

Anyone wishing Tickets for our Annual CWL draw to sell please contact Arlene McBride at 519-662 2816.

The Pope on Life

“Every life is sacred! Let us go forward with the culture of life to counter the logic of waste and the declining birth rate; let us be close and together let us pray for the babies who are threatened by the termination of pregnancy, as well as for the people who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one may be left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life. Let us recall the words of Mother Teresa: “Life is beautiful, admire it; life is life, defend it!”, be it a baby who is about to be born, or a person who is close to death: every life is sacred!” – Pope Francis, Message for Day of Life, February 5, 2017

Liturgical colour: white

White is the colour of heaven. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints. Not that you will always see white in church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating.

In the earliest centuries all vestments were white – the white of baptismal purity and of the robes worn by the armies of the redeemed in the Apocalypse, washed white in the blood of the Lamb. As the Church grew secure enough to be able to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out, and it is only as late as the 19th century that they were harmonized into their present form.

Would you like to join the Holy Family Parish prayer chain?

A prayer chain is made up of a group of parishioners who want to pray for others. The purpose of our prayer chain is to provide spiritual support and healing for parishioners and their families and friends. Prayer request can come from anyone, and the prayer intention may be for any reason for which one believes prayer will be beneficial.

If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Chain contact Sharon Diebold at 519 - 634-8401

If you have a prayer request, simply phone one of the key members, and they will phone the next person on the list, and they in turn will do the same until everyone on their chain is contacted and praying.

If you have a prayer request contact Sharon Diebold or Marcella Habermehl at 519 - 662-2962



Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

329 Huron Street, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1K3 ~ 519 662-1744
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Sunday, August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of our Lord



Matthew 17: 1-9
Jesus was transfigured and his face shone like the sun.

Pastor:

Reverend Bob Love
Secretary: Sherry Reitzel

Office Hours

9 am - 11:30 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Mass Times

Tuesday—7:00 p.m.
Wed-Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary - 30 min before Mass

Confession

Saturday 4-5 pm
Or upon request

Marriage

*Please contact the parish
at least six months in advance.*

Baptism

*Contact the office at least four
month in advance
Request forms at back of the
church*

Holy Family Catholic School

Principal: Mark Modolo.
519-662-1734

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY **August 8**

7:00 pm
Special Intentions - Diocese

WEDNESDAY **August 9**

8:30 am
+Eileen Plouffe
Req. Moe Plouffe

THURSDAY **August 10**

8:30 am
Special Intentions
Req. Mary Gross

FRIDAY **August 11**

8:30 am
Special Intentions - Diocese

SATURDAY **August 12**

5:00pm
+Judith Kroetsch
Req. Estate

WEEKLY OFFERING

July 30, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,179.00
Building Fund : \$ 10.00

Thank you for your generosity

Prayer Network

To request special prayers contact:
Marcella 519 - 662-2962
Sharon 519 - 634-8401
If you would like to join the prayer chain
please contact Sharon Diebold.

News from the Diocese of Hamilton

Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days – These days will be celebrated from June to October 2023 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be available. Presiders will be, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger: Saturday, September 2; Thomas Cardinal Collins: Saturday, October 7.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH –Summer should be a time of relaxation, slowed schedules and time spent together as a family. All three of these are essential elements for good mental health for all family members, including children. So, together spend time outdoors, play games, cook or bake and pray because these are the moments that will strengthen your family bond. Take a holiday from social media and devices while doing so, which can help to prevent the negative mental health issues in children they are known to produce. Renew your commitment to in person, device free time together this summer and watch your children thrive. From: Family Ministry Office; 905 -528-7988 ext. 2250.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre – Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre would like to welcome any groups or individuals looking to book a retreat experience. With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for anyone seeking a space for a retreat. For more information and to book your retreat please visit www.mountmary.ca.

Vocation Seeds:

Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6, 2023
“This is my Son, the Beloved...listen to him!”
If you are discerning God’s call for the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocations Prayer Week of August 7

Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Rev. Lajos Angyal
Rev. Stefano Lee

BADEN BLOOD DONATION EVENT

Monday, August 14 from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

New Location Shantz Mennonite Church

By appointment. Book now by calling
1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) /
www.blood.ca / GiveBlood App

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

Lives of the Saints

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891 - 1942)
Feast day August 9

She was born into a practising Jewish family. She had a distinguished career as a philosopher and received a doctorate at the University of Freiburg, but her academic career was impeded because she was a woman.

Reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila brought about her conversion to Catholicism and she was baptized on 1 January 1922. She taught at a Dominican girls’ school and studied Catholic philosophy. She became a lecturer at the Institute for Pedagogy at Münster but was thrown out of her post in 1933 as a result of the Nazi régime’s anti-Semitic legislation.

She entered a Carmelite monastery in Cologne and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her order moved her to the Netherlands to keep her safe from the growing Nazi threat. While a Carmelite she wrote an important philosophical book, seeking to combine the phenomenology of her former teacher Edmund Husserl with the philosophy of Aquinas, and she also wrote on St John of the Cross.

On 20 July 1942 the Dutch Bishops’ Conference had a statement read in all churches condemning Nazi racism. In retaliation the authorities ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts to Christianity. Teresa Benedicta was taken to Auschwitz and killed on 9 August 1942.