

 **MASSES OF THE WEEK**

- Monday, March 1 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Elia Favaro, Eleanor Hannah.
- Tuesday, March 2 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - The Deceased Members of the Kleinveld Family, Steven Topan.
12:10p.m. - Robert Kneebone, Dorothy Friedman.
- Wednesday, March 3 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Harriet Jones, Michael Freeman.
- Thursday, March 4 - Ferial: Weekday**
12:10p.m. - Shirley Barth, Beatrice McGivney.
- Friday, March 5 - Ferial: Weekday**
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Maria Semlak, Ken Kreller.
7:00p.m. - Joao Frade.
- Saturday, March 6 - Ferial**
5:15p.m. - Intentions of Karol Stortz & Family, Eleanor Freeman.
- Sunday, March 7 - Third Sunday in Lent**
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$7806.37 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Nellie McLean & Elke Kersting who were called to eternal life. Let us continue to pray for our beloved dead.

Our Lenten Schedule:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - Mass at 7:30a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday - Mass at 12:10p.m.
Friday - Stations of the Cross at 7p.m. followed by Mass

PARISH NEWS

PARISH PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

On Monday, March 8th we will have a follow-up meeting and evaluation of our Parish Pre-Lenten Retreat at 7p.m. in the Music Annex. Anyone who attended is welcome to join with the Retreat Team and Father Steve Vasek.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "LENT 2010"

Before beginning His public mission Jesus, driven by the Holy Spirit, fasted for forty days as an expression of His trusting abandonment to the Father's saving plan (Mt. 4:1-4). He gave precise instructions to His disciples that their fasting should never be tainted by ostentation and hypocrisy (Mt. 6:16-18). Following the Biblical tradition, the Fathers of the Church held fasting in high esteem. In their view the practice of fasting made the faithful ready for nourishment of another kind, the food of the Word of God (Mt.4:4) and of fulfilment of the Father's will (Jn.4:34). Fasting is closely connected to prayer, it strengthens virtue, inspires mercy, implores divine assistance and leads to conversion of heart.

OUR LADY FRIENDS

Church Tours - Friends Of Our Lady are seeking additional tour guides for our monthly Church Tours. Tours of the Church are offered the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 3:30p.m. A script and training is provided. Help us showcase the beauty of our wonderful church! Please contact Diane Loeppky (519-823-0347) or Agnese Nagy (519-836-9804) for details.

CWL ST. PATRICK'S SPRING TEA & BAZAAR

Mark your calendars for the annual CWL St. Patrick's Spring Tea & Bazaar on Sunday, March 14, 2010 in the Church Hall. Bazaar Tables will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and our Tea Room from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. Tea Room Tickets - Adult \$6.00, Child \$3.00. Visit our Bazaar Tables - Attic Treasures, Bake Table, Crafts, Hamper Draw, Jewelry Table, Penny Table, Religious Articles, Silent Auction, Touch & Take and much more... Donations for our Bazaar Tables are gratefully accepted and may be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday, March 12 or Saturday, March 13. Thank you for your continued support to the CWL!

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Ladies, join us in warmly welcoming our new CWL members at our next General meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. We will also be finalizing preparations for the upcoming St. Patrick's Spring Tea & Bazaar. Your place is with us!

2009 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2009 Income Tax Receipts are available in the alcove behind the altar. Please pick them up and do not lose them.

OTHER NEWS

5 WEEK GRIEF PROGRAM

A 5 week program using videos featuring Dr. Bill Webster, Director of the Centre for the Grief Journey, is offered for any who have experienced grief in the past year. There will be time for reflecting, sharing and socializing with those who are traveling the painful journey of loss. This program will begin Sunday, March 14th from 1-3p.m. in the Community Room at Holy Rosary Church. Registration is necessary. Call Sister Madeleine Graf at 519-823-7827 or Marilyn Goslin 519-836-7658.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Our children get all kinds of images in the media of what love means. In this month of love, let us guide our children to a clear understanding that real love is always a reflection of God's love. It accepts us for who we are, puts the other first, and wants what is best for each of us. Real love is seen through the truths of our faith, not the eyes of the media. (Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUP

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Would you like to know more? The Priesthood Discernment Group will gather Saturday, March 6th at 8:30a.m. until 12noon at St. John's Church, Guelph for those in grade 12 and older. For more information visit www.vocationinfo.ca or call Father Cull at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2240.

CANCER AWARENESS

Community Cancer Awareness Workshop and Fundraiser Saturday, March 13th 12-4p.m. at Guelph Place Banquet Hall with Dr. Robert Buckman, Oncologist at Princess Margaret Hospital and Steve Bauer, Tour de France Cyclist. \$80 per person. Hot buffet lunch. See brochure on tower entrance bulletin board.

SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph March 11th to 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph, RR#1, St. Agatha, Ontario, NOB 2LO.

JUST A THOUGHT!

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

Are you separated or divorced? Let us help... LEVEL 1- (Learning to Cope) and LEVEL II - (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. Course fee: \$35.00 (Level 1) and \$45.00 (Level II). When? Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, Starting March 23rd, 2010 from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener (Queen & Westmount Road.) Contact: The Office for Ministry, Family & Religious Education at (905)-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish (519) 745-7301.

STEWARDSHIP:

Gratitude is more than an attitude. Gratitude is a Way of Life!

LENTEN REFLECTION ON PRAYER

Please join us at St. John's Church, Guelph Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00p.m. during March (the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th). We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a talk on prayer and conclude with Benediction at 4:00p.m. Confessions will be heard from 3:30-4:00p.m. All are welcome.

VOCATION VIEW:

After the Transfiguration Peter, John and James wanted to stay up on the mountain. But Jesus said, "Move" with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours, but not meant to stay in port.

LOYOLA HOUSE RETREAT

Loyola House 5 Day Directed Retreat March 7-12th, \$455. To register call 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

ECUMENICAL WEEK FOR GUIDED PRAYER

Come and participate in the Ecumenical Week for Guided Prayer February 28th to March 6th. It will begin on Sunday, February 28th at 2p.m. at Loyola House with introductions to prayer styles and will end Saturday, March 7th at 9a.m. at Three Willows United Church with celebration and sharing. Cost is \$30. For more information call Jennifer Fischer at 519-822-2308 or April Snider at 519-766-9316.