

**Mass Intentions: December 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>Saint John of Kanty</i>
9am	<i>Mass at Homewood</i>	
5pm	†Ian Fraser	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
10:30am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	
5pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	
7:30pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	
10pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i>
10:30am	Living & Deceased Members of the Parish	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Saint Stephen, 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr</i>
9am	Intentions for Stefan Zarnovean	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Saint John, Apostle</i>
9am	†Giuseppe & Rosa D'Ulisse	
	Intention for Angelo Oriandi Family	
	†Henry Marchand	†Shane Ebagat
10am	<i>Mass at The Elliott</i> †Alessandro Brombal	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Feast of The Holy Innocents</i>
9am	†Stefan & Susana Teleki	
	<i>Adoration 9:30 - 11:45am</i>	
7pm	†Mary Longo	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
9am	Intentions for Ankie & John Verhart	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
9am	<i>Mass at Homewood</i>	
5pm	†Frank DiBattista	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Feast of The Holy Family</i>
9am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish	
11am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish	
	<i>NEW YEAR'S EVE</i>	
5pm	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish	

**Weekday Altar Server & Reader: Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**

Weekday Server: Rusty & Jeanne Lovelock  
Weekday Reader: Rose Charbonneau

**Liturgical Ministry - Saturday/Sunday, Dec., 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

Liturgical Volunteers for New Year's Weekend will be contacted.

Thank you.

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - LUKE 1:28  
Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.



**Parish Meetings / Events December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Office will close at 12 Noon and re-open on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

• **Confessions:** 1pm to 2pm – Church



**Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Office will close at 12 Noon and re-open on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

Merry  
Christmas &  
Happy New  
Year



from  
Holy  
Rosary  
Parish

**Friendly Reminder - Fatima Statue Pick-up**

In honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Fatima*, a statue of Our Lady is available for families to take home for a week, to pray, sing songs & enjoy a DVD. Below are upcoming bookings:

December 24 – Isabella Barretto

December 31 – Lorraine Bolton

To reserve or for more details, please call the Parish Office.

**Faith & Family Prayer Group (Divine Mercy Chaplet)**

A new prayer group is being formed in the Parish, approved by Father Boyd. Beginning **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** & then after on the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month. For 1 hour the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited and Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed. The prayer intention is to strengthen our families and marriages in the Faith. The prayer group will meet in the **Adoration Chapel at 7pm**. All Welcome! For further info, contact Barbara Opolski at 647-241-4655.

**The Catholic Grandparents Association**



... is a ministry new in our parish. Many grandparents don't realize the tremendous influence they have as senior members of their families and the important role they can play in helping to pass on the Faith to succeeding generations. Find out how. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** in Our Lady of the Rosary Community Room. David Dayler from the Diocese will be speaking at this meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Holy Rosary Guelph Blood Donor Clinic**

Holy Rosary Church is donating blood together as a Parish on Saturday **January 20<sup>th</sup> between 8am-1pm at the Guelph Blood Donor Clinic** (130 Silvercreek Pkwy., N, Guelph). Sign up to donate at [blood.ca/18882DONATE](http://blood.ca/18882DONATE) or attend mass the weekend of January 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. We will have a speaker from Canadian Blood Services at all masses that weekend to answer any questions and book appointments.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Financials for December 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> and  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>  
will be published in our December 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Bulletin.

*Thank you.*

**Notice to those on Auto-Withdrawal**

If you agreed to once-a-year donation of \$20 to defray costs, please note this amount will be withdrawn from your account on **January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. We thank you for your generosity!

**2018 Offertory Envelope Boxes**

Now available for pick-up in the corridor outside the Community Room. They are sorted alphabetically. If there are concerns, please notify the office immediately. Thank you.

**Sacristan Needs Assistance**

For the next 4 months, Rose is in need of someone to wash the small linens. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**Guelph & Area Right to Life**

Guelph & Area Right to Life is gathering change to support pro-life advertisements on the back of seven city buses in Guelph. There will be a “mini-bus” to fill with change included in each bulletin this weekend. They can be **returned to the church on the weekend of January 21/22**. Thank you for your support!

**Lighthouse CD's - Get Inspired!**

CD's are available at the Lighthouse Rack located adjacent Our Lady of the Rosary Community Room. Visit this rack often as new CD's come in all the time. Share them, gift them & of course, listen to them.

✧ **IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE** ✧

**Retreat Opportunity**

Are you seeking a prayerful, silent, affordable place for spiritual reflection? Does a weekend retreat with healthy meals and private room accommodation at Loyola House appeal to you? Are you free February 23-25 or March 2-4? If you have said yes so far but are concerned that you can't afford the retreat fee, contact Father Roger Yaworski directly at 519-824-1250 Ext. 230 or by emailing [executivedirector@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:executivedirector@ignatiusguelph.ca). The Hamilton Diocese Ex Corde Foundation has generously provided funds to make this opportunity affordable to parishioners within the Diocese. Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment.

- **8-Day Directed Retreats** – Jan., 22-30; Feb., 7-15 (1/2 price for new retreatants)
  - **Henri Nouwen Retreat: A Life in Letters & Journals** - February 2-4
  - **Knowing the Heart of Jesus Weekend Retreat** – Feb., 23-25
  - **Directed Prayer Weekend** – Feb., 23-25
  - **Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment** – Feb., 23-25
- Register at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or by calling 519.824.1250 Ext 266.



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**The “Keys to Loving Relationships”**

“Keys” is a nine week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program runs **Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, starting January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at St. Mark’s Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

**Parenting Tip for December**

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what “I” want. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive.

**Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Dublin**

The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which takes place **Aug. 21 – 26, 2018**. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis’ *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant**. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). **Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.**

**WELCOME TO HOLY ROSARY PARISH**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER? - COUNT YOURSELF IN.**  
Please complete form & deposit in the collection or hand in to the Parish Office.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Offering Envelopes: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*Tax receipts available for your kind donations. Please obtain envelopes at the Office or fill out a form to donate through monthly automatic withdrawal. Tax receipts for all donations over \$20 are issued every January.*