



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 2 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Gregory Occhiuzzi, Doug Fortune.

Tuesday, March 3 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Lajos & Veronica Bornyi.
12:10p.m. - Rose Corrigan.

Wednesday, March 4 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Mary Kennedy, Jean Breen.

Thursday, March 5 - Ferial: Weekday
12:10p.m. - Intentions of Maria Semlak.

Friday, March 6 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Jerome Kelly, Tom Murphy.
7:00p.m. - Donald Smith.

Saturday, March 7 - Ferial
5:15p.m. - Adele Agnoletto, Piero Agnoletto, Arthur Petrie, Clayton Jones & Joan Lehman.

Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday in Lent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday Offering: \$6564.30

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

† We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: Kate Mairead Bell; Lillian Audrey Hall and Kaitlyn Lorraine Robertson. We congratulate their families.

PARISH NEWS

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

We remind all couples who have not yet registered for our March Marriage Preparation Course to please do so as soon as possible. The date has been changed to March 27th and 28th.

PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2009

Lent is a time set aside by the church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the great Feast of Easter. You have been given an opportunity to participate in our Lenten Prayer Exchange to pray for a family or individual in our Parish. During Lent you are encouraged to build on your own personal faith journey through daily Mass, scripture reading and reflection; attending our Bible study on St. Mark; daily meditation and examination of conscience; rosary; visits to the Blessed Sacrament; Stations of the Cross; fasting and a sacrificial offering to Share Lent; visiting a shut-in; calling a friend or family member you have not spoken to for some time; collecting food for the needy; helping at the Drop-In-Centre; reconciling a hurt relationship so that God's grace may work through your prayers; celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May Lent 2009 truly be a spiritually enriching journey for you.

Our Lenten Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday -
Mass at 7:30a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday - Mass at 12:10noon

Friday Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:00p.m.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Anyone (boy or girl) in Grade 4 and up who wishes to become an Altar Server is asked to contact Tom or Julia Luzi at 519-824-8071.

CWL NEWS

-Following all weekend Masses March 1st there will be a membership orientation presentation for those new members who have joined and those wanting to join this year. All members and their families welcome. Membership cards will be available for all who have registered. Join us for this short information meeting. Light refreshments.

-Church of Our Lady welcomes all families and friends to our fantastic St. Patrick's Tea and Bazaar Sunday, March 15th in our Church Hall from noon to 3:30p.m. Bazaar tables will be open after the 9a.m. Mass. Experience our light Tea Lunch (tea, coffee, delicate sandwiches, desserts); enjoy our bake sale, children's table, crafts, food hamper draw, jewellery boutique, penny sale, plant table, silent auction, touch and take and more! Tea room tickets are \$6.00. Festivity, fun, friendship and excitement for all.

OTHER NEWS

LENTEN SERIES FOR LIFE

Lenten Series for Life will be held at Sacred Heart Church at 7p.m. Wednesday, March 4th and 11th.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Lenten Parish Mission at St. John's Church, Guelph March 7th to 10th. Father Kevin Cull, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Hamilton will reflect on St. Paul. Holy Hour and Benediction Sunday evening. Monday and Tuesday at 7p.m. Mass along with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HOSPICE WELLINGTON BENEFIT CONCERT

Guelph Youth Singers and Hospice Wellington's Joybringers present a benefit concert for Hospice Wellington's Children and Youth Programs Saturday, March 7th at New Life Church, 400 Victoria Rd. N. Tickets are \$15/ person or \$40/ family. Call 519-823-5851 or 519-836-3921.

SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph March 11th to 19th. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph, RR#1, St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0.

RETRouvaille

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? RETROUVAILLE is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps couples find the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the Spring program beginning with a weekend on March 27th-29th please call 1-905-664-5212 or e-mail: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

THE PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUP

The Priesthood Discernment Group will gather Saturday, March 7th from 9:30a.m. to 12noon at St. John Parish, Guelph to pray with and for those who are open to the call of God to the priesthood, discuss and reflect upon issues concerning priestly life and ministry and provide fellowship and support among those who are discerning God's call. Open to men in grade 12 and older. For more information contact www.vocationinfo.ca.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Are you Separated or Divorced? The Church Cares! Level 1 "Learning to Cope" is a self-help program intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness and growth. Course fee is \$35. Level Two "Accepting the Situation" is a self-help program intended to help a person understand the process of ending a marriage relationship. Topics include letting go, self-concept, grief, anger, friendship, trust, singleness and children Course fee is \$45. Both programs are held Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks starting March 24th 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Queen & Westmount Rds., Kitchener. To register call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or 1-519-745-7301.

STEWARDSHIP LENTEN GOAL:

To be emptied of pride, envy, jealousy, anger, selfishness and greed. To be filled with humility, charity, faith, patience, peace, joy, surrender and Gratitude.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Diaconate is an ordained ministry of service within the Roman Catholic Church. Men, married or single, ages 31 to 60 years are eligible to apply. It requires a great commitment of time and energy on the part of the candidate and if married, of his family. As with all vocations, the Permanent Diaconate is a call from God and for those whom He calls, and for the Church that they are called to serve, it is a great blessing. For further information speak to your pastor or contact the Office of Permanent Diaconate, Diocese of Hamilton, 700 King St.W., Hamilton, ON, L8P 1C7 or telephone 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2258 or fax 1-905-518-1088 or E-mail diaconate@hamiltondiocese.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new members. Can you spare 15 hours per year? Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. For further information call Peter Brazolot, Grand Knight, at 519-823-6722.