



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 14 - Feast: St. John of the Cross
7:30a.m. - Olivio Bendo, Peter & Ethel Murphy & the Deceased Members of the Murphy Family.

Tuesday, December 15 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Sally Steffler, Ricardo Scapin.

Wednesday, December 16 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - John Bui Do, Andras Vincze.

Thursday, December 17 - Ferial: Weekday
7:00p.m. - Josie McCarvell, Elaine Valeriote, Jack White & the Deceased Members of the White Family.

Friday, December 18 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Mary McDonald, Violet & George Cartledge.

Saturday, December 19 - Ferial
5:15p.m. - The Deceased Members of the Lazzari & Ferraro Families, Antonio & Philomena Bendo, Joe Markovinovic, Adele Agnoletto.

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$13,659.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

Banns of Marriage:

2/ Joseph B. Bouchard & Kathryn B. Dupuis

† We offer our prayers and congratulations to Francesco Stagliano and Danielle Sargent on the recent celebration of their marriage.

† We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Dr. Ian Clemes who was called to eternal life.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: PREPARE THE WAY!

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas each year our thoughts often turn to family traditions. In many ways Christmas is a "traditional feast". There are traditional decorations, songs, foods and family rituals. However, at the very heart of the Church's tradition is the celebration of the Christmas Eucharist. All of our other traditions revolve around this central Christmas celebration... They prepare or lead us to the Christmas Mass; they flow from our celebration of the Christmas Mass. At this moment in time we are facing a number of significant challenges which are hindering our Catholic Christmas tradition. Changing cultural patterns, pastoral circumstances, the diversity of the Christmas assembly, and a renewed awareness of the requirements of good liturgical celebrations, invite us to consider ways of maintaining our tradition of keeping the Eucharist at the heart of our Christmas celebration.

During Advent:

- we invite you to pray for one another
- we invite your participation in our Advent Project for Sister Christine and Michael House
- we invite the children to help feed hungry children throughout the world by their donations to Chalice

PARISH NEWS

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!

Do you like cookies and watching movies? If so the C.O.O.L. Squad is having a Santa's milk and cookies event Sunday, December 13th at 2-5p.m. in the Church Hall. For more information contact Tim O'Brien at ourladyyouthgroup@hotmail.com.

PLANNED GIVING

Church of Our Lady began serving the community in 1888 and remains today a strong symbol of faith. The continued support of parishioners is a wonderful sign of your Stewardship and has never been more important. Major repairs and restoration projects are underway and are very costly to fund. Please consider us as you prepare or update your estate and financial plans. A modest gift by way of bequests, insurance or tangible assets can make a substantial difference to the future of our church. THE BUILDING FUND finances current repairs and restoration work with THE HERITAGE FUND ENSURES THAT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY will be in a position of financial security for future generations. For more information contact our Office at 519-824-3951.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2009

Thursday, December 24th - 5:15p.m.; 8:00p.m.; 12:00midnight
 (Celebrant Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki)
 Friday, December 25th - 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.
 Saturday, December 26th - 5:15p.m.
 Sunday, December 27th - 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, December 8thSt. Michael School
 Friday, December 11thSt. Paul School
 Saturday, December 19th4:00-5:00p.m.
 Tuesday, December 22nd 8:00a.m.- 12noon
 2:00-5:00p.m.
 Wednesday, December 23rd6:30-7:30p.m.



TREES OF LIFE FOR ADVENT

At the Sacred Heart Altar the Tree of Life is for those who died from October 2008 to the present, and were born to eternal life. You may put a paper ornament provided on the tree with the name, birth and death date of your loved one. A donation box is provided there for money towards the cost of the Christmas flowers for the Church. The other Tree of Life is at the St. Joseph Altar and is for those baptized into new life in Christ during the past year. Take a moment to have a look and pray for them.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in great need for any boy or girl in grade four or above who is interested in becoming an altar server. Please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

2010 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2010 Sunday Missals are available at the back of the church and the Tower Entrance. Cost is \$4 and an envelope may be found in the missals and placed in the Offertory Collection.

2010 PARISH ENVELOPES

Today we have available your 2010 parish envelopes for your weekly donations. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes and please note that our numbering system is being updated. Some people ask for envelopes and never pick them up. If you have moved within the past year please contact the office so that our records are updated and that you will receive your proper income tax receipt for 2009. Your financial support is an important sign of justice and much appreciated as together we respond as good stewards for the financial welfare of our parish community.

CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues (\$15.00) can be dropped off in the offertory collection at any time. If you do not have a pink offertory envelope, please use any envelope with your name and CWL membership written on the outside of the envelope. You help us help others.

VOCATION VIEW:

Have you ever asked, "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the good news to people. Nothing else matters.

CATHOLIC TRUSTEE WORKSHOP

St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto is presenting a series of six consecutive Saturday workshops from 10a.m. to 3p.m. for anyone in the province who is considering running for the position of a Catholic Trustee in the 2010 election. A fee of \$100 will be charged for the series and must be paid by cash by December 20th, 2009. The series begins January 9th, 2010.

OTHER NEWS

A QUINTESSENTIAL CHRISTMAS

Holy Rosary Parish "A Quintessential Christmas" Sunday, Dec. 20th 7:30-9:30p.m. Tickets \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Students; Family \$20. For tickets call 519-830-0994 or e-mail quintessentialsingers@hotmail.com.

CARING HEARTS

Caring Hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 1-888-385-3850 (toll free).

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Make Yourself At Home is a not-for-profit service of the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association supporting wellness and healthy aging. Call 519-837-5696 for more information or see pamphlet in the tower entrance.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH LOTTERY

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown Lottery 2010 of 12 monthly draws of \$1000 and 52 weekly draws of \$100 Jan. 1-Dec. 26th, 2010. Early Bird Draw of \$500 Dec. 25th. All winning tickets go back into the drum for more chances to win. If interested call 905-689-4857.

COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL SERVICE

In preparation for Christmas, Holy Rosary Parish will have a Communal Penitential Service on Wednesday, December 16th at 7p.m. There will be several priests available for individual confessions.

SUNDAY SMILE!

Early one morning a priest heard a noise outside his door. When he opened it, he saw a donkey fall over dead. Not knowing what to do about the situation, he called the local magistrate and related the situation. The magistrate couldn't resist jabbing at the priest and said, "Father, I thought the first duty of a priest was to bury the dead?" Without hesitation the priest replied, "No, the first duty of a priest is to notify the next of kin."