


MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 18 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Anna Marinc, The Deceased Members of the Darmon Family.

Tuesday, January 19 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Ralph A. Panella, Annie Clarke.

Wednesday, January 20 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Giocondo & Giovanna Lucchesi, Ivan Semlak.

Thursday, January 21 - Feast: St. Agnes
7:00p.m.- Helen Graham, Mark Douglas Scott.

Friday, January 22 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Fred Seifried, Erasmo Spinazze.

Saturday, January 23 - Ferial
5:15p.m. - Madeline D. Dietrich, Joseph Strangio, Rita & Livio Maggiolo, Andrea Basso, Francisco Santiago Sr.

Sunday, January 24 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8509.55 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY MASS

Next Saturday evening we welcome St. Paul Catholic School Community at our 5:15p.m. Mass as we come together as parish/school/family to celebrate our faith and are reminded of St. Paul's conversion to the faith. The school community will be responsible for the various ministries at our Saturday evening Mass.

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

There will be a meeting for the parents of our Grade Two children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on Tuesday evening, January 26th at 7p.m. in the Church Hall.

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? This question is at the heart of the Book of Job and is as old as the human spirit. We all struggle with the question surrounding good and evil, innocence and suffering. Neither scripture, tradition, nor the reflections of theologians and philosophers through the centuries have answered these questions in a way that everyone finds satisfactory. It is a reality that some human beings, making use of God's gift of free will, are capable of the most unthinkable atrocities. God does not ordinarily interrupt events in nature or acts of people in order to prevent dire consequences in the lives of innocent people. St. Paul says, "We see now through a glass darkly. But then face to face." Our Catholic faith does not teach us that the answers to all of life's difficult questions are ours in this life. As Catholics we believe that God created and loves every human person in the world. It is not His will that innocent people suffer, nor is all suffering somehow a punishment due to sin. While God does not eliminate suffering from our lives, He does not abandon us when we suffer. In some way, beyond our comprehension, through the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Christ, the compassionate God suffers with us. We all need to deepen our faith and renew our efforts to uproot all forms of bias and prejudice against anyone or any group. It is time to meet Christ in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, a time to pray more, forgive more and love more. It is in the spiritual sense that we can be confident that God is really on our side.

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.

2010 SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN

The Development and Peace workshop to prepare for the 2010 Share Lent Campaign will be held in Holy Rosary Parish Community Room on Saturday, January 23rd from 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. (a light lunch included). The theme for Share Lent 2010 continues to be "Food Sovereignty - the right to food and gain control over one's life."

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.

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

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2010? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for one of two Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please choose either Sunday, April 11th at Church of Our Lady, Guelph or Sunday, April 18th at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. Both Masses will take place at 2:00p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only) - those married 60 years or more are allowed 1 guest). Please refer to the poster at the Tower Entrance on how to register for the celebration.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 17th to 24th is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the theme "You are witnesses of these things."

JUST A THOUGHT!:

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2 or 3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School Grade 8 Parents Information Night Thursday, Jan. 21st at 7p.m. in the Crusader Arts Centre. All parents of Grade 8 students who wish to attend Lourdes in September 2010 are invited. For further information call 519-836-2170.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Quality and Quantity Both Count: Being there for the big events is, of course important, but never forget it counts to be there in the small moments too. These are times of teaching, modeling, sharing traditions and helping our children learn about who they are as people. Take time, you will never regret it! (Diocesan Office for Ministry, Family, and Religious Education 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

VOCATION VIEW:

There was a wedding between God and us, "To have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Ken Miskiewicz of St. Joseph Church, Guelph and Ron Ertel, Parish Minister of St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener October 19-28th, 2010 at a cost of \$2649 plus taxes and insurance based on double occupancy. Information meeting Wednesday, January 20th 7p.m. in St. Joseph Church Hall or Tuesday, January 26th 7p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener. For more information call Maria at 1-800-565-1133.

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.