

CWL

The Catholic Womens' League **Christmas meeting is Dec.5.** There will be a potluck dinner and a Christmas craft. Fellowship at 6:00. Dinner at 7:00 Please bring your own plates, cup, and utensils.

Please sign the list at the back if you plan to attend. We need to ensure we have sufficient supplies.

CWL Bazaar Winners

Prize \$700 - Jon Reimer, New Hamburg
Prize \$500- Carolyn Letreanu, Meaford
Prize Royal Dolton and \$100-Debbie Brighton, New Dundee
Prize Gift Basket from Town Square Pharmacy, Gerry Lehman
Prize Drayton Festival Tickets- Kathryn Graham, Plattsville
Prize \$200-Tony Hergott, Baden
Prize \$200-Aidee Rodriquez Gomez, Kitchener
Prize \$200-Maureen Kelly, Baden
Prize \$200- Kathryn Graham, Plattsville
Prize \$200- E Holst, New Hamburg

Thank you to everyone that supported us. Without you we would be lost.

The next coffee Sunday December 10

Please join us for coffee, tea and drinks for the kids. Plus there is always a snack. Visit with fellow parishioners, get to know those in your community.

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.

Men's Group Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 14th, starting at 6:30 pm. All men from the parish are welcome to get together for a night of fellowship.

Any one who would like to join this group are welcome to come to a meeting or call Ron Brander at 519-390-1211 for more information.

JOHN B. MILLER AND FRIENDS ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

MUSIC hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 8192 on December 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. A perfect way to kick off the Advent/Christmas Season. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. No tickets are needed, freewill offering.

Wilmot Family Resource Centre, in partnership with the Wilmot Ecumenical Ministerial, is hosting a FREE, SIT-DOWN Christmas Dinner for those in Wilmot and Wellesley who are alone or lonely on Christmas Day. Steinmann Mennonite Church at 12pm on Dec. 25. Call WFRC or visit their website for more information: 519.662.2731



Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

329 Huron Street, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1K3 ~ 519 662-1744
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*Sunday, December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent*

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

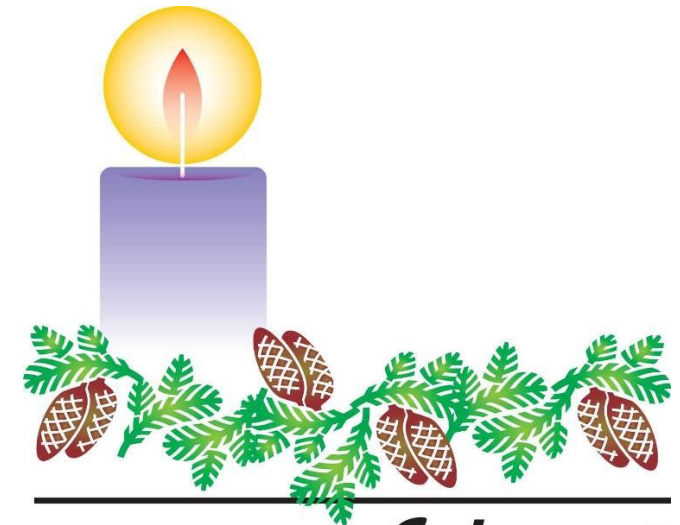
*Please contact the parish
at least six months in advance.*

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY **December 5**

7:00 pm

For CWL members past and present

WEDNESDAY **December 6**

7:00 pm

+Teresa Dodo

Req. Les & Mary Fleiszig

THURSDAY **December 7**

8:30 am

+ Gary Paquette

Req. Charles & Shirley Jenkins

FRIDAY **December 8**

8:30 am

+Pasquale Paciello

Req. Giovanna Paciello

SATURDAY **December 9**

5:00 pm

+Keith Kelly

Req. Rita Kelly

WEEKLY OFFERING

November 26, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$ 2,651.00

Building fund: \$ 50.00

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

FREE...Come Home for Christmas Festival, bring your families and come celebrate with us! Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, Ancaster 437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON, L9G 3K4
Fun includes: Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Crock-a-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Local Artisans (cash only) & Santa
Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities.
For more information, contact:
mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905.528.7988 ext. 2251

Coping with the Holidays...When you have Lost a Loved One

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)

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

Vocation Seeds:

First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2023
The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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 December 4

Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Grandparents & Elderly
Order of Preachers
(Dominican, O.P.)
Rev. Donald Sanvido
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev. David Perrin

Lives of the Saints

*Saint John Damascene, priest, Doctor
December 4*

He was born of a Christian family in Damascus in the second half of the seventh century, where his father was a high official under the Umayyad caliph; a post which he inherited. When the Iconoclast movement (seeking to prohibit the veneration of icons) gained acceptance in the Byzantine court, John, being under Muslim rather than Byzantine rule, was able to write effective treatises attacking Iconoclasm and attacking the emperor for supporting it. At about this time he retired to the monastery of Saint Sabas near Jerusalem, where he became a monk and was ordained. He died in the middle of the eighth century.

He wrote many theological treatises in a dangerously clear and accessible style which made the issues understandable even by non-experts. His name was reviled and execrated by the imperial Iconoclast party even after his death. Sometimes known as "the last of the Church Fathers," he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1883.

*St Nicholas
Feast day December 6*

He was bishop of Myra, in Lycia (now part of Turkey) and died about the middle of the fourth century. He has been venerated throughout the Church, especially since the 10th century. Because of his help to the poor he is the patron saint of pawnbrokers, whose insignia of three golden balls represent the three purses of gold he is said to have given secretly to a poor man who could not afford dowries for his three daughters.

*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (1474 - 1548)
Feast day December 9*

He was born in about 1474 in Cuauhtitlan in the kingdom of Texcoco, part of present-day Mexico. As an adult he embraced Christianity and he and his wife were baptized. In 1531 the Mother of God appeared to him, on the hill called Tepeyac near Mexico City, and told him to ask the bishop to have a church built on the spot. Through the purity of his faith, his humility and his fervour, a church was built, in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe (whose feast is celebrated on 12 December). He left everything and devoted himself to the care of the sanctuary and the reception of pilgrims until his death in 1548.