

Monday, February 18 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - William Vanneste, Annette Lammer.

Tuesday, February 19 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Viola Coulson, Mary Occomore.
12:10p.m. - Patrick Gormley.

Wednesday, February 20 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Jack McCann, Agnes Doyle.

Thursday, February 21 - Ferial: Weekday
12:10p.m. - Robert Rich, Robert Smith.

Friday, February 22 - Feast: Chair of St. Peter
7:30a.m. - Young Ja Paik.
7:00p.m. - Erin Dunn.

Saturday, February 23 - Ferial
5:15p.m. - Deceased Members of the Bordignon Family, Peter Vasko, Veronika Golob, Carlo Aversa, Liz O'Neill.

Sunday, February 24 - Third Sunday in Lent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday Offering: \$7770.50

This figure includes the weekly deposits from a number of our parish families.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of Sheila Dillon and Frank Kocher of our parish who were called to eternal life and to Ryan and Elizabeth Waller on the death of their infant daughter Elizabeth.

LENT MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lenten Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday 7:30a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday - 12:10p.m.

Friday - 7:00p.m. - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We welcome the Grade 2 children of St. Paul Catholic School who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday evening at 7:00p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "LENT 2008

On the dashboard of those small "Volkswagen" type airplanes, there is a safety device usually referred to as a "Stall Warning Indicator." The owner of such a plane has described the "Stall Warning" as follows: the stall warning indicator is there to help the pilot avoid big trouble. In a light plane, if you get below a certain speed you will fall right out of the sky. On my particular plane, the stall speed is 55 miles per hour. If you go below 55, say your prayers. If your airspeed drops to around 60 miles an hour, you begin to hear a buzzer - the Stall Warning indicator is doing its thing. When the buzzer begins to squawk and the corresponding red light begins to flash, you know you're close to losing control ...thank God for that Stall Warning Indicator. It's a built-in device to help you avoid tragedy. For the Christian community, the season of Lent is like a Stall Warning Indicator. It is here to help us avoid big trouble in our life. In Biblical language, it is a season of repentance. A time in which to heed the warning that since we are all sinners to one degree or another, we are always subject to the danger of our life getting out of control; a time to check the progress of our journey to Heaven; a time to take stock of anything in our life that is stalling our efforts to follow Jesus.

What to give up for Lent? - fast from anger and hatred - be more patient and understanding - fast from judging others - think kindly thoughts - fast from discouragement - be full of hope - fast from complaining - focus on gratitude - fast from resentment or bitterness - turn to forgiveness.

On behalf of our Stewardship Council please consider signing up for one or more of our Parish Ministries so that we can unite, grow and deepen our faith community by using our Time, Talent and Treasure as grateful stewards to God for His many blessings to us. Sign-Up forms may be returned in the collection plate or dropped off at the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Our annual Spiritual and Financial Report will be presented next weekend at all the Masses. We will also have our monthly Coffee Sunday next weekend and religious gifts and articles will be on sale in the church hall after the 9a.m. and 11a.m. Masses.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2008

Church envelopes for the year 2008 are available in the alcove behind the altar after Mass this week. If you do not find your box please sign the sheets available on the table.

DIOCESAN HISTORY BOOKS

Our Diocesan History Books have now arrived celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Hamilton Diocese. The books cost \$35 and can be seen in the Tower Entrance and are available at the parish office.

OTHER NEWS**GUELPH RIGHT TO LIFE**

The Guelph & Area Right to Life are sponsoring a Lenten series at Sacred Heart Church Wednesday evenings at 7p.m. February 20th, 27th, March 3rd and 10th.

RETRouvaille

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? RETROUVAILLE is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most do not know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on April 4-6th please call toll free 1-888-663-0223 or e-mail: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A non-residential Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held at Resurrection College, Waterloo April 12th and 13th. Brochures available at the tower entrance of the church.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Hospice Wellington is offering a Volunteer Training Program starting March 1st from 8:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. and continuing Tuesdays from 7-9:30p.m. and this is recognized as a Level 1 Palliative Care Course by Conestoga College. Cost is \$100 and \$75 for seniors 55+. Call 519-836-3921 for more information.

DUBLIN STREET UNITED CHURCH

Dublin Street United Church is offering a free public lecture Wednesday, Feb. 20th 7:30p.m. with John McMurty, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada on Globalization and the Meaning of Life.

PILGRIMAGES:

- Portugal, Spain and France April 29th to May 13th. If interested call Father W. Lobsinger, 1- 519-742-5061.
- Ireland May 28th to June 7th \$3299. Call Jennie 1-905-335-6902 or Joanne 1-866-296-3345.
- Our Lady of the Cape, Quebec June 20-24th; and also August 24-27th. Call Bev at 1-905-575-0145
- Greece & Turkey in the steps of St. Paul Sept. 21st to October 4th Cost \$3699. Call Fr. Ted Slaman at 1-905-385-3570.
- Cathedral of Christ the King's 75th Anniversary Tour to Italy October 1-11th. Call Fr. Ed House at 1-905- 522-5744 or Fr. Ed Sheridan 1-519-886-0342.

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Level I (Learning to Cope) is a self-help program intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce; self-image; stress; anger; guilt; loneliness and growth.

Level II (Accepting the Situation) is a self-help program intended to help a person understand the process of ending a marriage relationship. Topics include: letting go; self-concept; grief; anger; frustration; trust; singleness and children.

Both programs are offered Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis Parish, Queen & Westmount Rd., Kitchener. Level I \$35 and Level II \$45. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or 1-519-745-7301 for more information.

SUNDAY SMILE!

On a tombstone it read: "This monument is erected in memory of Tim O'Donovan who was accidentally stabbed as a token of affection by his loving wife."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Over the past decade, your local Knights of Columbus has taken pride in developing and supporting the youth of our community with our annual scholarship bursary program. This year the Guelph Knights of Columbus will once again make scholarships available to the graduating students of St. James, Bishop Macdonell and Our Lady of Lourdes High Schools. Each of these high schools will be offered one scholarship of \$1,000.00. For more information about the scholarship program please contact your guidance department at your high school or David Weber at 510-822-4559.

22nd ANNUAL CYO CELEBRITY DINNER

22nd Annual CYO Celebrity Dinner Thursday, February 28th at the Convention Centre, Hamilton with guest speaker Dave Andreychuk. To purchase tickets call 1-905-528-0011 ext. 3608.

GUELPH ECUMENICAL WEEK

The Guelph Ecumenical Week of Guided Prayer will be held February 24th to March 1st. This is an opportunity to experience an ancient and honoured spiritual tradition to pray with Scripture. Participants will learn simple tools to meditate with Scripture and will meet daily with a prayer guide to deepen their awareness of God. Registration deadline is February 17th. Call 519-824-6329.

VOCATION VIEW!

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There is no telling what we can become by responding to God's invitation to us.