

STEWARDSHIP

January 5, 2025

Offering	\$ 2002.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 72.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 0.00
Special Collections	\$ 40.00

May God reward your generosity towards the parish!

There is a black mailbox on the side of the office to drop off envelopes.

Reminder-The following are ways to remember

St. Boniface Parish:

Donation of Appreciated Security Investments,
Memorial Donations, Will Bequests or
Designating the Parish as Life Insurance Beneficiary. Please contact Accounting
(acctstbonifacemaryill@hamiltondiocese.com) for
any questions, and to clarify personal tax deductions relating to the above.

Forward Together In Christ- Practical Suggestions Parish Level- pages 24-25

A List of 15 suggestions for the parish to discuss, think about and or put into action.

Please take a few moments to read the pages on this topic. If you need a copy of the booklet they are available at the front and back of the church.

ALPHA 2025

St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener

Thursday evenings, Feb. 20 to May 1, 6:30 to 9:15

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It's an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. We start each session with a delicious home-made meal. After dinner, we watch a video and then break into small groups to ask questions, share thoughts and explore answers. All are welcome! For more information or to sign up, please contact Ron Denomme at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, division, financial stress & beyond. Even the strongest of families can suffer under the pressure. How can we draw on our faith to persevere with unshakeable **hope** despite the struggles? Join us for the next **St. Agnes Education Café: "Our Families: Signs of Hope Amid the Challenges"** with Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. Sun. January 26th 2:00-3:30pm, St. Agnes Parish

Baptism of the Lord - Sunday January 12, 2025

Call the Parish 519 648-2069
Parish Secretary-Marg Drexler

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CONFESSIONS following Friday Mass or by appointment

BAPTISM – by appointment only

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS – at least 6 months before.

ANointing OF THE SICK - available by appointment

ADORATION – after Mass on the 1st Friday of the month

Knights of Columbus— Mark Braun

Catholic Women's League—Fran Vegh

Parish Pastoral Council— Lisa Zettel, Lisa Hodgkinson, Nick Wetzel, Tim Vegh
Angela McLean, Marg Drexler, Stephanie Sommerville

Please contact the Parish Office first if you are in need of a funeral, including a burial.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the Baptism of the Lord, also known as Theophany. This is a Christian feast day that commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

May God's grace be with you as you step into the new year. Wishing you a blessed and prosperous 2025 filled with His love and light. "As the new year dawns, may you find strength in God's promises and courage to follow His path. Happy New Year 2025!"

Fr. Peter



MASSES FOR WEEK OF January 13 to 19

Monday, January 13 , No Mass-St. Hilary Our goal is God, the source of all good. Place your trust in God and in no one else.- St. Jerome Emillani
Tuesday, January 14 Liturgy-9am Social after in the Rectory You must change your life so that God, out of mercy, will pardon you. Be converted with a sincere heart. Then the peace of God will be with you always.-St. Francis of Paola
Wednesday, January 15, Mass-9am Do not readily or lightly put your trust in appearances, but weigh things well, and after testing everything carefully, cling to what is good and reject evil.-St. Gregory of Sinai +Randy Dopp;Maryhill K. of C.
Thursday, January 16, No Mass- Liturgy 9am The power of God is capable of finding hope where hope no longer exists, and a way where the way is impossible.-St. Gregory of Nyssa
Friday, January 17-Mass 9am-St. Anthony Christ looks for nothing else from you, in fact, except loving him with all your heart and carrying out his commands.- St. John Chrysostom +Deceased Family members of the Sauer/Manning Family;/Fran and Tim Vegh
Saturday, January 18, No Mass Devote your first and principal care to cleansing your own conscience. Let cleansing the consciences of others come later. For how can one be of use to others who takes no care of their own self? St. Francis Xavier
Sunday , January 19, Mass 11am-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time +Laurette Bauer; Theresa Bauer

Parish Duties for the week of January 13 to 19

Rosary- Fran Vegh
Church Cleaning-Maria Botsford
Counting- Judy Benson/Marg Drexler
Coffee Sunday-Brohman Team

Eucharistic Minister

Anne Liesemer

Brandon Rego

Lector

Terry Hodgkinson

Commentator

Lisa Hodgkinson

The 2025 Church Envelope Boxes will be at the back of the church please pick up your Numbered Box-it will also have your name on it.

Income Tax Receipts will be available near the end of January.

Children's Liturgy, will happen during mass on January 26, 2025 Father Peter will call the children forward with their leaders and follow to the rectory. Parents are most welcome to take their children over. There will be two leaders with them at all times. This program is for children Kindergarten to Grade 2 and will run twice a month

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, Elmira has something to celebrate!

It's the night Elmira will join thousands of others in 200+ communities across Canada in "The Coldest Night of the Year," a 2.5 km and 5 km walk-a-thon in support of the hungry, homeless and hurting.

We are asking you to consider:

- Promoting this event to your congregation in January.
 - Registering a team of 8-10 people to walk and raise money for WCS. You can register your church or individuals/families can also register their own teams. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$150 per adult and \$75 per youth.
 - **TOQUE BONUS:** Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets our famous Coldest Night toque. If you choose to walk virtually, we will notify you of where to pick up your toque closer to the event date.
- Please consider supporting Woolwich Community Services.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 -

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for Heros of Hope – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,
you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.
We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call
to be leaders in our parish community
and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts
for the building up of your Church
and the service of their sisters and brothers.
Through their varied ministries,
may they touch the hearts of all in our community
who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith,
that never disappoints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SAVE THE DATE! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Prayer Shawls are available at the back of the church and can be given to anyone in need of prayers - whether they are experiencing illness, grief, loss, emotional upheaval, or spiritual turmoil in their lives. There is no charge for the shawls, however, donations are gratefully accepted to help cover expenses. If you have any questions, or are interested in joining this wonderful ministry, or if you know of anyone who would like to create shawls for us, please contact Theresa (theresa.bauer1@outlook.com). Thank You for your ongoing and generous support of this ministry!