

July 2026



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MASS INTENTIONS

July 6th – July 12th



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St. John's College

(519) 759-2318

Monday, July 6th— Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Beatris da Silva

Tuesday, July 7th — Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Jossey Padamadan & all deceased & living family

Wednesday, July 8th— Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 9th— Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 10th— Ferial, Ordinary Time

9:00am— Intentions of Cathy Barrieau

The Lord's Day Sunday Masses

Saturday, July 11th—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm — Intentions of Fr. Laszlo Amaszka; Vito Martino;
Dorothea Lenis; Lidia Trecapelli & Family; Jasmine Mae C. Batac;
Jim Harris; Biagio Pontoriero; Mary Louise Leitch; Domenico Reale

Sunday, July 12th— Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am— Espirito Santo Americo

11:00am — Intentions of All Parishioners

7:00pm—

Meetings & Events This Week

Monday, July 6th

9:00am—Mass

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00am—Mass

10:00am — Our Lady Queen of Peace Cenacle

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Hall)

Wednesday, July 8th

8:15am — Prayers for Souls in Purgatory

9:00am—Mass

7:00pm—San Rocco Meeting (Church Hall)

Thursday, July 9th

9:00am—Mass

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Church Hall)

6:30pm—Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting (Church Hall)

Friday, July 10th

8:00am-8:50am—Adoration (Church)

9:00am—Morning Mass

9:30-3:00pm—CANCELLED: Adoration (Chapel)

11:00am—Funeral Mass, Mary Louise Leitch

Saturday, July 11th

4:00pm -4:30pm—Reconciliation

5:00pm—Mass

Sunday, July 12th

8:00am—Rosary (Church)

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm —Mass

1:00pm—Baptisms

Upcoming

Monday, July 13th

9:00am—Mass

Tuesday, July 14th

9:00am—Mass

10:00am — Our Lady Queen of Peace Cenacle

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Hall)

Wednesday, July 15th

8:15am — Prayers for Souls in Purgatory

9:00am—Mass

6:30pm—Knights of Columbus Meeting (Church Hall)

Thursday, July 16th

9:00am—Mass

1:00pm—Safe Zone Exercise Program (Church Hall)

7:00—Choir Practice

Friday, July 17th

8:00am-8:50am—Adoration (Church)

9:00am—Morning Mass

9:30-3:00pm—Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, July 18th

4:00pm -4:30pm—Reconciliation

10:00am—Baptism Preparation Session (Church Hall)

5:00pm—Mass

Sunday, July 19th

8:00am—Rosary (Church)

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm —Mass



Sanctuary Candle Intentions

July 5th to July 11th

**Intentions of all parishioners
*Both Candles***



Marian Candle Intention
July 5th to July 11th

Joao Pimentel



The Ministry of Compassion brings communion to our homebound parishioners every Friday morning and volunteers also lead a prayer/communion service at nursing/retirement homes within our parish boundaries.

We are in need of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time, talents and faith within our Ministry. We provide training so that new volunteers feel comfortable taking on this rewarding role. If you are interested, please leave your name and number with the parish office. office@stpiusbrantford.ca

Bible Reading Group

The Bible Reading Group will be on break from Saturday, July 4th to Saturday, September 5th.



For information, please contact: Lavinia McLean 226-938-1113 Lavinia.Tj@gmail.com

Summer Updates

*From **Tuesday, July 21st to Friday, July 24th** the parish office will be open on a reduced schedule from 10:00am-12:00pm. Messages will be returned as soon as possible.



Like last year, there will not be a weekly bulletin produced over the summer months. For July and August we will have only one bulletin for each month. (**July 4th/5th, August 1st/2nd**) We will resume weekly bulletins in September.

Call For Volunteers

Our parish needs volunteers in many areas, with the greatest need on the Building/Maintenance and Garden Committees.



Why Volunteer?

- °Volunteering benefits both the community and the individual.
- °It strengthens our parish while also offering a sense of purpose and personal fulfillment.

If you are interested in offering any of your time and talents, your help would be very much appreciated. Please reach out to office@stpiusbrantford.ca or call 519-753-8439 for more information.



CWL NEWS

Summer Clean-up!!



"Save the date!!"

The C.W.L. is pleased to announce that the Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14th, 2026. Over the summer, please keep the bazaar in mind as you sew, make knitted items, 'can' preserves, or tidy up your homes. Our tables will love your contributions! Please plan to attend! And bring family and friends to this amazing fund-raising Parish event. Thank you in advance for all your kind support. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are always appreciated. Further information about the Christmas Bazaar will be posted in up-coming bulletins. Contact: Eva Evans (519)-753-4034 or Pat McDougall (519)-756-3272 with any questions.

Getting Ready for Back to School!!



The C.W.L. is starting a 'Back to School' donation drive for children in elementary school. We are looking for a variety of school items that students between kindergarten and Grade 8 can use as they begin their educational journey in September. We will have a collection box at the back of the church where items can be dropped off. These items will be distributed to schools in the Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk Catholic District School area where the need is seen. Please find a list below of possible items that will be suitable to 'Fill a Backpack'. We will mix and match the donated gear for the best results. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. You are helping to build Faith, excitement and confidence in the young student community. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated!!

School supply items: New Backpacks; Insulated lunch bag; Water bottle; Pencil case; Highlighters; Pencil sharpener; Crayons; Coloured pencils; Markers; Erasers; Notebooks; Glue sticks; Pens; Scissors; Rulers; Protractor; Pencils; Index cards; Lined paper; Calculator.

We thank everyone that has donated to this drive in past years and appreciate your continued support! Contact Anne Morrison-Clancy, Community Life Chair, at 519-758-9134 with any questions.

We welcome the following children to the household of faith through the waters of Baptism:

Theodore Snider; Aubrey Elizabeth Snider; Daisy Susan Solara Thompson; Anya Carolyn Speranza; Emme Jane Arruda; Milani Leitha Maloney-Yardley; Macie Margaret Angela Smillie.

Let us pray that they will continue to grow in faith.



Volunteers Needed for Grass Cutting



Help is urgently needed with grass cutting around the parish this summer.

If you are able to lend your time and assist with this important upkeep, please contact the parish office. office@stpiusbrantford.ca Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.
(Loyola Press)

Donation Information

If you would like to send your offertory donation via E-Transfer, please use the following email:

bookkeeping@stpiusbrantford.ca Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Pius X Parish.



Be A Man



We often consider our faith as simply something we do on Sundays, but living your faith comes with a whole new challenge – especially when you are faced with a personal crisis. Imagine watching your friend and partner die in front of your eyes from a gunshot wound. Your response is either part of your faith or a worldly anger. On **Wednesday July 8th at 5:00pm**, we invite men to join us to hear from someone who faced that exact challenge; a former OPP officer who lived through that horror and used his faith to survive it. The *Be A Man* group will host the BBQ at **Sacred Heart Parish in Paris** to hear from this man, and to share burgers and comradery. We hope you will join us.

Help us prepare for the number of men attending by simply adding your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. For more information go to beamanbrant.ca



SAN ROCCO
Venerato in Brantford

The San Rocco Association wishes to announce their upcoming Festa of San Rocco.

To be held at St. Pius X Church, 9 Waverly St., Brantford, on August 16th, 2026 at 1:30 pm. A solemn High mass will be celebrated in honor of San Rocco, followed by a procession in the church parking lot. Upon return to the church the traditional blessing and distribution of the bread will take place, after which a social is planned in the church hall, All are welcomed.

Flowers and baked goods are greatly appreciated and will be received Saturday Aug. 15th, 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the church.

Special notice "The church parking lot will be closed for this celebration."



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of July 4-5, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass.

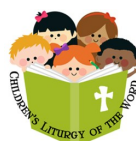
Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy will continue to be offered at the 11:00am Mass until July 19th, and then will break for the rest of the summer. We will start up again on September 13th.



Hamilton Diocese Marian Days—First Saturdays from June– October 2026. The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph

- July 4, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger)
- August 1, 2026 (Cardinal Collins)
- September 5, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger)
- October 3, 2026 (Bishop Dabrowski)

Please note that the October Marian Day concludes with the Regina Caeli Tea. Registration is required and will be available after all Marian Days. For more information visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2026/05/marian-days-2026/>

Young Adults Night— Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, August 1st at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Marriage Tip Of The Month— Couples are so busy today with their jobs, taking care of children and sometimes looking after elderly parents that time is very precious. Often what gets put on the back burner is time to focus on their marriage. All these responsibilities are much better managed with a healthy relationship, so taking time together has a positive impact all around. Schedule time for a coffee, a short or long walk, a chat at the end of the day, prayer, or dinner for two, anything that is just for the two of you. Your marriage matters — don't let making it a priority take a backseat to everything else on the to-do list!

Frassati Leadership Program— Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Reconciliation takes place weekly on Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:30pm, or is available by appointment by contacting the Office at [519-753-8439](tel:519-753-8439) or emailing office@stpiusbrantford.ca.

Scent-Free Environment:

Please be considerate of others. Different scents/smells do cause breathing issues and headaches for some people.



Be A Man <https://beamanbrant.ca>

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St Pius X Conference

Reflection

"But Abraham said," Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony." NRSV Luke 16:25

Mission

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is:

To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy.

Visit our website and find out what we do:

<https://ssvpbrant.ca>

Please Pray

May the Society of St. Vincent de Paul be fortified by God's Grace as they provide material assistance, emotional and spiritual support to our Neighbours in Need.



Use the QR Code link to Sign Up

St Pius X

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Men! Join the Knights of Columbus.
Lead with Faith, Protect Your Family, Serve Others and Defend Your Values.

Contact Rob Panko at rpanko@rogers.com or call 226-388-1786 for additional details.

From all of us at St. Pius X, we wish you a blessed, safe and happy summer!



The Parish Finance Report for the Month of July will be available in the August bulletin