



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, February 23 - Feast: St. Polycarp**  
7:30a.m. - Patricia Kelly, Mary Macerollo.

**Tuesday, February 24 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Jerca Kreze.

**Wednesday, February 25 - ASH WEDNESDAY**  
7:30a.m. - Theresa Szalay  
12:10p.m. - Intentions of Harriet Jones  
7:00p.m. - Jean Cline

**Thursday, February 26 - Ferial: Weekday**  
12:10p.m. - Intentions of Aloisia Zurcher,  
Intentions of Ted & Sal Steffler.

**Friday, February 27 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Joe Bordignon, Mary Kennedy.  
7:00p.m. - Doug Fortune.  
7:00p.m. - Stations of the Cross Followed by Mass.

**Saturday, February 28 - Ferial**  
5:15p.m. - Ferdinando Sirio, Benjamin Dalcin,  
Marguerite Clayton, Ronald Flanagan,  
James & Agnes Doyle.

**Sunday, March 1 - First Sunday in Lent**  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Sunday Offering: \$7626.25**

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

## PARISH NEWS

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

We remind all couples who have not yet registered for our March Marriage Preparation Course to please do so as soon as possible. The date has been changed to March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our grade two children will celebrate for the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. for St. Michael and the Correspondence children and Saint Paul School on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. This is an important step in their faith journey.

## PASTOR'S DESK: "LENT 2009"

*Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> begins the holy season of LENT, our annual forty day journey with the Lord. Mass will be celebrated with the distribution of ashes at 7:30a.m.; 12:10noon and 7:00p.m. A Para-Liturgy with the distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at St. Michael School at 9:30a.m. and at St. Paul School at 10:30a.m. Lent is a time set aside by the church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the great Feast of Easter. During this time we must consciously try to love God and one another more through acts of penance. Lenten penance should be external and social as well as individual and internal. During Lent you are encouraged to build on your own personal faith journey through daily Mass, scripture reading and reflection; attending our Bible Study on St. Mark; daily meditation and examination of conscience; rosary; Lenten Prayer Exchange; visits to the Blessed Sacrament; Stations of the Cross; fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent.*

*Our Lenten Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - Mass at 7:30a.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday Mass at 12:10noon*

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

*In accordance with Canon Law ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of FAST AND ABSTINENCE. All persons who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year of age are bound by the law of Abstinence "NO MEAT". Those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year are bound by the law of Fasting and Abstinence "NO MEAT AND NO EATING BETWEEN MEALS". Those with health problems may be exempt.*

## LENTEN PRAYER EXCHANGE

During Lent we are going to invite parishioners to take part in a Lenten Prayer Exchange. You will exchange a slip of paper with your name, address and phone number on it and promise to pray for another family or individual during Lent and then if you wish at Easter you may send them a card telling them that you prayed for them during Lent. This is an important way for us to realize we need to prayerfully support one another.

## 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.

## LENTEN PROJECT "I WILL SEND A FAMINE THROUGH THE WHOLE COUNTRY. IT WON'T BE FOOD OR WATER THAT IS LACKING, BUT MY WORD"

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 26<sup>th</sup> until April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Marian Library in the rectory 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.

## KNIGHTS SPECIAL DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF CHARITY

The Knights invite you to join them this Sunday afternoon at 4:00p.m. in the Church for a special devotion to Our Lady of Charity. It will include hymns, readings, litany, prayers and the rosary. The icon will also be present.

## THE SPIRITAN PRAYER GROUP MASS

The Spiritan Prayer Group Mass with prayers for healing celebrated by Father Eric Jensen, SJ Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Alice & Huron Streets.

## CWL NEWS

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the new member ceremony. Special thanks to the First Alma Pathfinders for their service in setting up and cleanup of our potluck supper.

- CWL Card Party Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 7p.m. in the Church Hall. Light refreshments.

- Following all weekend Masses March 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a membership orientation presentation for those new members who have joined and those wanting to join this year. All members and their families welcome. Membership cards will be available for all who have registered. Join us for this short information meeting. Light refreshments.

- Annual Spring Tea Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Your participation as a volunteer, donator or as a guest is appreciated.

## OTHER NEWS

## SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Are you Separated or Divorced? The Church Cares! Level 1 "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, forgiveness and growth. Course fee is \$35. Level Two "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, friendship, trust, singleness and children Course fee is \$45. Both programs are held Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks starting March 24<sup>th</sup> 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Queen & Westmount Rds., Kitchener. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or 1-519-745-7301.

## RETRouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? RETROUVAILLE helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousand of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend on March 27-29<sup>th</sup> please call 1-905-664-5212 or e-mail: [retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca](mailto:retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

*Prayer: Don't give God instructions - just report for duty!*

## PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Diaconate is an ordained ministry of service within the Roman Catholic Church. Men, married or single, ages 31 to 60 years are eligible to apply. It requires a great commitment of time and energy on the part of the candidate and if married, of his family. As with all vocations, the Permanent Diaconate is a call from God and for those whom He calls, and for the Church that they are called to serve, it is a great blessing. For further information speak to your pastor or contact the Office of Permanent Diaconate, Diocese of Hamilton, 700 King St.W., Hamilton, ON, L8P 1C7 or telephone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2258 or fax 1-905-518-1088 or E-mail [diaconate@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:diaconate@hamiltondiocese.com).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new members. Can you spare 15 hours per year? Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. For further information call Peter Brazolot, Grand Knight, at 519-823-8622.

## ECUMENICAL WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

The Ecumenical Week of Guided Prayer will take place March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information available at the Tower Entrance or call 519-846-5078 or 519-824-6329.

## PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul led by Father George Nowak, CR, April 20<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Destination includes Istanbul, Kavala, Thessalonika, Athens and a four night cruise to Turkey and the Greek Islands. Cost is \$3,998 (double occupancy). To register call 1-519-576-3860 (St. Mary's, Kitchener).

## STEWARDSHIP: GRATITUDE:

*Gratitude bridges the gulf between our spiritual and material concerns. This dissatisfaction bred into us by advertising and consumerism is soul-destroying and dispiriting. Gratitude arises in that space where our deepest longings find the glass to be half-full rather than half-empty...*

## ANSWERING THE CALL TO DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD - WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT

Hosted by 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. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Bishop Anthony Tonnoos will celebrate a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 2:00p.m. for couples married 25,40,50, 60 or more years in the year 2009. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only) those married 60 years or more are allowed 1 guest). To participate in the celebration please refer to the poster at the tower entrance of the church.