

DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS



March 2018

Mass of Chrism

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Crosby at the annual Diocesan Mass of Chrism on **Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. During this Mass Oil for the Sick and for Catechumens will be blessed. Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. All Priests present for the Mass will renew their Priestly Commitments in the presence of the Bishop and the lay faithful of the Diocese.

Reel Justice – A Justice Film Festival (A partnership between Development & Peace and The Bishop Farrell Library) Join us for a movie and discussion evening at a parish near you! Film: **After the Last River**, St. Paul the Apostle, 2265 Headon Rd., Burlington, L7M 4E2, **March 20, 2018, 7:30 p.m.** Film: **True Cost**, St. Agatha Parish, 1839 Notre Dame Dr., St. Agatha, N0B 2L0, **March 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**

#RallyUp Information Nights

Diocesan Youth Ministers, Parent Volunteers, Teachers, Priests and Religious interested in learning more about #RallyUp 2018 are invited to an information evening: **Tuesday, March 6 (6:30-8:30pm)** at St. Ann, Ancaster or **Thursday, March 8 (6:30-8:30pm)** at St. Mary of the Visitation, Cambridge. Whether this is your third time at Rally, or your first, there's much to learn and wonderful opportunities to connect with other Youth Ministers in your local area. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/youth-rally-information-nights-tickets-39252240508?aff=erelpanelorg>.

Synod Prayer Cards

On Palm Sunday, **Sunday, March 25**, we pray for a special way for the Young People of our Church. This year, we pray especially for the Synod of Bishops meeting in October 2018 to discuss Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment. The Office of Youth Ministry has created a prayer card to help you pray for young people of the Diocese and the entire world. There are three different covers to the same prayer – pick one and share another with a young person you may meet! These prayer cards are available in your parish and electronically online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

#RallyUp 2018 “BE” Registration is LIVE

Don't miss out on the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally taking place at Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood on **Saturday, May 26th, 2018**. Registration is live at: hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally. Register before April 30th to be included in an Early Bird Prize Pack draw! BE there!

Amoris Laetitia: “The Joy of Love”

An overview of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter be explored by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office in each Deanery. Register with Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or on line by clicking on Upcoming Events at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The events take place from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the following locations: **April 9 (Thursday)** – Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. Hamilton; **April 11 (Wednesday)** – Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph; **April 12 (Thursday)** – St. Matthews Parish, 1150 Monks Passage, Oakville; **April 17 (Tuesday)** – Sacred Heart Parish, 221 Victoria St., Walkerton; **April 19 (Thursday)** - St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener; **April 24 (Tuesday)** – St. Pius X Parish, 9 Waverly St., Brantford

Prayer in the Style of Taize with The Saint John's Bible

On **Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph Parish in Fergus, we will be having a Prayer in the Style of Taize with The Saint John's Bible. This will be an opportunity to see the Word of God as we sing meditative songs inspired by the illuminations in The Saint John's Bible. This is open to anyone who is interested in a time of meditative prayer.

Parenting Tip 104

Lent is a time of preparation which allows us to fully celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and reflect on the gift of salvation. Help your children, no matter their ages, to understand that Lent is more than just “giving something up”. Lent is a time for prayerful reflection which allows us to properly celebrate and understand the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life given to us through Christ’s passion, death and resurrection. Pray as a family, talk about what these gifts mean and teach about the symbols of Lent, since all of these lead us to the joy of Easter. Instead of dreading Lent, you can help our children rejoice in its ability to bring us closer to God.

Marriage Tip 84

We all know that positive reinforcement works best with children, but did you know it has a very positive influence on your married relationship as well? Do you compliment your spouse every day? Do you remember the magical words please and thank you when interacting? Do you take a little time out of your busy day just to touch base and let your spouse know they are on your mind? Do you share at least one meal each day? Try each of these throughout the season of Lent and see their benefits come to light.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? You are invited to the Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at **1:30 pm**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the narthex of the church for information on how to register for the celebration.

Pornography Availability for Children and Teens...It’s Time to Talk

Children and teens are seeing pornography on a regular basis on the internet, by the age of 18 almost 90%. Many are becoming addicted. Learn more about the impact on children and how you can ensure their protection. **Over 18**, is a documentary that looks factually at the issue. To find parishes and dates where you can view it, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help.

Persons Separated and Divorced Hamilton Programs

LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting **Tuesday, March 6 (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm)**, at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For information or to register, contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249, or register on line at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php. Cost: \$35.

Persons Separated and Divorced Kitchener Programs

LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting **March 20 from 7pm – 9pm** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register, or do so at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php.

Catechesis Connections

Are you a catechist? Do you help pass on the faith to others? In your parish? In Sacramental Prep? At home? Join us as we consider the connection between evangelization and catechesis with the help of a new book by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, “Evangelization & Catechesis: Echoing the Good News Through the Documents of the Church”. Short chapters, great stories, helpful reflection! Wednesdays starting **April 18th either 1 – 3pm in Oakville, St. Andrew’s Parish or 7 – 9pm in Cambridge**, St. Mary of the Visitation Parish in Cambridge. Cost \$35, includes the text. Five sessions **April 18th, 25th, and May 16th, 23rd, and 30th**. Online registration. For more information visit www.hamiltondiocese.com or call Monica at 905 528 7988 ext. 2238.

Annual Musicians' Retreat 2018

On **Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m.**, the Liturgy office will be hosting our Annual Musicians' Retreat at St. Joseph Parish in Fergus. The retreat will end at 12:30 p.m. with lunch provided. The retreat will include a reflection on multiple themes, including: interpreting the word and letting it interpret you, when you're running (and singing) on empty, and singing New Testament "psalms." Advanced registration is required. Please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2336 or visit our website www.hamiltondiocese.com for more details.

Retrouvaille

Do you feel alone in your Marriage? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, 2018, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrovaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Conferring of Papal Honours

On **Sunday, March 4**, Papal Honours will be conferred upon 16 recipients by Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada. The honours will be conferred at **1:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton within a Liturgy of the Word celebration. All are welcome to attend.

Seeing the Word Session

On **March 8** at the Chancery Office, the Liturgy Office will be hosting a *Seeing the Word* session for those who may be interested in delving a little deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible. In preparation for the Easter Triduum, our Visio Divina will focus on the image of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah. The session will be in the afternoon from **1:30pm-3:30pm**. All who are interested may contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2336. All are welcome.

"Praying with Imagination"

On **Tuesday, March 20**, all are invited to an afternoon of *Visio Divina* with *The Saint John's Bible* followed by an intuitive collage process. This event will be held at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo from **1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there! To register, please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office 905-5287988 ext. 2336.

Is your child preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year?

Wondering how you can help them at home? Visit www.hamiltondiocese.com and find Information for Parents under "Catechesis Office". We have videos with practical suggestions and helpful info for parents of children with special needs. We're here to help!

Formed in Faith: Practical-Prayerful-Ready for Sharing

Join us for this 3 week course for seniors and grandparents where we will explore strengthening the foundation for sharing our faith. Choose from two locations! **Mondays April 16, 23, 30th 1 – 3pm at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener OR Tuesdays April 17, 24, May 1st 1- 3pm at St. Ann's, Ancaster.** Practical resources, time for prayer and reflection, reaching out to others in our family and beyond. Cost \$20, includes helpful resources. For more information or to register call Monica 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or email mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

Seniors Study Session

Creation Spirituality. This six week course offered by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D.Min will provide participants an opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian vision of Earth Centered Spirituality. The course will draw on scripture, poetry, ancient prayers, and the lives of the saints and prophets. The Chancery Office, 700 King St. West, Hamilton: Tuesdays from **1:30-3:30 March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 & 24.** Cost \$ 35.00. To register contact Monica mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.