



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 2 - Feast: Presentation of the Lord
7:30a.m. - Evelyn Flaherty, Henry & Helen May.

Tuesday, February 3 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Zita Finora & Family,
Intentions of Ergun Ozdemir.

Wednesday, February 4 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m.- Douglas Fischer, James McAuley.

Thursday, February 5 - Feast: St. Agatha
7:00p.m. - Amelia Grace Schulenberg, Rosa Polifroni.

Friday, February 6 - Feast: St. Paul Miki
7:30a.m. - Albert Routhier, Mary Chisholm.

Saturday, February 7 - Ferial: Weekday
5:15p.m. - Chris Ippolito, Jean Moyer, Louis
Macerollo, Eva Spinelli.
Intentions of Marc Boucher & Family.

Sunday, February 8 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday Offering: \$8226.25

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

Congratulations to Ted & Sally Steffler on their 50th wedding anniversary February 7th.

PARISH NEWS

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Owen Robert Brousseau; Patrick Wayne Brousseau; Alexander Anthony Capaldi; Olivia Marie Fadelli; Joshua Reagan Jurus; Kona Ian Maxwell Kim; Harrishguna Satgunarajah. We congratulate their families.

PASTOR'S DESK: "SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE"

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed for the Church a special year to honour the 200th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul the Apostle. At times Paul would write from prison one of the many experiences of suffering he endured as a follower of Jesus. At other times he would write to admonish his communities, to instruct them, to encourage them and to express his plans for the future. On at least one occasion, the Letter to the Romans, he wrote to introduce himself to a community that had been founded by others. The earliest letter of Paul is First Thessalonians, the last letter to either the Romans or Philomen between 58 and 60 AD. Paul argued persuasively with the well-known early Christian leaders, especially Peter and James, over the need to adapt the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the gentiles. He also had no trouble sternly reprimanding his communities whenever he thought they had strayed from the Gospel he preached... But he also loved his communities and treated them as good parents treat their children. More important, Paul's letters contain tremendous insights into the spiritual life... Paul explicitly desired that his communities become "holy" as he tells the Thessalonians. "For this is the will of God, your sanctification." (1Thess.4:3). He reminds the Ephesians "to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph.4.24). Holiness, he writes is our destiny as Christians. Like all Jews of his day, Paul's understanding of holiness was not something people accomplished on their own. Rather, holiness meant becoming more and more Godlike. Christians inherited this perspective. God is the only truly holy one. Our sanctity, our holiness, is sharing in God's holiness. True holiness comes about only by surrendering ourselves to God's will and to God's power.

SEMINARY COLLECTION

Today is our annual Diocesan collection which is used to support the education of our Diocesan Seminarians preparing for the priesthood. A Seminary is the place in which someone studies and prepares to be a priest. It is normally affiliated with a university. The preparation includes academic (university degree and a degree in theology), growth in the spiritual life (personal prayer life and liturgical life of the church), working on pastoral skills (experience in a parish, hospital or other settings) and human development and growth. There are opportunities for athletics, cultural events and socializing. We currently have 18 seminarians who are preparing for priestly service in the Diocese of Hamilton. For personal profiles of the seminarians, for more information about seminary formation and any other questions concerning priestly and religious vocations within the Diocese contact Father Kevin Cull at 700 King St.W., Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7 or call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2240. Or visit the web site at www.vocationinfo.ca.

CWL MEMBERSHIP CARDS

CWL Membership Cards are available at the back of the church after each mass next weekend. Please come and pick up your membership cards. All ladies of the parish are also welcome to pay their \$15.00 Membership Fee at this time.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Anyone (boy or girl) in Grade 4 and up who wishes to become an Altar Server is asked to contact Tom or Julia Luzi at 519-824-8071.

OTHER NEWS

ANSWERING THE CALL TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD - WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT

Hosted by St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto and St. Peter Seminary in London a discernment weekend offers a special opportunity for men considering a vocation to diocesan priesthood to reflect on the call of God in their lives, immerse themselves in seminary life and interact with seminarians who can share and witness from personal experience. Two dates are being offered: Feb. 6-8th at St. Augustine's or Feb 27th to March 1st at St. Peter's beginning with registration at 7p.m. and concluding with lunch on Sunday at 2p.m. The weekend is open to men who are in grade 12 and older. Please contact Father Cull at the Diocesan Vocation Office.

PRIESTLY LIFE AND MINISTRY

On Saturday, February 7th at St. John Parish, Guelph there will be a discussion and reflection on issues concerning priestly life and ministry open to those in grade 12 or older with seminarians and diocesan priests. To register contact the Diocesan Vocation Office.

ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL VALENTINE TEA SUNDAY

St. Joseph CWL Annual Valentine's Tea Sunday, February 8th in the Church Hall from 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. Free admission. Penny table, Candy table, Food Hamper Draw. Tea Room with sandwiches, goodies, tea and coffee.

SUNDAY SMILE!

Michael was having difficulty with addition and subtraction. His teacher decided to give him a practical example. "Michael," she asked, "if you have two apples and your brother asked you for one, how many apples would you have left?" Michael replied, "Would that be my big brother or my little brother?"

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2009? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 19th 2009 at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton at 2:00p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more are allowed 1 guest). Please refer to the poster at the Tower Entrance on how to register for the celebration.

STEWARDSHIP:

Some benefits of Gratitude are: peace of mind - fulfillment & satisfaction - awareness of all creation - appreciation and growth - generosity.

LENTEN PROJECT "YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY STEPS, A LIGHT ON MY PATH" (Ps.119)

We invite you to participate in a special project to prepare for Lent. We will have a Bible Study Program on the Gospel of St. Mark. It will begin Thursday, February 26th until April 2nd in the Annex from 7-9p.m. Please register at the Parish Office (519-824-3951) or e-mail ourlady@dionet.ca. Please register early as space is limited.

MARYHILL VALENTINE SUPPER

Maryhill Knights of Columbus Valentine Supper at the Maryhill Heritage Community Centre Saturday, Feb. 14th with seating at 5:30 or 7:00p.m. Adults \$14 ; Children (6-12) \$7. Must have advanced tickets. Call Mike at 519-648-3394 or Mary 519-822-9287.