



St. Margaret Mary Parish

20 Idlewood Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario L8T 1V9

Phone: 905-388-2200 Fax: 905-388-8416

Website: stmargaretmaryparish.ca Email: office@stmargaretmaryparish.ca

Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Rene Marechal, Deacon

Divine Dimaranan, Secretary

Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-5 pm.

July & August: 9 am - 12 noon, 1-4 pm.

Sunday Masses:

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Available Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm or
by appointment.

Parish Devotions:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri: 8:00 am-8:00 pm.
Sat: Benediction 8:45 am.

Baptisms: are celebrated by appointment only.
Participation in a Baptismal Preparation Session is
required. Please contact the parish office (905-388-
2200) well in advance.

Marriage: Parishioners who are planning to marry
should contact the parish office at least six months
before the proposed wedding date.

Visits to the Sick: If you or someone you know is in
need of a visit in home or hospital please call the
parish office.

New to the Parish: Please register by completing a
registration form (available in the Narthex). We also
ask that you notify the office of any change in
address or telephone number.

Schools:

St. Margaret Mary	905-383-8122
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	905-385-8212
St. Anthony Daniel	905-389-5186

TWENTY -THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL

Reflect upon next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.
The Gospel for The Exaltation of the Holy Cross is:
John 3.13-17

OUR GIFTS TO GOD August 24th Collection

Regular Sunday Env.	\$ 5,717.00
Loose Cash	\$ 683.00
Building Fund	\$ 300.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 158.00

We thank you for your continued, dedicated and regular financial support for St. Margaret Mary Parish.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 1	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Tues. Sept. 2	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wed. Sept. 3	Our Parish Community
Thurs. Sept. 4	Rev. Michael Anderson
Fri. Sept. 5	Rev. Patrick Ohl
Sat. Sept. 6	Rev. Mario Fernando Cabal Muriel, S.J.
Mon. Sept. 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues. Sept. 9	Rev. David Perrin
Wed. Sept. 10	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.
Thurs. Sept. 11	Catholic Teachers
Fri. Sept. 12	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Sat. Sept. 13	Rev. Matthew Durham
Mon. Sept. 15	Rev. Phillip Cook
Tues. Sept. 16	Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
Wed. Sept. 17	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, M.ChR.
Thurs. Sept. 18	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Fri. Sept. 19	Rev. Piotr Golinski
Sat. Sept. 20	Rev. Rafal Tomon

PORKETTA ON A BUN- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling *porketta on a bun* after all Masses on **September 27 & 28**.

Pricing: 1 for \$6.00 and 3 for \$15.00

Pre-order sheets are available in the **Narthex** of the church.

The **final day to order is Tuesday, September 23, 2025**.

Come out and enjoy a delicious meal!

A prayer for the new school year..... Dear Lord, as I step into this new school year, I confess my fears of the unknown. Please help me to overcome these fears with faith in Your promises. Remind me that You are with me, even in the uncertain and unfamiliar moments. Strengthen my trust in You, knowing that You have a good plan for my life. May Your presence give me the courage to embrace new experiences with confidence.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday
9:00am on Wednesday - Friday

Tues., Sept. 9	†Tony Stanfl, Jr. †Trinidad Rosal †Rocco Della Nebbia †Helen Acadia †Anton Nguyen
Wed., Sept. 10	†Vittoria & Enrico Mancinelli
Thurs., Sept. 11	Intentions of David & Michael †Mary Novak
Fri., Sept. 12	†Antonia Cacnio †Neil Campbell
Sat., Sept. 13 @ 5:00 pm	†Pilipino Villabroza †Flora Mabini †Eleanor Wahler
Sun., Sept. 14 9:00am	†Romeo Goulet
Tues., Sept. 16	†Jayne Barr †Martin Tonaj †Jaime Encinares
Wed., Sept. 17	†Marianna Guidi †Roberto Maiques †David Maiques
Thurs., Sept. 18	†Rocco Della Nebbia †Jose Ben Hur & Jean Benito †Pasquale Frenza
Fri., Sept. 19	†Lilia Omana †Bernard Robicahud †Kurt Weber
Sat. Sept. 20 5:00pm	†Marek Oleszczuk †Eduardo Allanigue †Donato Tortis †Teresita Naval Doria
Sun., Sept. 21 11:00 am	†Lourdes Burley
Tues., Sept. 23	†Angela D'Agruma †Giuseppe & Bridiga Suffoletta †Alfonso De Luca †Albert Fernandes †Lydia Belita
Wed., Sept. 24	†Dom Fernandez †Giacomo Corbacio †Lukas Gudinkas
Thurs., Sept. 25	Intentions of M. Sturtevant †Lilia Omana †Rocco Della Nebbia
Fri., Sept. 26	†Pacita Tumbokon †Vittorino Santucci †Angela Sebastiani
Sat. Sept. 27 5:00pm	†Annette Spatazzo †Alexander Osting †Joao, John & Maria Arruda †Antonio & Luisa Marle
Sun., Sept. 7 11:00 am	†Pietro Fesrelli

From the desk of the pastor..... As we embark on this new pastoral year, let us pause for a moment. This is a good time to develop some good practices and put some thought into our daily prayer. The following are some gentle suggestions.

Find a quiet place, just for yourself and for the Lord. Even if it's only for a few minutes each day, these intentional pauses, to sit quietly with Jesus can become the anchor of our day and our week.

The pace of daily life can be relentless: work, meetings, planning, study, caring for others are all good and necessary tasks. Yet, it's easy to lose sight of the core. At its heart, daily prayer is not merely about activity; it's about **being present**. It's rooted in that intimate, daily encounter with Jesus, the source of every good gift we bring to others.

The Italian mystic, **Carlo Carretto**, who spent years in the silent deserts cultivating a life of prayer, reminds us that **“We are what we pray. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. The strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer. The warmth of our charity is the warmth of our prayer. No more nor less.”** Those words call us back, gently and insistently to the truth that our spiritual life and ministry flow from the depth of our prayer. By sitting with Jesus each day—even briefly, we open ourselves to be reshaped, refreshed, and refocused. We allow our heart to be warmed by the same love we seek to extend to others.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI, the Canadian spiritual writer, offers a comforting reminder of prayer's accessibility. He writes of a moment when Jesus meets someone with “a smile... without reserve and without judgment,” and how “Jesus was eager to meet me!” In that encounter, “there's no place for fear or shame or wondering what God thinks of you.” What a beautiful reminder that prayer, even short, simple prayer, is not a performance. It's a sacred meeting: gentle, transformative, safe. Just you, and Him, in a moment of welcome. Consider these gentle steps:

- **Begin small and simple.** Maybe it's a posture: sitting, standing, kneeling with eyes closed. A single sentence: “Lord, I need you.” Or, “Jesus, have mercy on me.” Or the Our Father, offered “as best we can” on a busy day. [Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI](#)
- **Be faithful to “sitting.”** Even when thoughts wander, or time slips away, return again the next day. Be present. Be persistent.
- **Listen more than speak.** Prayer is not only words. In silence we learn to recognize God's voice, the warm, persistent whisper beneath the noise of our busy minds.
- **Let prayer renew our hope and charity.** When you sense weariness or frustration, remember Fr. Carretto's words: “your warmth of charity is born in the warmth of prayer. Let that reshape your motives, your energy, your vision.”
- **Let gratitude flow in.** Even a brief “Thank you, Jesus, for being with me,” can soften your heart and realign your day.

As we begin this new pastoral year, may our days be shaped by the quiet fidelity of prayer. May we go to it faithfully, day by day, for even a few moments, and may each encounter feed our inner life so that it overflows into our day and those that we will meet. A few moments, a daily sitting with Jesus—that may be the simplest yet most profound gift you offer yourself each day.

Msgr. Con

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND JUBILEE OF HOPE

Calling all young adults! Join us for a special day pilgrimage to the **Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario**, as we journey together in the spirit of the **Jubilee of Hope**. This is a chance to connect with others, deepen your faith, and walk in the footsteps of the Canadian martyrs.

□ **Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025

⌚ **Departure Time:** 8:00 am

📍 **Departure Location:** Chancery Office, Diocese of Hamilton (700 King Street West)

💲 **Cost:** \$40.00 per person

█████ **Includes:** Transportation, entry to the Shrine, time for prayer, reflection, fellowship, and celebration of Mass, BBQ Dinner ahead of departure.

All young adults (20s & 30s) are welcome. Space is limited, so register early!

To register or learn more, contact: Christina Mines, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis
catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/events
Come and be renewed in hope!

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the Practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review a full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CRAFT TABLE DONATION

We are looking for donations of yarn, craft supplies, silk flowers, and Christmas tree bulbs for our Christmas Bazaar Craft Table. If you have any items to contribute, please drop them off in the donation box located in the Hearth Room. Your generous support is greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance for helping make this year's Bazaar a success.

Update on the recent damage at St. Margaret Mary.....

On Monday we met to review the damage to the air conditioning unit to and begin the process of determining a path forward. The insurance company have initiated a review of the situation, and we expect a report in the next ten to twelve days that the Building and Maintenance Committee and I will review.

Unfortunately, the damage is extensive and means that we will not have a working system for many months. We are very grateful to our neighbor who alerted the police which meant that some evidence was left behind.



Valentino's
restaurant
authentic homemade
italian cuisine since 1978
824 King St. W. 835 Paramount Dr.
905-523-4240 905-385-3284

CENTRAL Est.
1950
Plumbing & Heating
Sewer Cleaning • Water Heaters
Boilers • Air Conditioning • Plumbing
601 Green Mountain Rd E 905-527-2406
www.centralpandh.ca

PAUL LEWIS SETTIMI B.A. LL.B.
Barrister And Solicitor
280 Barton St, Stoney Creek
Tel 905.527.0808
Fax 905.527.0774
36 Main St E #4, Grimsby
905.527.0808

industria
pizzeria + bar

Your Favourite Full Service
Italian Dining at its Best!
Book Your Baptisms,
Communions +
Confirmations with Us
Today.

365-601-3757
1791 Stone Church Road E
scevents@indstriapizzeria.com



Mario Carvalho

Sales Representative

My Cell Phone
905-317-9831
is NEVER OFF

ROYAL LEPAGE
MACRO REALY Brokerage
Independently Owned & Operated

ZARKY'S
Award Winning
• Catering
• Deli
• Bakery
• Prepared Foods

Comfort Foods
...at Amazing Prices

www.zarkys.com
20 Hempstead Dr. 905-574-1500

Dermody's
P.X. DERMODY FUNERAL HOMES
Family Owned and Operated for over 100 Years!



Gia Walton
Sales Representative
905-719-0599
www.giawalton.com

RE/MAX ESCARPMENT
REALTY INC., BROKERAGE
DEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED

796 Upper Gage Ave
1919 King St East
7 East Ave South
905-388-4141
dermodys.com

RE/MAX
HALL OF FAME

CHARLES
MACALUSO

B.Sc., LL.B.
Barrister & Solicitor
INGRASSIA MACALUSO
ASSOCIATES
69 John St. South
Suite 200
905-522-7442

Friscolanti
Funeral Chapel

Owned and Operated by the
D'Alessandro &
Friscolanti-Cameron
families since 1960
www.friscolanti.com
43 Barton St. E.
905-522-0912



Eastmount Family Dentistry

Dr. Julius Losonci D.D.S.

- General Family Dentistry • Crowns/Bridges
- Wisdom Teeth • Dentures • Implants
- Ortho • Cosmetic Dentistry • Extractions

★Canadian Dental Care Plan participants★

Accepting and providing care to approved CDPC clients

Proudly practicing in Canada for over 25 years!

10-788 Upper Ottawa St.
Tel: **905-383-5664** Emerg: **905-537-2162**



Bay Gardens
Funeral Home
by Arbor Memorial

www.baygardens.ca

1010 Botanical Drive
Burlington, Ontario
905-527-0405

947 Rymal Road East
Hamilton, Ontario
905-574-0405

THE PERFECT SPOT

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637



Edward Jones®

Michael O'Brien, DFSA, RRC, MBA
Financial Advisor
15 Lockport Way, Stoney Creek **905-570-0452**
michael.j.o'brien@edwardjones.com
edwardjones.ca/michael.j.o'brien

Fascination

Flowers

100% Satisfaction Guaranteed
1104 Fennell Ave. E.
905-527-2881

Upper Gage Pharmacy

558 Upper Gage Ave.
North West Corner
Upper Gage &
Fennell Ave E
905-574-5000