



Monday, October 8 *THANKSGIVING DAY*

9:00a.m. Patrick Poon

Tuesday, October 9 *Sts. Denis & John Leonardi*

7:00p.m. Dennis King Umberto Spagnuolo
 Anna Barcovich Rosa Italiano Sr.
 Lou Quaglia Connie Kalaneh
 Roger Yachetti

Wednesday, October 10

8:00a.m. Stan & Maria Filice

Thursday, October 11 *St. John XXIII*

8:00a.m. Intentions of Fr. Ian Duffy

Fri., October 12

8:00a.m. Robert Hart

Sat., October 13

9:00a.m. **No Morning Mass**

5:00p.m. Robert Hart Cecilia Bowie
 Ilario & Esterina Orsini
 Mary Theresa Rosehart
 Intentions of Joan Hollingham

Diocesan Prayer Calendar
Week of the October 7th

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Very Rev. Michael King
Tuesday Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Wednesday Jesuit Fathers
Thursday Very Rev. Adrian Lee
Friday Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
Saturday Rev. Robert Kiffman

Loving Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those whom You are calling to the married state and those You are choosing to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that through Him, with Him, and in Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Begin your Thanksgiving Day celebrations with our greatest Prayer of Thanksgiving, the Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Thanksgiving Monday, and all are welcome. Please join us for coffee, apple cider, and refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.



OUR LADY OF THE CAPE – MARIAN EVENING

Come join us here at St. Ann's Church, Ancaster for the visit of the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape, on Thursday, October 18th at 7pm. The evening will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm, followed by a Marian procession with the pilgrim statue and then a reception in the parish centre. Come and honour the Mother of Jesus and our Blessed Mother too.

School Dates to Remember
Confirmation Parent Meetings

Private, Public and Home School Children

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30pm

Holy Name of Mary & Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00pm

St. Ann's & St. Joachim's

Thursday, October 11 at 7:00pm

Grade Two Parent Meetings

Private, Public and Home School Children

Tuesday, November 6th at 7:30pm

St. Ann's & St. Joachim's

Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00pm

Holy Name of Mary & Immaculate Conception

Thursday, November 8th at 7:00pm

CONSECRATION TO JESUS
THROUGH MARY

Consecration to Jesus through Mary, according to the method of St. Louis de Montfort, will be celebrated here at St. Ann's Church, Ancaster on Saturday, December 8th, at 9am the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Courses in preparation will be held every Monday beginning on October 15th until December 3rd, 2018 from 7pm – 8:15pm and will be led by members of the *Heralds of the Gospel*. For more information or to register contact Paul or Joanne Bassi at 905-679-6417 or email bassijc@gmail.com.



**from the
Pastors
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Hello from England!

The first month of my sabbatical is completed and it was wonderful. When I first arrived I made a personal pilgrimage to Monte Cassino. I walked out to the Commonwealth War Cemetery and prayed for the repose of the souls of those lying there who paid the ultimate price for peace and freedom. Then I went up to the Abbey, which was destroyed in World War Two, but completely rebuilt, in the words of the Abbot at the time, “where it was and as it was”. It is stunningly beautiful. Interestingly, the most important part of the Abbey, the tombs of St. Benedict and his sister, St. Scholastica, were not destroyed. A bomb lodged in the steps of the sanctuary, mere yards away, but did not explode.

On September 2 I began the first course of my sabbatical at the Pontifical North American College. The community of priests on sabbatical at the NAC was warm, friendly, and welcoming. The studies on St. Paul were enlightening, and will, hopefully, make for better preaching when I get home. No promises on that account!

We enjoyed a pilgrimage to Cyprus in the footsteps of St. Paul and St. Barnabas, and celebrated Mass behind the Church where the Tomb of St. Barnabas lies. We couldn't celebrate in the church because it is in the Turkish occupied area of Cyprus and Christian worship is illegal; the church remains open as a museum. It felt rather like the experience of the early Christians. We had a very nervous Cypriot tour guide keeping watch as we celebrated Mass.

Rome is a wonderful education, and faith experience, in itself. Everywhere you turn there are reminders of the victory of Christ. It's good to be reminded that Christ and His Gospel will always be triumphant over any forces ranged against them. One of the most moving experiences I had was at the tomb of St. Monica. I prayed there for my dear ones, and yours, who have fallen away from the Church. If Monica could make a saint out of her wayward son, St. Augustine, then there is always hope for our dear ones too.

I would be dishonest if I let you believe that it has all been work. The fraternity has been wonderful, and, of course, being in Italy the food and wine aren't too bad either. I've developed a taste for gelato - I try a new flavour every time. If it weren't for that, I'd be coming home in great shape as we walk everywhere and that involves a lot of hills and lots of steps.

I just arrived in England for the second phase of my sabbatical. I'm beginning my journey here where the Christian faith was first brought to these shores at Ramsgate. It was near here that St. Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury, made his first English convert and had his first discussion with King, later Saint, Ethelbert. I've been very warmly received at the National Shrine of St. Augustine in Ramsgate, and offered Mass there on Sunday morning. Also on Sunday I was privileged to attend a beautiful service of Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral, and then prayed at the “Martyrdom”, the spot where St. Thomas Becket was martyred, and where St. John Paul II prayed for Church unity during his visit to Canterbury.

You are all in my prayers every day. I hope that you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. I'm sorry to be missing Thanksgiving at home, but I'll make up for it with extra turkey at Christmas.

With assurances of my Love and Prayers,

I am yours in Christ,

Fr. Ian

NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

It is time to train a new group of Altar Servers for St. Ann's Parish. Any parishioners in grade four or above are welcome to become Altar Servers. Training will take place in October and November, and the new servers will be placed on the Serving Schedule on the First Sunday of Advent. There will be an information meeting for new servers and their parents on Monday, October 15th at 6:30pm. For information please call the Parish Office (905)-648-6874.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA TRIP TO ITALY

Encounter the life and spirituality of St. Catherine of Siena while savouring the food and wine of Tuscany and Rome. The planned dates for this trip are May 19 to 29, 2019. For info contact Fr. Mark Gatto at 289-981-3314 or mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com Also, go to catherineofsienachurch.ca to see brochure for the trip.

RESPECT LIFE FUNDRAISER GALA

All are welcome to join us at the Fundraiser Gala in support of Hamilton Right to Life, on October 17, 2018 at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre in Hamilton. Doors open at 6pm, Dinner starts at 6:30pm. For tickets call 905-528-3065 or email hamiltonrighttolife@outlook.com.