



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 9 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Mary Lou McClenaghan, James Benninger.

Tuesday, February 10 - Feast: St. Scholastica
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Anna Ceccato, Intentions of Gerry Kennedy.

Wednesday, February 11 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m.- Intentions of Florence Bolce, Intentions of Clara Klip.

Thursday, February 12 - Ferial: Weekday
7:00p.m. - Salvatore Frate, Louis Petric.

Friday, February 13 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Ann Paik, Cecily Shaftoe.

Saturday, February 14 - Feast: St. Cyril & St. Methodius
5:15p.m. - Walter Wojnarowski, Tony Manera, Claudio & Catherine Fagaccia, Don Boucher.

Sunday, February 15 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday Offering: \$12,037.50

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

†We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of: Marguerite Lorraine Clayton; Francis Doyle; Ivy Peden; Thomas Murphy; Rose Corrigan and Clayton Jones who were recently called to glory of eternal life. May they and all our loved ones rest in peace.

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. While it is true that some Pharisees and other Jewish leaders strongly opposed Jesus and plotted against Him, not all Pharisees acted in this way. They did however, largely oppose the early Christians. They were zealous for their Jewish religious heritage. Paul admits this of himself and even boasts of it. Once he accepted the risen Jesus as Lord, however, all that changed. As he says in Philippians, "I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Phil.3:8). This is Paul's way of seeing the supreme importance of his newfound faith. I think the zeal that so characterized his life as a Pharisee shifted in him when he was called by Jesus Christ to be the apostle to the Gentiles. His zeal transferred to his faith in Christ. Nothing else mattered. Nowhere in his letters does he use the term "Christian" to refer to himself or to any members of the community. Rather he used the term "Saints" to describe the followers of Jesus - those who are called to holiness in communion with Christ. The root idea of the word "saint" is actually someone called and set apart for a special mission. This is the way Paul envisioned this new community of faith. We also need to remember the complexity of the first century Judaism Paul knew for it was not a monolithic faith as there were multiple divisions within Judaism.

PARISH NEWS

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 that them that you prayed for them during Lent. This an important way for us to realize we need to prayerfully support one another.

CWL GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 10TH

Welcome to our next general meeting beginning with a Potluck Supper at 6:30pm. Join us in welcoming our new members. Paid membership cards will be available after the Masses this weekend.

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

ECUMENICAL WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

The Ecumenical Week of Guided Prayer will take place March 1st to March 7th. Registration deadline is February 22nd. 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 20th to May 1st. 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).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE- FEB/8/09

On this Sunday, Catholics throughout the world are invited to give thanks to God for the men and women who live out their baptismal commitment by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. We pray for those who have dedicated their lives to God through these vows, especially for those living and serving in the Diocese of Hamilton. We also pray for the women and men from the Diocese who are currently in formation in religious communities. For more information on consecrated life visit the Diocesan website at www.vocationinfo.ca.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Pope John Paul II instituted World Day of the Sick on February 11th, Feast of our Lady of Lourdes. All those who are ill are encouraged to reflect on the Christian meaning of suffering. This is also an opportunity for those involved in health care to recall the roots of their healing mission.

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 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.

SUNDAY SMILE!

"Mommy," said little Judy, "Did you ever see a cross-eyed bear?" "Why no Judy," said her mother, "why do you ask?" "Well, in church today we sang about gladly the cross-eyed bear."

LENT EN 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 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.

STEWARDSHIP:

What do I experience as gifts from God? What am I grateful for? How will I share my gifts?

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.