

 **MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, August 31 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Doug Fortune, Louis Macerollo.

**Tuesday, September 1 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Marisa Finoro, Donald Smith.

**Wednesday, September 2 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Mary McAvoy, Nada Wyman.

**Thursday, September 3 - Feast: St. Gregory the Great**  
7:00p.m. - Intentions of Jim & Emma Hohenadel 60<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary.

**Friday, September 4 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Huck O'Connell, Shane Sartor.

**Saturday, September 5 - Ferial**  
5:15p.m. - Filomena Grasso, Olivio Bendo,  
Colleen Hilson.

**Sunday, September 6 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Stewardship of Treasure:**

Thank you for your gift of \$7691.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings. Thank you for your donation of \$3,333.35 to the Spiritan Fathers Mission appeal in response to our Diocesan Mission Co-Op Plan.

† We offer our prayers and congratulations to David Pipe and Kate Burian on the recent celebration of their marriage.

† We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Nada Wyman and Gino Bolzon who were called home to eternal life. May they and all our deceased loved ones be at peace with God.

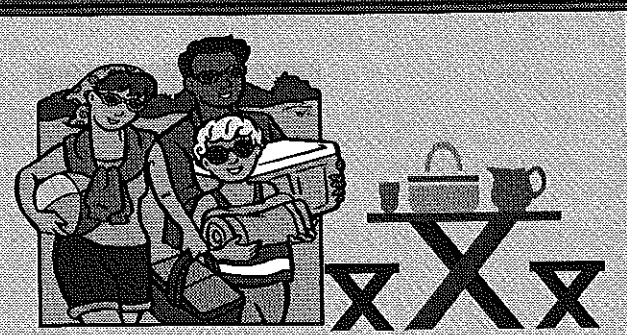
**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM"**

*Do you know the date of your Baptism? It was the most important day of your life! Baptism is a mystery that defines me, purges me, marks me, penetrates me and transforms me to the depth of my being. My Baptism shapes who I am and the way I try to live and it all starts with God. Through Baptism I become a child of God. So often we forget the gentle creative power of the love of God for us. Yes we are loved by God in every moment and in every way which is given to us freely for we do not earn the love of God. Everything good in our lives and in the world is a gift of God and without God's love we are nothing. That is why gratitude is at the heart of being a Catholic, for once we realize how little we can be without God, we can then be thankful. Baptism means I am Christened. I am plunged into the mystery of Jesus as St. Paul says, "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me" (Gal.2:20). Christening is not just some nice social event for it is God's work. It defines who I am, it describes that I choose to live following Christ daily with the help of the Holy Spirit as a member of the Catholic Church.*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION DUE TO INFLUENZA A (H1N1):**

*Until further notice the following measures are to be adopted at Mass:*

- parishioners are advised to refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace and simply bow or say "Peace be with you" to one another
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will sanitize their hands before and after distributing Communion
- Communion will not be distributed from the cup
- all are to receive Communion in the hand only
- thank you for your co-operation as we all want to remain healthy



**PARISH PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

We hope to see you, your family and friends, at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Picnic on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We'll be at Riverside Park starting with an outdoor Mass beginning at 1:00p.m., followed by Face painting, Bocci Tournament, also Euchre Tournament, Music, Baseball Game, BBQ and a Corn Roast and much, much more. Tickets are still the same price, \$5.00 per person and children under 5 are free. Tickets are available after each of the weekend masses. See you there!

**PARISH NEWS**

**RELIGIOUS INFORMATION BOOKLETS**

We appreciate greatly the contributions that were left in the donation box for the religious information booklets, newspapers and magazines available at the main entrance of the church. Because of your generosity we are able to maintain a supply of publications dealing with relevant topics.

**CWL TWILIGHT RETREAT**

All women of the parish are invited to attend a Twilight Retreat on Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. This annual spiritual event will begin at 5:30p.m. and will be conducted by Most Rev. Peter Hundt, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto and former Provincial Chaplain for the CWL. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale after all the Masses on the weekends of August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Mass and dinner are included in the Retreat. Call 519-824-2587 for tickets or information.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for those in grade 8 this Fall. Baptismal certificates are required at the time of registration in September so please obtain one over the summer.

**RCIA**

September is the time when RCIA begins; as you know, that is the program for people who are interested in, and perhaps already deciding, that they wish to become a Catholic. Experience tells us, that many people simply need an invitation to enter the program. If you know anyone who might be so inclined why not ask them. You can re-assure them that the experience will be a life-changing one. They will not be pressured in any way. They can exit the program any time they choose to do so. The process respects the reality that whether or not they choose to become Catholic, that decision is theirs and theirs alone. Please fill out a registration form at the parish office.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Register now for Family Faith Development in the Home! Programs available for children from Kindergarten to High School. These programs are intended for children not currently enrolled in a Catholic School. Contact Carol at the Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). We also ask that you give your names to Sister Elaine through the Parish Office.

**OTHER NEWS**

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE**

The Theology of the Body Conference: Discovering the MasterPlan for Your Life Conference - presented by Christopher West, October 16<sup>th</sup> 7-9p.m. and October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-4:30p.m. at the Canadian Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto (Don Mills Road & Eglinton Avenue.) Registration is \$40.00. E-mail [sibreg@gmail.com](mailto:sibreg@gmail.com) or call 1-416-481-5465 or see [www.godsexandthethemeaningoflife.com](http://www.godsexandthethemeaningoflife.com).

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ORGANIC HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Organic Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Loyola House. Cocktails will begin at 5p.m. with dinner being served at 6p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Swell Billies. Tickets are \$90 each and can be obtained by contacting Miriam Koopman at 519-824-1250 ext. 250.

**ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? THE CHURCH CARES!**

Level I - Learning to Cope (Course fee \$35). Level II - Accepting the Situation (Course fee \$45). Both programs are Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks starting September 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener (corner of Queen & Westmount). Level III - Building a Positive Self-Esteem ( Course fee \$40) Monday evenings for 10 weeks starting September 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9p.m. at St. Clements Parish, Duke Street, Cambridge. To register or for more information contact the Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL RED MASS**

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Red Mass Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King followed by a breakfast at the LIUNA Station & Banquet Centre, 360 James St. N., Hamilton. The Red Mass is the solemn invocation of the Holy Spirit for Divine wisdom and guidance for all those whose grave responsibility it is to plead, interpret and apply the law for the welfare of all individuals and the true progress of society. The Red Mass is an annual reminder that the law is based upon the eternal law of God, as acknowledged in the preamble of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom - "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law ...."

**WCDSB SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board reminds all that the first day of classes this year is Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the first year students will be attending class prior to Labour Day. All schools are open during the last two weeks of August for registration. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

**JUST A THOUGHT!**

- I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles three things - a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas lights (age 52)
- I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles and to tell the truth, I've seen several (age 73)
- I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one (age 82)

**2009 DAY OF RENEWAL**

The 2009 Bread of Life Day of Renewal Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Oakville. Registration is \$20. The theme this year is "Joy in Hard Times." Register by calling 1-905-634-5433 or [www.TheBreadofLife.ca](http://www.TheBreadofLife.ca).