

***Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Events & Announcements.....***

**R.C.I.A.**

**(Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

- Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?
- Are you an adult who has never been baptized and would like to be baptized?
- Have you been baptized but never received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation?
- Have you received the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) but have been away from the Church for a while and need some updating in your faith formation?

If you have answered “yes” to any of the above questions the RCIA program may be for you. We will be starting another program in September. Please call the parish office at 905 664-7651 and speak to Fr. Jim or Susan or email Susan at [sklunder@quickclic.net](mailto:sklunder@quickclic.net) for more information.

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**CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE**

Programs are available for children from kindergarten through to high school not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic schools is also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact the parish office for more information and for registration forms.

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**CONFIRMATION PARENTS’ MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance is mandatory.**

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**FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENTS’ MEETING**

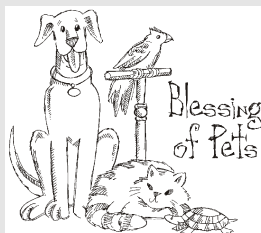
**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance is mandatory.**

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**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
10:30 a.m.  
back parking lot  
(rain or shine)**

**Bring your pets, big and small, for their special blessing.**



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**

If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversary this year you are invited to this Anniversary Mass in our Church. Please call the parish office to register.

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**ASSUMPTION CHURCH TRAVEL CLUB  
“OKTOBERFEST!”**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011**

Get in the festive spirit for Oktoberfest at the Concordia Club in Kitchener. The first beer is on the house! Before arriving back in Hamilton, we’ll stop at Reid Chocolates for some fantastic shopping! Cost is \$97.00/person. For more information or to book your seat please call Beverly Nusca at 905 561-8133, Diane Araiche at 905 692-3823 or Angie Stanziani at 905 692-3152.

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

Wine, cheese, the Erland Lee Museum Home and “what happened to me this summer!”..... will be the order of the evening. We will meet in the Friendship Centre and all ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

**MICHAEL COREN**

**Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

Nicolas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street  
(behind Cathedral of Christ the King)

“Why Catholics are Right” is an exciting new book written by well-know author, TV host and speaker Michael Coren. The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to join them at the Nicolas Mancini Centre for an informative, humorous and fast paced talk about the book given by the author himself. Come learn more about our faith and “Why Catholics are Right!” No charge for admission.

**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS**

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

**Holy Cross Parish**

**14400 Argyll Road, Halton Hills (Georgetown)**

Please gather to pray to the Lord of the Harvest for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, to listen more attentively to the call to holiness and to celebrate the gift of vocations within the life of the church. All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration of faith being hosted by the Catholic Women’s League, Knights of Columbus and Serra Clubs of the Diocese. Light refreshments will be

available following the celebration of the Eucharist.

***From the Diocesan Family Ministry Office....***

● **LEARNING TO COPE** (Level 1) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> for persons experiencing the trauma of a separation or divorce. Cost is \$35.

● **KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS** is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone, married or single, who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. The program runs Thursday evenings starting September 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$45.

*For more information on either of the above two programs please call Family Ministry Office at 905 528-7988, ext. 2249.*

● **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH**

With the start of school in September we reflect on how to help our children prepare for their futures. Successful students (and adults) know how to organize themselves in many areas of their lives and learn how to prioritize what needs to be done. Help your children organize and prioritize and you will be giving them tools for life. Teach them that family and faith (including attending Mass) should be highest on their list so they stay healthy and happy.

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**157<sup>th</sup> BINBROOK FAIR**

**3120 Binbrook Road**

**September 16, 17 & 18**

**Theme - "Rooted in the Country"**

Demolition Derby - Friday and Saturday, Campbell's Midway - Daily (Bracelet Day Sunday), Binbrook Idol Contest - Saturday, Community Church Service and Pancake Breakfast - Sunday and much, much more. Adults - \$7, Children under 12 - free, parking on grounds - free. Weekend Pass \$14. For more information and for the times of the various events please visit [www.binbrookfair.org](http://www.binbrookfair.org) or call 905 692-4003.

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***From Salt + Light TV....***

● Witness | Interview with Sr. Nuala Kenny, Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 p.m. & 12 a.m. In this special Witness Interview, host Fr. Thomas Rosica speaks with Sr. Nuala Kenny, contributor to "From Pain to Hope", about how the Church can begin to heal from the sexual abuse crisis.

● Please consider donating to Salt + Light on a monthly basis, and in so doing, help encourage people of all ages to live a more hopeful, faithful and fruitful life in the company of Christ, the Church and the communion of saints.

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**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 1 - 8 p.m.**

Community prayer and blessing at 6 p.m. and slide show through the ages at 7 p.m. RSVP to 905 523-2328.

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**BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PATRICK PARISH**

440 King Street East

Program starts Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Come have fun, learn and fellowship with friendly brothers and sisters. No charge. For more information call 905 522-9828 or visit [StPatricksHamilton.org](http://StPatricksHamilton.org).

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**ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF PASTA DINNER**

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

This fund raiser dinner will be hosted by ten St. Jean de Brebeuf students who will be travelling to Kampala, Uganda in March 2012. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and children under 5 are free. The dinner will run from 5 - 7:30 p.m. with open seating. For tickets please call 905 388-7020 x 4237.

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**St. Mark Co-Instructional Volleyball for Girls & Boys, ages 5 - 14 ....**

Children interested in participating in the SMCH Volleyball program can acquire information and application at [rbbluciana.quickclick.net](http://rbbluciana.quickclick.net) or at 905 383-9568. Registration will take place at St. Mark School, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This program runs for 13 weeks and is designed to teach the skills of the game in a fun way.

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**"BRINGING NIAGARA TO YOU"**

Tasting Testing - Sideroad Twenty Cellars

Canadian Martyrs Parish Hall

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 8 p.m.

Cost is \$10. To purchase tickets or for more information please call Raf Tofano at 905 526-6023.

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**GLANBROOK HOME SUPPORT  
DINERS CLUB/LUNCH BUNCH**

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Lunch includes a home made hot meal, beverages and entertainment for only \$8. Held at various locations throughout the community. Call 905 692-3464 for more information or to register.

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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This will be a weekend of memorials. Wreaths will be laid; there will be moments of silence. The names of the dead will be proclaimed and stories of their lives will be told. Commentators will voice their opinions and newscasts will replay the sound and video from that awful Tuesday morning ten years ago when four planes crashed out of a bright, sunny sky. Two of the planes hit the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York; one struck the Pentagon in Washington, DC; and the last came down in a Pennsylvania field as passengers rushed the hijackers who wanted to turn that plane into a bomb as well.

Ten years ago, on the Sunday after the attack, we heard the story of the prodigal son. This year, the cycle of Lectionary readings brings us the parable from Matthew of the unforgiving servant. As we hear this parable we feel a certain sense of justice as the servant, a despicable character without compassion, is thrown into jail by the master who had once forgiven his huge debt. While we might momentarily rejoice in the just outcome of this parable, we are immediately skewered by the words of Jesus, who says to us, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

We hadn't bargained on this outcome to the parable. We are caught in the same trap as the ungrateful servant. And where does that leave us on a day such as this, when we remember those whose lives have been lost and believe the perpetrators to be as despicable as the servant in the Gospel? Jesus does not make life easy for us. As our Saviour, he redeems us not only from the sin we inflict on others, but also from the sin we inflict on ourselves. Learning to forgive even the greatest

sinners is the call of every Christian.

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