



Heart to Heart

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ST. BENEDICT CHURCH IN MILTON is nearing completion. The Mass of Dedication was originally scheduled for this coming Sunday. Because the church is still in the final stages of completion it was decided to continue completing the work, to begin celebrating Mass in the church prior to Christmas, and to reschedule the Mass of Dedication to early July, 2021. Congratulations to Father Jim Petrie and his team for a remarkably beautiful church which will serve parishioners in Milton for years to come!

THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton is good news indeed! A committee has been established to work with the Bishop-elect in planning and preparing for the February 2nd Episcopal Ordination. Because of COVID-19 restrictions the event will be an “invitation only” gathering – for Family, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Lay Faithful. Bishop Lobsinger will leave his current assignment as Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Ancaster, following the Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 3, 2021. Father Michael King has been appointed Administrator of the Parish from then to the end of June, 2021. We pray in thanksgiving for the new Bishop!

THE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOUR HELP! They are hosting a “virtual” online raffle with all proceeds going to ensure the C.Y.O. can maintain operations into 2021. The raffle is already underway and continues until December 4th, at 11:59 p.m. Purchase tickets to prizes of your choice on the C.Y.O. website (www.cyo.on.ca/raffle) using the device of your choice. Winners will be drawn on December 5th and prize winners posted on the website by 4:00 p.m. *“Because we believe that every child deserves to play.”*

ST. JOSEPH’S HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION HAMILTON launches its first ever 50/50 lottery! *Hope, Health and Holiday Wishes* is the title of the fundraiser. Fifty percent of the ticket sales will make up the ever-growing prize amount, while the other fifty percent will support patient care and research at St. Joe’s Hospital. Order tickets online now at: www.stjoeslottery.ca. There is no better time to DO GOOD and “lean in” to support the hospital Foundation.

THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is sponsoring a live-streamed Mass from St. Ann Parish, Ancaster, for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus. The Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, November 28th. In order to join the Mass please visit the Parish [YouTube Channel](#).

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR REFUGEES has established new procedures that are consistent with government requirements in these COVID-19 times. St. Vincent de Paul volunteers welcomed a Syrian family of five to Cambridge from Saudi Arabia. St. Dominic Parish, Oakville, welcomed a young Syrian man whose brother had been welcomed by the Parish in 2016! In early December the Brothers of St. John of God are preparing to welcome an Iraqi family of five living in asylum in Turkey. A number of unaccompanied/separated children are expected to arrive in the country to join their parents prior to year-end. Most of these children currently reside in Ethiopia. The good work of welcoming newcomers continues!

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, *+ Douglas*, OMI