

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
<b>Monday, August 26</b> 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 8b-10 Matthew 23.13-22	7:30 am	† Stelio Putigna	Rev. Robert Hetu
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b> 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 23.23-26 <b>St. Monica, (Memorial)</b>	7:30 am	† Marija Bukvic	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b> 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 23.27-32 <b>St. Augustine, (Memorial)</b>	7:30 am	† Maria Teresa, Gildo & Celestina Scattolon	Jesuit Fathers
	6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Mario DiVittorio † Rosa Zanon † Lino Fatore † John Satosek † Antonio Salvatore † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Wojciech Jamny † Msgr. Roger Formosi † Msgr. Bill O'Brien	
<b>Thursday, August 29</b> Jeremiah 1.17-19 Mark 6.17-29 <b>Passion of St. John the Baptist, (Memorial)</b>	7:30 am	† Karol Kwasniewski	Rev. Piotr Machnacki
<b>Friday, August 30</b> 1 Thessalonians 4.1-8 Matthew 25.1-13	7:30 am 8 - 9 am	† Donna DiLegge <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 9 am)</b>	Rev. Mark Gatto
<b>Saturday, August 31</b> 1 Thessalonians 4.9-11 Matthew 25.14-30 <b>Our Lady's Saturday, (Optional Memorial)</b>	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Rev. Ross Campbell
	4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Giovannina DeMasi † Joe Garofoli † Filippo Luzi † Gianni Valle † Mario DiVittorio † Antonio Amatucci † Maria Ventresca † Nicholas Sienna † Carmela Spasaro † Vincenza & Danny Cesarini † Tony DiPaolo † Gregory & Laura DiPietro, In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony † Giovanna LoPresti † Giornino D'Andrea † Wojciech Jamny † Strzalkowski & Uchwat Families † Holy Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Sunday, September 1</b> Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29 Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a Luke 14.1, 7-14	9:00 am	† John Santarelli	Rev. Ross Campbell
	11:00 am	† Luigi & Maria Agostini	

*"If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself."*  
St. Augustine

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*If you are visiting our community this Sunday, St. Francis Xavier Parish Welcomes you!*

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Is your child in Grade 6? We celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7 in the Hamilton Diocese. Confirmations at our Parish are normally celebrated in the Fall, and because it will come quickly upon us, we want you to be ready in advance. If your child **does not** attend Catholic School, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible so we can assist you. The Catechetical Correspondence Course may be right for you. Families work through the programs at home. Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or call Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

**Questions of the Week**

**Theme:** Following Jesus calls us to risk and not always take the easy road.  
**Question for Children:** How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?  
**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells us that being His disciple will be very hard. Of all the things that Jesus tells us about the way that we are to live our lives, what is the hardest thing for you to do? Why?  
**Question for Adults:** As you wrestle with today's Gospel, what signs do you see in your own life that you are "with God."

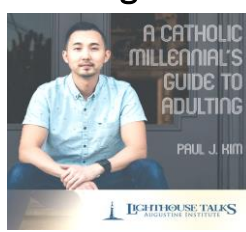
**EPIC**

**This is our story. This is our family.** Our identity as Catholics means that we are the inheritors of the deeds of holy men and women who for two thousand years have built a great civilization and spread the gospel throughout the world. Church history is not just the recitation of popes, people, places, and events; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. This story is our story; this is our family. If we know our past and how we fit into the story, we will be better prepared to face whatever may come in the future. Beginning **September 17** we will be offering a study of our Catholic Church history called **EPIC**. Stay tuned!

**Learning To Cope (Level 1)**

is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, September 24th (7 pm to 9:30 pm), at the Chancery Office, 700 King W. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information or to register, contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249, or online at [hamiltondiocese.com/offices/familyministry/divorce-separation.php](http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/familyministry/divorce-separation.php). Cost: **\$35**. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs (Level 2, & 3) starting the same week.

**Lighthouse CD of the Month**



**A Catholic Millennial's Guide to Adulthood**

The Millennial Generation has grown to adulthood. Having experienced many of the conveniences and pitfalls of new technologies, social media, student loan debt, and adult life, millennials have also developed a genuine desire to do something great with their lives, but often don't know how to get there. As fellow millennial Paul J. Kim shares with great humor and insight, tackling life's big challenges and desires for vocation, career, and greatness can give powerful witness to God and the gift of life. This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.

**Annual Vocations Mass**

Every year Catholics from around the Diocese of Hamilton gather to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is an opportunity to meet different priests and religious working within our diocese, pray together, learn vocational opportunities in our community, and to enjoy each other's company. Upcoming Vocations Mass: **2 pm, Sunday, September 22, at Immaculate Conception Church, 212 Concession 12, Formosa, ON.**



**"Grandparents: Silver Saints"**

Come for a celebration of Grandparents in time for National Grandparents Day on **Saturday, September 7, 9 am – 1 pm** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. The Day begins with a Mass of Thanksgiving for Grandparents followed by hospitality and presentation by Br. Mickey McGrath. There is no fee to attend but an RSVP will help in the planning. Register by contacting Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

**"Keys to Loving Relationships"**

"Keys" is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship you can with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs in **Hamilton** on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9 pm. September 19th – November 28th, at the Chancery Office, 700 King W. Cost: **\$45**. For more information or to register, call (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**On-Line Learning Opportunity**

The Diocese of Hamilton has announced a new partnership with The University of Dayton, Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation. Visit the Dayton site (<http://vlc.udayton.edu>) to explore what they have to offer you in your on-going faith formation. These courses would be especially valuable for catechists, ministry leaders, formation study groups and those simply looking to deepen their faith. Further information about any of these programs can be obtained by contacting David Dayler in the Discipleship & Parish Life Office ([ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528-7988 ext. 2226).

**"Evangelization by Way of Beauty"**

An evening with Brother Mickey McGrath, **Friday, September 6, at 7pm.** at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. Brother Mickey loves giving talks and retreats because it is where he gets to share more fully the deep connections between art and faith and more importantly, hope and joy! To him, life is all about seeing familiar, ordinary things with new eyes, the eyes of the heart. Come and see this gifted artist and story teller as he helps us to identify the beauty that abounds in our lives. *Faith resources available for purchase.*

**Online Offerings**

When you haven't been able to attend Mass on a particular Sunday, you can now go to our Web site and make an online offering using your credit card. You can also set up automatic monthly donations in place of weekly offering envelopes. Check our website for information and to access this easy way to donate.

**Sisters of Carmel of Saint Joseph**

will pray for you during the Novena to Little St. Therese, September 23rd to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to St. Therese. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0

**Mass Intentions**

To arrange the offering of a Mass for the intention of a deceased loved one, or for some special need, please contact the Parish Office.

**Day of Prayer**

St Catherine of Siena (Corpus Christi Site), Hamilton. **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm.** Mass 9 am. Tea, coffee, muffins on arrival. Bring a bag lunch & coffee mug. Call 905-388-3966 or email [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca) to register.

**Thank you to all who support our Parish with their financial offerings your contributions assist in the spiritual, pastoral and practical work of the Parish and the upkeep of St. Francis Xavier Church**

**C. W. L. Annual Retreat**

Ladies – are you interested in a relaxing, faith-filled weekend away? The annual CWL Retreat takes place at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7021 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls, **September 13 - 15**. Our theme this year is **"Heroines of the Bible"** - in many cases it's women just like us who made a difference. Cost is **\$235** for the entire weekend, but can be adjusted if you are only able to attend a portion of the retreat. All women are welcome. For more information or to reserve a place, please call **Carol, 905-643-3532**, or the Parish Office, 905-662-8593.

**Pierogi & Kielbasa Dinner & Takeout**

Taking place on **Thursday, September 19th, 3 pm - 7 pm** at St. Francis Xavier Parish Centre. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, 7969. Tickets sold at the door. (All Proceeds to Charity) Menu: Eight (8) Pierogi, One (1) Link Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Dessert, and Drinks. Adults - \$10; Children (8 and under) \$6. Everyone welcome!



**Parish Office**

Our Parish Office hours in for the month of August are from **9 am till 4 pm**, Monday to Friday.

**Festitalia Hamilton**

Each year in September, the City of Hamilton hosts a cultural celebration called Festitalia. It is sponsored by the Italian community but it is for all Hamiltonians to enjoy. A popular feature of the Festival is known as Regional Food Nights offering popular Italian cuisine. This year our St. Francis Xavier Parish is participating with a special food night **Saturday September 14** right here in our Parish Center. The evening will include a four-course meal, music, dancing (music by Angelo Venditi) and some surprises. Tickets are only \$40 per person and available at the parish office. Proceeds will remain right here in our parish community to support different programs but especially the feast of St. Michael the Archangel that takes place on the first Sunday in May. Plan to attend. Tickets are limited. First come First served!!

