



- Monday, February 28 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Mary Doucette, Alan Blackie.
- Tuesday, March 1 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Zita Finora, Elia Favero.
- Wednesday, March 2 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Frank Petric, Peter Durant.
- Thursday, March 3 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:00p.m. - Elizabeth McGrath, Gerald Byrne.
- Friday, March 4 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Melina Lucchese, Valentino Girardi.
- Saturday, March 5 - Ferial**
5:15p.m. - Annette MacMillian, Earl Cardow, Susan Crawford.
- Sunday, March 6 - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

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

PARISH NEWS

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Jake William Capaldi; Violet Alicia deVos; Isabella Dira Catalano; Jasmyne Sophia Lawrence; Jacob Theodore Nielsen; Alexander Robert Nielsen. We congratulate their families.

FRIENDS OF OUR LADY -

Church Tours are offered the first Sunday of each month from 1-3:30pm. Additional tour guides are most welcome. A script and training is provided. Help us showcase the beauty of our wonderful church. Contact Diane Loeppky at 519-823-0347 or Agnese Nagy at 519-836-9804 for more details.

PARISH 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Parish 2nd annual Golf Tournament - Sunday June 5th Mark your calendar now! More information to follow.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: IS GOD ON OUR SIDE?
If God is all powerful why does God allow terrible things to happen to thousands of innocent people. The voices of grief suffered by family members and friends haunt our thoughts as thousands of human lives and dreams have been affected by on-going conflicts throughout the world. God is simply God, infinite goodness, mercy, justice, truth, compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation and beauty. No government can claim that national and international policies can claim the infinite righteousness and absolute integrity of God. The spiritually more authentic and humble statement might be for governments, like individuals, to say they keep striving to be on God's side. They do this in time of conflict by seeking always to purify their motives and to act in ways that show genuine regards for fundamental moral principles, respect for innocent human life, and a true concern for all of God's creation. If we presume that God is on our side, our moral vision could be blinded. To seek justice is struggling to be on God's side. In Matthew 5:38-48 Jesus says, "you have heard the commandment, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But what I say to you is offer no resistance to injury. When a person strikes you on the right cheek, turn and offer him the other. You have heard the commandment love your countryman but hate your enemy. My commandment to you is love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. This will prove that you are the children of God". It is very understandable why these words are so hard to hear. Our whole journey in faith from our baptism to the present compels us to hear these words no matter how difficult it might be to live by them. We will certainly not be on God's side in this war which has no boundaries and nor foreseeable end if we close our ears to the words of Jesus.

2010 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2010 Income Tax Receipts are available in the alcove behind the altar. Please pick them up and do not lose them.

OTHER NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE -

From March 9th to April 17th residents of Guelph and area will be joining in the 40 Days for Life 2011. The Kick-Off Rally will be held March 3rd from 7:30 to 9pm at Kortright Presbyterian Church with presentations from Guelph & Area Right to Life and Alliance for Life Ontario.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:

Talking to your children on a regular basis and discussing important issues in their lives, is a vital part of our role as parents. Through your words and actions you teach - never stop talking to your children! (Diocesan Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education (1-905-528-7988)

INVITATION TO ALL!

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven"(Matthew 5:12) We invite you to participate in a special project to celebrate the great feast of Easter. The parish is offering a Scripture Study program on the "Acts of the Apostles" Thursday March 3rd to April 7th in the Church Hall from 7-9pm. Register at the parish office or e-mail ourday@dionet.ca Enrolment is limited so please register early.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND:

Pilgrimage to Ireland: Island of Saints and Scholars May 18-28th 2011 and discover the island renowned for its "forty shades of green". Ireland has a rich history and breathtaking landscapes, castles, myths and legends.

Highlights include: Dublin; Glendalough; Kilkenny; Waterford; Killarney; Dingle Peninsula; Tralee; Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Knock (Shrine to Our Lady) Donegal and Downpatrick and much more. Call Sister Joyce Monette at 1-905-272-3374 or Joanne Cothran at Skylink Holidays 1-866-296-3345.

RETROUVAILLE:

Thinking About Separation or Divorce? - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It help spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurt marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 11-13th call 1-905-664-5212 or e-mail retrovaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca.

HAM & BEAN SUPPER

Ham & Bean Supper Saturday March 5th 6:30pm at Norfolk Street United Church. Doors open at 5:45pm. Entertainment to follow. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$6. For children 5-12. Advance Sales only by calling 519-822-6165 or 519-824-5672 or email info@norfolkchurch.on.ca

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please call toll free 1-888-385-3850 or 1-905-526-1999.

SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11th to March 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph RR#1, St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 4th at 2p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2540 Silvercreek Parkway with Dr. Sid Effer, "How Many Leaves Have You?"

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP

Level 1 (Learning to Cope) and Level 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs 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, trust, singleness and children. Level 1 is \$35 and \$45 for Level 2. Starts March 22nd for 11 evenings from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener (Queen & Westmount Rd). To register call the Office for Ministry, Family & Religious Education at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship: "Always seek to do good to one another and to all" (2Thessalonians 5:14)

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: A VOCATION OF SERVICE

The Permanent Diaconate: A Vocation of Service - 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 contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, 700 King Street West, Hamilton, ON, L8P 1C7 or phone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2258 or e-mail diaconate@hamiltondiocese.com Brochures found in the tower entrance.

VOCATION VIEW:

Does it strike you as out of balance that there are more people in shopping centres on Sundays than in our churches? Help out God back into Sunday!

COME & SEE WEEKENDS

- For Women who may be experiencing a call to religious life as a Sister of St. Joseph, Friday, March 4th 7p.m. to Sunday, March 6th at 1:30p.m. at the Motherhouse in Hamilton. Suggested donation is \$90. Please contact Sister Nancy Sullivan at 1-905-528-0138 ext. 394 or nsullivan@csjhamilton.org for more information or to register.

- Answering the call to Diocesan Priesthood March 4th 7p.m. to March 6th at 2p.m. at St. Peter's Seminary, London, ON. The weekend is open to men who are in grade 12 or older. To register e-mail rcull@vocationinfo.ca or see Father Noon.

JUST A THOUGHT!:

Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

SACRED ASPECTS OF FOOD

On Monday, February 28th Father Jim Profit, SJ will be giving a lecture on sacred aspects of food sponsored by the Guelph Seminar at Harcourt United Church at 7p.m. Supper will be served at 6p.m. Cost for the lecture is \$10 and a donation for supper.