

Family Foundation Institute presents
Steadfast Hope - Men of Faith Conference 2024
 Sat, January 20, 2024 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
 All Saints Parish, Strathroy
 \$40/individual, \$25/student
 We are inviting all men to join us on a transformative journey of faith at the 2024 Men of Faith Conference.
 Discover the path to living your faith in the world today through the inspiring words of Bishop Scott McCaig, CC. As he shares insights, you'll learn how recognizing Jesus Christ as our firm foundation leads to a hope that shines brightly for the world to see.
 To register: <https://famfi.ca/view/events/entry/9175/>

2024 envelopes are ready to be picked up at the back of the church
 Also if you had your photo taken in November, they too are ready to be picked up at the back of the church.

The next coffee is Sunday January 14th
 Please join us for coffee, tea and drinks for the kids. Plus there is always a snack. We will also be having our children program "Kid's Chat". This program will run every other week. Children will learn about their faith through the Catechism and Liturgical year while playing games and engaging in great discussions.
 There is no cost for this program.

ALPHA 2024: Join us Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive.
 Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

Advent Confessions
 Tues. December 19th 7:30 - 8:30 pm
 Wed. December 20th 8:00 - 8:30 am
 Thurs. December 21st 8:00 - 8:30 am
 Fri. December 22nd 8 - 8:30 am and 7:00 - 8:00 pm
 Sat. December 23rd 4 - 4:30 pm

Christmas Schedule
4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, December 23rd 5 pm, Sunday, December 24th 10 am
Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th, 2023:
 Mass times are 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm
Christmas Day: Monday, December 25th & 10 am
 New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31 at 5 pm
 New Year's Day: Monday, January 1 at 10 am
 * note there will be no Mass on Tuesday, December 26th or Tuesday, January 2nd.



Holy Family
Roman Catholic Church (1883)

329 Huron Street, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1K3 ~ 519 662-1744
 holyfamily@rogers.com • www.holyfamilynewhamburg.com

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 months in advance
 Request forms at back of the church

Holy Family Catholic School
 Principal: Mark Modolo.
 519-662-1734

Sunday, December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY December 19

7:00 pm
+ Philip & Adele Saskie
Req. Phyllis Scholfield & Penny Duffield

WEDNESDAY December 20

8:30 am
+ Eileen Plouffe
Req. Moe Plouffe

THURSDAY December 21

8:30 am
+ Tomislava Juric
Req. Vera Panic & Family & Friends

FRIDAY December 22

8:30 am
+ John Scholfield
Req. Phyllis Scholfield

SATURDAY December 23

5:00 pm
+ Frank Astephen
Req. Beth Kress

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 10, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$ 2,047.00
Building fund: \$ 533.00
Christmas: \$ 140.00

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

Save the Date: The Diocesan
Wedding Anniversary Mass!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR TEENS

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. The resource is located here : <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>

VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – JANUARY 5TH – HAMILTON

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton) 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Vocation Seeds:

Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2023
There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocations Prayer Week of December 18

Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman

Single Catholics

Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

Rev. Ronald Hodara

Rev. Donald Wilhelm

Lives of the Saints

Other saints: Blessed Scubilion (1797 - 1867)
Feast day December 20

Born in France in 1797, Jean-Bernard Rousseau felt the call to share his faith and his knowledge with others. He joined the Brothers of the Christian Schools (the de la Salle Brothers) and was given the name Scubilion. In 1833 he was sent to the Isle of Réunion, where he remained until his death in 1867. In Réunion he was named "the catechist of the slaves" on account of his ministry among them. His memorial is celebrated today, the anniversary of the abolition of slavery on the island.

Saint Peter Canisius, priest, Doctor (1521 - 1597)
Feast day December 21

He was born in Nijmegen (now in the Netherlands) in 1521. He studied at Cologne and joined the Society of Jesus: he was ordained priest in 1546. He was sent to Germany, where for many years he worked hard to defend and strengthen the Catholic faith both by writing and by preaching. He wrote many books, of which The Catechism is particularly noteworthy. He died at Fribourg in Switzerland in 1597.

St John of Kęty (1390 - 1473)
Feast day December 23

He was born in Kęty in the diocese of Kraków in 1390. He became a priest and for many years taught at the University of Kraków; later he became parish priest of Olkusz. He taught and researched in both physics and theology and excelled in holiness and in charity towards his neighbour, in which he was an example to his colleagues and pupils. He died in 1473.