



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 11 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Tomaso & Pamela Lucchesi, Theresa Griffin.

Tuesday, January 12 - Feast: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
7:30a.m. - Francesca Calenda, Rose Morgan.
6:00p.m. - Living & Deceased CWL Members.

Wednesday, January 13 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Martin Johnston, Patrick McGrath.

Thursday, January 14 - Ferial: Weekday
7:00p.m. - Lionello Tami.

Friday, January 15 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Helen Lehman, Intentions of Dorla Warren.

Saturday, January 16 - Ferial: Weekday
5:15p.m. - Don Boucher, Sherri Heaney, Michael Collins, Monsignor Newstead.
Intentions of Sandra Vantwest.

Sunday, January 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$12,361.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

†We thank you for all your donations towards Michael House and the Drop-in-Centre during Advent and to the children who donated \$760 toward CHALICE in support of their Christmas Smiles Campaign to feed hungry children.

†We extend our congratulations to Blaine Bouchard and Kathryn Dupuis on the recent celebration of their marriage.

†We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of Marie McNamara and Barbara Tucker who were called to eternal life. May they and all our loved ones rest in peace with God.

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 regard 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 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 no foreseeable end if we close our ears to the words of Jesus.

PARISH NEWS**2010 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Your 2010 Church Envelopes may be found in the alcove behind the altar and please note that you have new numbers this year and it is important to put your name on your envelope for the first few weeks of this new year... Last year over 100 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. As your expenses have risen so have the expenses to care for our church. Please consider increasing your donation even by one dollar or if you have not been giving any financial support please consider contributing to the financial well-being of our parish. We are very grateful to all who have responded so well to our Restoration Campaign

to repair and enhance our church building. We hope to have all the work completed in time to celebrate our 125th anniversary in 2013.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

The Wellington Catholic District School Board offers an all day, alternate day Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten program - Junior Kindergarten - must be 4 years of age on or before December 31/10 - Senior Kindergarten - must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31/10. Registration takes place January 18-22nd. Please bring birth certificate; baptismal certificate; health card; custody papers(if applicable); immunization record and proof of tax support for families new to the system (ie. most recent tax bill). Students currently attending JK are not required to register for SK.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Catholic Women's League are invited to attend the Annual Meeting on January 12th. We will begin with Mass at 6:00p.m. followed by a pot luck supper in the hall. The meeting will begin at approximately 7:15p.m. Bring your favourite food and join the members for this special time when a new executive will be elected. All women of the parish are welcome. Thank you and Happy New Year.

HOLY HOUR

We will have a Holy Hour in the Church Monday, January 11th in the evening from 7-8p.m. in preparation for our Parish Mission in February with Father Steve Vasek.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in great need for any boy or girl in grade four or above who is interested in becoming an altar server. Please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

SUNDAY SMILE:

The following statements about the Bible were written by children:

- * *The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.*
- * *The sixth commandment is that thou shalt not admit adultery.*
- * *Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.*
- * *The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.*

CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues (\$15.00) can be dropped off in the offertory collection at any time. If you do not have a pink offertory envelope, please use any envelope with your name and CWL membership written on the outside of the envelope. You help us help others.

VOCATION VIEW:

Come on, continue your Baptism by baptizing others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord.

BISHOP MACDONELL GRADE 8 PARENT MEETING

Bishop Macdonell Grade 8 Parent Information Meeting Monday, January 11th at 7p.m. at the school. All parents of Grade 8 students who wish to attend Bishop Mac in September 2010 are invited to attend. Also information will be available for English as a Second Language students who wish to enroll in the Board's E.L.L. Program offered at Bishop Mac. For further information call the school at 519-822-8502.

OTHER NEWS**PEACE AND CREATION MASS:**

Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate a special Mass on the theme of Pope Benedict's 2010 World Day of Peace statement "If you want peace you must safeguard creation" on Thursday, January 14 at 7p.m. at St. Michael's Church, 240 Hemlock St., Waterloo. A social with fair trade coffee follows.