



Heart to Heart

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OUR SYMPATHY TO THE CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION on the recent death of Father “J.J.” Johnstone, a native of Brantford. The Provincial, Father Murray McDermott, presided at the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph’s Parish, Brantford, yesterday. Father Philip Reilly, was the homilist – he and Father JJ lived in community for the past 20 years. We offer our prayers for the repose of his soul.

SACRED HEART PARISH IN HAMILTON WILL CELEBRATE A SPECIAL MASS on Sunday, following several weeks of renovation and repair. The in-floor heating system was removed and the floor repaired, a new Altar of Reservation was installed, and a bathroom was installed near the front entrance. It will be a joyous experience for the parishioners to return to their church following several weeks of praying in the Parish Hall!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th, IS THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION, the patronal feast for the Diocese of Hamilton. It is a time of favour to pray for the Diocese of Hamilton, expressing gratitude to God for the blessings that we share. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7 p.m. Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us!

FATHER WOJCIECH KUZMA AND I WILL BE VISITING THE SEMINARIES where most of our seminarians study over the coming two weeks. It is a time to receive the evaluations of the seminary faculty and to determine future directions. Currently we are blessed with 31 men who are studying to be Priests in Hamilton Diocese. We pray for God’s blessing on them!

2015 PERSONNEL CHANGES ARE BEING FINALIZED THESE DAYS. Thanks to those Priests who have accepted new appointments. Once the appointments have been completed they will be announced in the usual way.

THE MEN’S GROUP AT ST. JOHN’S PARISH, BURLINGTON, is sponsoring an evening for men at the Martha Wing Auditorium of St. Joseph’s (Motherhouse) Convent in Dundas. The evening begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a reflection by “yours truly”. It is a fine Lenten tradition and I look forward to meeting the group!

THE MASS OF CHRISM TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY, MARCH 30th, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 7 p.m. This is the Mass when the Priests who serve in the Diocese gather to renew their priestly commitment. We also bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, and together we consecrate the Sacred Chrism, for use in the celebration of the Sacraments over the coming year. You are welcome to join us for this joyous Mass.

REGISTRATIONS FOR THIS YEAR’S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS on June 7th are coming in quickly. To date, 218 couples have indicated their intention to participate. 55 are celebrating 25th anniversaries, 38 are celebrating 40th anniversaries, 72 are celebrating 50th anniversaries, and 53 are celebrating 60th anniversaries or more (2 couples are celebrating 70th anniversaries). It is not too late for couples to register – it gives time to ensure that certificates and other “treats” are prepared.

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI