



PARISH NEWS

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:
STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. It is a way of thanking God for all the blessings He has given us by returning to Him a portion of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship can change the spiritual lives of both individuals and the parish as a whole. Stewardship is based on the premise that all that we have and all that we are comes from God and as a way of thanking Him for all our blessings. Christian Stewardship provides spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work and express through personal involvement in the community and church. St. Peter reminds us, "as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace". In the Stewardship of Time and Talent, we are called to give of ourselves and our time to the church and to our community. In the Stewardship of Treasure we give back to God by giving of our financial resources to our Church, to the diocese and to charitable organizations in this community. Jesus points out that we reveal our values by our actions just as a tree reveals what kind of tree it is by the kind of fruit it bears. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". (St. Luke)

Stewardship will make a difference. (1) the difference is in the focus of giving. Instead of focusing on the needs of the group to whom we're giving financial support or helping with time and taken, the focus is primarily on God and our relationship with Him, and the focus is on us and our need to give back out of gratitude (2) the difference is in the motivation for giving. Stewardship is an integral part of our spiritual life and we give because we are grateful to God for what He has given us. We freely give because we want to, not because we have to. (3) the difference is in the result of the giving. As we practice stewardship, we find we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened. In fact we find our lives are changed for the good.

Monday, January 4 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Sally Steffler, Clara Clip.

Tuesday, January 5 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Joanne Heydon, Benedetto Pelligrini.

Wednesday, January 6 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Hedwig Schellhorn, The Deceased Members of the Odorico & Mior Families.

Thursday, January 7 - Ferial: Weekday
7:00p.m.- Mildred Turner, Nicola DelRosario.

Friday, January 8 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Margo Machen, Marie Tousignant.

Saturday, January 9 - Ferial: Weekday
5:15p.m. - Steven Markovinovic, Lorenza Ferriggi, Louise Johnson, Intentions of Ed & Sheila Timson.

Sunday, January 10 - Baptism of the Lord
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

† We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Maria Carmela Alpe and Elia Favaro who were called to the glory of eternal life. May God's peace and consolation be with them.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2010:

- Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation and Eucharist Tuesday, January 26th
- Ministry Leaders Meeting Sunday, January 31st
- Parish Mission February 13/14-17th
- Ash Wednesday February 17th
- Marriage Preparation Course March 26/27th
- Easter Sunday, April 4th
- Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass April 11th - Church of Our Lady
- Parish Volunteer Appreciation Night April 28th
- Parish Golf Tournament June 13th

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.

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 7pm at St. Michael's Church 240 Hemlock St. Waterloo. A social with fair trade coffee follows.

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.

DIOCESAN LIBRARY

The Diocesan Library provides audio-visual and printed materials to assist our Catholic community in its faith journey. All are welcome to benefit from our resources. The Library is located at the Chancery Office 700 King Street West Hamilton and is open Monday-Friday from 1-4:30pm. If you are unable to access the library during our hours please contact the Librarian Ms. Dominy Williams at 1-905-528-7988 ext 2252 or by email at dwilliams@hamiltondiocese.com to make other arrangements. Materials can be mailed to those unable to come to the library in person. For a listing of the library's holdings visit the online catalogue at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/libraryservices>

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 contact us at 1-905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

JUST A THOUGHT!

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in Church?

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.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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" or call 1-905-522-7727.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Make Yourself At Home is a not-for-profit service of the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association supporting wellness and healthy aging. Call 519-837-5696 for more information or see pamphlet in the tower entrance.

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.