

**MASSSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, January 19 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Osvaldo De Donato, Carmela Franca.

**Tuesday, January 20 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Ivan Semlak, Elena McAnany.

**Wednesday, January 21 - Feast: St. Agnes**  
7:30a.m. - Louis Macerollo, The Deceased Members of the McAnany Family.

**Thursday, January 22 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:00p.m. - The Deceased Members of the Lazzari & Ferraro Families, Ann Brown.

**Friday, January 23 - Ferial: Weekday**  
7:30a.m. - Louis Deserrano, Patrick Lawr.

**Saturday, January 24 - Feast: St. Francis de Sales**  
5:15p.m. - Benedetto Pellegrini, Gelsomina Pellegrini, Charles Salamone, Maureen Goetz, Alfonso Hidalgo.

**Sunday, January 25 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

**Sunday Offering: \$9116.00**

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

†In your charity please pray for the soul of Father Garry McCarthy CSSp; Marguerite Clayton and Donald Boucher. May they be at peace with God.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Stewardship is about developing an attitude. Saying "thank you" is not for God's benefit but for my own.

†We welcome all newcomers to our parish and invite you to fill out a registration form found in the book rack near the front doors or at the parish office or online at our parish website. There are also ministry information forms available in the tower entrance. We encourage all members to be properly registered.

**PASTOR'S DESK: "SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE"**

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed for the Church a special year to honour St. Paul beginning June 28, 2008 until June 28, 2009 to honour the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. St. Paul is the most prominent personality of the New Testament apart from Jesus Himself. Thirteen of the 27 books of the New Testament bear his name. All of them are letters and much of what we know about Paul comes from these remarkable sources. Biblical scholars have been able to piece together the basic outline of Paul's life using Paul's letters as their primary source of information. Paul, also known by his Jewish name Saul (Acts 13:9), was born in Tarsus, Cilicia in Asia Minor (now Turkey) between 1 and 10A.D. He was diaspora Jew, that is a Jew living outside the homeland of Palestine. Tarsus was a large prosperous city in the Roman Empire and he was likely well-educated and was a student of the great rabbi Gamaliel I in Jerusalem (Acts 22:3). Paul himself admits that he persecuted the Church out of zeal for his Jewish background however around 35A.D. he had a remarkable experience on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19) when he was called by the Lord to be the "apostle to the Gentiles." Paul would not characterize his experience as a "conversion" in the sense of a change of religion, but more likely a "commission or call." Acts portrays the event in terms like that of the Old Testament prophets. Paul considers himself an apostle, one who has been called and sent by God for a special mission - to bring the gentiles into the fold of those who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as the long-awaited Messiah, saviour of the world.

**PARISH NEWS**

**COFFEE SUNDAY**

Next Sunday following the 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m. Masses, refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Please come and greet your fellow parishioners at the beginning of this new year.

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES WROTE THIS PRAYER:**

*"Do not fear what may happen tomorrow, the same loving Father who cares for you today, will care for you tomorrow and everyday. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."*

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING**

There will be a Parent Meeting Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall at 7:00p.m. for the parents of our Grade 2 Children who will celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year.

**LENTEN PROJECT "SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO HUNGER"**

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.

**THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL**

Bishop Tonnos is pleased to invite you to celebrate Mass on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. "St. Paul is a tremendous witness to the power of conversion. May we be inspired by his faithful service" (Bishop Tonnos). Beginning at 1:15p.m. there will be a 30 minute lecture presentation by the Office for Family Ministry and Religious Education on the life of St. Paul.

**JUST A THOUGHT!**

*He who angers you, controls you!*

**OTHER NEWS**

**ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS**

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Rev. Mark Tiller of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton will present a dramatization of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians at Holy Rosary Church, Guelph at 2:30p.m. today.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School is hosting a Grade 8 Parent Information Night Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the Crusader Art Centre and all Grade 8 parents are invited and encouraged to attend if your child is planning on attending Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR KINDERGARTEN**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board offers an all day alternate day Junior and Senior Kindergarten. Junior Kindergarten children must be four years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and Senior Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Registration will take place at all schools January 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring child's birth certificate; baptismal certificate; health card; immunization record; custody paper (if applicable); proof of tax support. Students currently attending Junior Kindergarten are not required to register for Senior Kindergarten. For any questions call your local parish school.

**GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE**

Guelph & Area Right to Life is hosting a Memorial Benefit Concert "Hope and Trust in Life!", in remembrance of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legalization of abortion in Canada Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m. at Parkview Pentecostal Church, 89 Speedvale Avenue East.

**YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT**

A Retreat for those interested or working in Youth Ministry Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood. For information call Brenda 519-856-4671.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. JOSEPH CENTRE**

St. Joseph Health Centre is in need of volunteers to assist with various programs and services. All candidates must be physically and spiritually healthy and have a sincere desire to minister to people who are aging and who may be experiencing a variety of physical or cognitive health challenges. Please join us for Volunteer Orientation Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. To register call 519-824-6000 ext. 4359.