes
<i>The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
Saturday, February 8th	
5:00 p.m.	+Reginald Campbell (Bowen Family)
Sunday, February 9th	
St. Martin's 9:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
St. Mary's 11:00 a.m.	+Michael Reis (Patricia Reis & Family)

VOCATION SEEDS

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO THE CWL

Many thanks to the Catholic Women's League of St. Mary Immaculate Parish! The CWL has made a generous donation that has allowed the parish to purchase sacramental preparation resources that can be given to families. These booklets are for Baptism, Confirmation, and the first celebrations of Confession and Holy Communion. This gift helps us greatly in our work of catechesis.

YOUR OFFERINGS:

ST. MARY'S

January 25th & 26th

59 Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,008.25
Loose	141.00
3 Initial Offerings	35.00
17 Building Maintenance	815.00
1 Seminary Collection	200.00
1 New Year's Day Offerings	<u>10.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,209.00

ST. MARTIN'S

January 26th:

Totals to be reported next week.

Your constant generosity is very much appreciated!

BLESSING OF THROATS

Please note that the traditional blessing of throats will be celebrated on the Memorial of St. Blaise (Monday, February 3) after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS STILL NEEDED

Thank you to the two volunteers who offered to help drive Ukrainian newcomers from their home, just south of town, to Sunday Mass in St. Mary's Church. More volunteers are still needed and appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office during the week and we will connect you with the organizers.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULTS VOCATIONS DANCE

Father Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and for singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage:

Mount Mary Retreat Centre

Friday, February 14th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

- Regency Period Dance with Instructor (No Experience Required)
- Vox Talk: The Theology of Dancing and Dating
- Hors d'Oeuvres
- Semi-Formal Attire and Flat Dress Shoes (Men: Jacket, Shirt and Tie; Women: Full-Length Dress)
- Singles & Couples
- Online Registration Required

Cost: \$20 per person

Online Registration Required by Tuesday, February 11th. For inquiries, please contact the Vocations Office: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

FRASSATI'S CARABINERS GROUP

Are you interested in spending time with other young adults (20s and 30s) who are striving to live the Faith? If so, the Wellington Deanery's young adults group, Frassati's Carabiners, is for you! Named after Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the Carabiners take a page out of Frassati's playbook, focusing on faith formation, camaraderie, and of course, lots of fun! If you are interested in learning more about the group and/or want to become involved, please contact Elise at frassatiscarabiners@protonmail.com. The group posts their events and events of other local groups on a Facebook Messenger group chat. There is something for everyone, and it's a great way to become connected!

MEN'S COR MEETING

Please join us Saturday February 8th at 10:00 a.m. for our next men's Cor gathering. Fr Robert Hetu will give a presentation on John the Baptist. This will include prayer, discussion and a coffee social. All men are welcome. Location: St Joseph's parish hall.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL

The latest movie offering from the Reel Justice Film festival is ***Resilient Genius* February 25, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. **The event will be hosted via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at www.hamiltondiocese.com.** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Saturday	Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
February 8	Cor Meeting – All men welcome. St. Joseph's Hall – social to follow
March 5 – April 13	40 Days for Life Campaign – Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Details to follow.


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