

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule & Intentions: Feb. 4th – Feb. 10th 2019

Monday	8:00 a.m.	Mass for Louise Stefancic requested by Mariana Legere
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mass for Felisha Mazur requested by Christine & Dr. Victor Kubrak
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Mass for Jocylene Musonda requested by Sr. Julian Musonda
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mass for Michael Murphy requested by Eddie & Margaret Brennan
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Mass for Al Genesiee requested by Fred & Caroline Pearson
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Mass for Susan Schwetz requested by Mike & Jane Reilly Mass for Joanne Lambke requested by Kay Ribson & Barbara Pautler Mass for the intentions of Rocco Mazzaferro requested by CSJB
Sunday	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo/Mass for the Families of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Mass for Dante Pongetti requested by The Cochren Family

Pilgrimage to Israel and Rome

May 3-17, 2019: Join Fr. Lobsinger for a two-week pilgrimage as he celebrates his 25th anniversary of ordination. We will visit the major sites in the life and ministry of Jesus in the Holy Land and then two nights in Assisi and two nights in Rome, including being present for a Wednesday Papal Audience. Space is limited. For further information and/or registration please email Claire Waxman at clairewaxmantravel@gmail.com.



Join 2000 high school youth at Canada's largest Catholic youth conference! Experience your Catholic Faith in a whole new way. Open to all youth completing grades 8-12.

Dates: July 12-14, 2019

Where: UOIT Campus (Oshawa)

See Fr. Tim or Sem. Jonathan for more information.

Registration opens January 28th, reserve your spots now!

<http://steubenvilletoronto.com/>

(Anyone 21+ who would be interested in being a chaperon, please contact St. Thomas Parish.)

DENNINGER RECEIPTS & CANADIAN TIRE MONEY

Planning for our 2019 Bazaar, remember us and save your Denninger Receipts and Canadian Tire Money. We use these as Gift Cards for the Penny Sale at our Bazaar.

Kindly place them in the container in the foyer throughout the Year.

St. Thomas Parish Kitchen Team

St Thomas is growing and with this growth we need to have a team of parishioners/volunteers to help



organise and run events, so are looking to form a Kitchen Team. Let's have fun growing St Thomas Parish. If you can offer a little time to assist, please contact the office or our Parish Supervisor for the Kitchen and Special Events Chris Amell, 416-432- 4431 or chris.amell@Primapower.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2019 CHARITIES LOTTERY

Tickets for the 2019 Knights of Columbus charities lottery will be available for purchase in the Narthex following Mass. Tickets are \$5.00 each with prizes up to \$200,000. The money from these tickets will support Special Olympics Ontario, The Arthritis Society, and local charities.

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Share Lent Workshop

This Lenten season **Development and Peace** and **Pope Francis** invite us to reach out and encounter migrants and refugees, to make a commitment to really go toward others, to stop, listen and really see them. To learn how to foster a culture of encounter in your parish or school join us for a **SHARE LENT WORKSHOP** at one of these parishes:

→ Mon. Feb. 11, St. Raphael's Parish Hall, 4072 New

St., **Burlington**, 7-9 p.m.

→ Tues. Feb. 19, Annunciation Parish Hall, 280 Limeridge Rd. W, **Hamilton**. 7-9 p.m.



The next CWL General Meeting is **Sunday, Feb. 10 after the 9 am mass** in the **Knights Room**. Guest speaker is someone from the health care field talking about heart and stroke . **All ladies are welcome.**

St. Thomas pray for us

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YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

By regular weekly donations through:

- Offertory Envelopes
- Direct Deposit

2019 Envelopes are now available in the foyer for pick up. If you are not already doing so and wish to have your donations recorded for Income Tax Credits. Direct Deposit Offering is also available. Please contact Kimberly at **905- 689-4857**

Discovery Faith Study

This Lent, why not consider delving deeper into your faith? Consider re-discovering the Good News. For more information, please contact Jonathan (our Seminarian Intern) or see the Welcome Desk.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us for a great Family Day out

We have a block of 50 tickets in Section 115 at First Ontario Centre for the Hamilton Bulldogs vs. Sudbury Wolves on Sunday February 24 , 2 PM game. Ticket price \$ 25.00 each. Contact any Knight or chris.amell@Primapower.com 416-432-4431



NEW TO OUR PARISH? YOU ARE MOST WELCOME

If you are new to our community or just visiting, welcome to St. Thomas Parish. We encourage all new parishioners to register with the parish. Please pick up a registration package from the foyer, complete it and return it to the office or put it in the collection basket. We are most happy to have you join our Parish Family.

The Celebration of Priesthood & Consecrated Life Dinner

Sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton will be held on **Tuesday April 30, 2019 at Liuna Station**. Please check www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner for details or call Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682.

Parish Prayer Chain: Do you or someone you know need



prayers right now; would you like us to pray for you or somebody dear to your heart; would you like to express a heartfelt gratitude? If so, you can email, text or phone your request to our prayer chain. If you are interested in becoming a PRAYER, please contact: Debbie at st.thomasprayerchain@gmail.com or call or text at 905-741-3270. All requests are kept strictly confidential. God bless



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the **One Heart, One Soul Campaign** to raise money for every parish

in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

Are Parishes in a position to take on needed projects?

This, of course, varies from Parish to Parish, but in general most Parishes are not in a strong position to take on major projects (those of \$250,000 or more), and many projects have been delayed because of a lack of funding. One of the main reasons for the diocesan capital campaign is to assist Parishes big and small to gain more solid footing for the future – whether that's by completing an overdue project, retiring debt, building a contingency fund or looking ahead with a new ministry or new staff.

What about Parish debt and Parish reserves – in general, where do things stand?

The majority of the Diocese's Parishes can meet their operating budget and can take on small capital projects. Only a few, however, have substantial savings. Some have incurred debt, and the Diocese assists where it can with donations and loans, some of which are interest-free, to Parishes.

Will the Parishes or the Diocese take on debt because of this campaign?

It's possible for the right project and the right reasons, but that is to be determined by the Diocese and Parishes as the campaign planning moves forward.

What is the Ex Corde Foundation and how does it work?

The Ex Corde Foundation was established in 2011 with a gift of \$21.5 million from the Diocese of Hamilton and provides financial assistance to Parishes and other Catholic charities within the Diocese and across Canada. Ex Corde, which means "From the Heart," is operated by a board of directors and provides grants to repair or renovate buildings; to provide and maintain religious artifacts and works of art; and to support religious education and catechesis. As of September 2018, the foundation had donated \$5.1 million, 90 percent of which has gone to parishes or other Catholic organizations within the Diocese. The grant amounts vary widely but commonly have been in the range of \$15,000 to \$25,000. The remaining 10 percent has gone to Catholic Parishes, dioceses or other organizations from outside the Diocese of Hamilton. The foundation board selects recipients twice a year from grant applications. **For a list of all the grants awarded, see the link on the Ex Corde website, www.excordefoundation.com.**