


MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 5 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Bertha, Isabelle & William Weiler,
Raymond Hager Sr.

Tuesday, January 6 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Mary-Louise McClenaghan,
Andrew Vincze.

Wednesday, January 7 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Armour O'Connell, Deceased Members of
the Darmon Family.

Thursday, January 8 - Ferial: Weekday

7:00p.m. - Louis Macerollo, Gerard Downey.

Friday, January 9 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - Raymond Boland, Teresa Mitro.

Saturday, January 10 - Ferial

5:15p.m. - John Azzopardi and the Deceased Members
of the Azzopardi Family, Eddy Traynor,
Patrick F. Hanlon, Anna Goetz, Cecily
Shaftoe.

Sunday, January 11 - Feast: Baptism of the Lord

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Christmas Offering: \$32,748.50

Sunday Offering: \$12,839.52

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

2009 ENVELOPES

Please be sure to put your name, address and postal code on your envelopes for the first few weeks as you use them. This will ensure that we have you registered under the proper number and that no one has picked up your envelopes by mistake. Income tax receipts for 2008 will be issued later this month.

PASTOR'S DESK: "PRAYER FOR PEACE AND FOR ONE MORE YEAR"

Loving God and Father, answer our prayers for a world of peace. Give us strength as we face the conflicts of our troubled world. Cleanse our minds of retaliation and help us to be instruments of Your peace. Fill us with the compassion we need to overlook the hatefulness of others and enable us to live Your teachings. We ask to share in the task of restoring harmony and justice. God of compassion and mercy we pray for all peoples whose lives have been changed by violence in the world. Console the families of our Canadian soldiers with the knowledge that their loved ones will find comfort and peace in Your loving arms. We put our trust in Your heavenly graces and may You grant that peace reign throughout the world.

Thank you God for one more year that has come to an end. Thank you for my family and every faithful friend. Thank you for grace and strength that helped us on our way to overcome the obstacles we met from day to day. For all the happiness we had and for our trials too, as they inspire us to pray with pleading hearts to you. Thank you God and please allow another year on earth in which to strive for goodness and to be more faithful in following you. Your loving grace will always be our courage to go beyond each night of darkness to an ever brighter dawn.

STEWARDSHIP: *Everything I have is an expression of divine love for me. Yet day to day caught up in the busyness of living, I can fail to recognize the abundance of God.*

PARISH NEWS

PLANNED GIVING

Church of Our Lady began serving the community in 1888 and remains today a strong symbol of faith. The continued support of parishioners has never been more important. With time, major repairs and restoration projects have become more costly to fund. Please consider us as you prepare or update your estate and financial plans. A modest gift by way of bequest, insurance or tangible assets can make a substantial difference to the future of our church. The Building Fund finances immediate repair and restoration work while the Heritage Fund provides a source of funds for the future, which in time, it is hoped, will generate sufficient interest to help with larger repair and restoration projects. For more information contact the office at 519-824-3951.

2009 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Your 2009 Church Envelopes are now ready. Last year over two hundred people asked for envelopes but never picked them up. We as a parish are called to be faithful stewards and generously respond in gratitude to God for the gifts He has given us. We do this by giving of our time, talent and treasure. Together we all have a responsibility to give back to God and to maintain our parish community by sharing together in our financial stewardship. Please reflect on your response to God. We ask that you place your name on the front of your envelopes for the first few weeks to ensure you have the right package and please do not use them until 2009.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Our Parish Community Religious Calendars sponsored by the CWL are on sale for \$3 after all Masses. They are very helpful reminders of the Church Feast Days throughout 2009 and would make excellent gifts for family and friends. Be sure to get one for your home.

JUST A THOUGHT!

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the Spirit" over "religious nuts!"

OTHER NEWS

PARISH NURSING MINISTRY

A Parish Nursing Ministry Information Forum will be held Saturday, January 17th from 9a.m. to 12:15noon at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. If you are interested in attending please notify the Inter-Church Health Ministries at 1-888-433-9422 by January 9th.

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 31st, 2009 and Senior Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2009. Registration will take place at all schools January 26th -30th. 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.

BISHOP MACDONELL GRADE 8 PARENT MEETING

Bishop Macdonell Grade 8 Parent Information Meeting, Monday, January 12th at 7p.m. at the school. All parents of Grade 8 students who wish to attend Bishop Macdonell are invited to attend. For further information call 519-822-8502.

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 40th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in Canada. Friday, January 30th, 7p.m. at Parkview Pentecostal Church, 89 Speedvale Avenue East.

VOCATION VIEW!

Many adults never grow up. They continue to traipse across the earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton has added a new web site feature for families and friends to celebrate the lives of their loved ones. "Life Stories" allows a person to write about a loved one, and have the short story posted on the web site. Submissions may include both biographical information and anecdotes. Submissions are welcome from the families and friends of individuals who are interred at one of the Catholic cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton. To submit a story please visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca and click on "Life Stories". For more information call 1-905-522-7727.

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT

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