



Monday, March 8 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Clara Klip, Joan Hartcourt.

Tuesday, March 9 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Theresa Griffin, Francesca Calenda.
12:10p.m. - Mark Douglas Scott.

Wednesday, March 10 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Denise Brazolot & Family.
Intentions of Kristen Arcega.

Thursday, March 11 - Ferial: Weekday
12:10p.m. - Ethel Murphy, Ben Vistro.

Friday, March 12 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Intentions of Patrick Schuetze & Family.
Intentions of Elizabeth Dempsey & Family.
7:00p.m. - Marisa Finoro.

Saturday, March 13 - Ferial
5:15p.m. - Bernardino Brum, Fernanda Gaspar, Mr. & Mrs. John Kocher and Deceased Members of the Kocher Family, Mario Milani.

Sunday, March 14 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$12,579.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

† We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Elke Kersting and Mary Finochio (mother of our business administrator) who were called to eternal life. Let us continue to pray for our beloved dead.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH PRE-LENTEN RETREAT MEETING

On Monday, March 8th we will have a follow-up meeting and evaluation of our Parish Pre-Lenten Retreat at 7p.m. in the Music Annex. Anyone who attended is welcome to join with the Retreat Team and Father Steve Vasek.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: LENT 2010

Before beginning His public mission Jesus, driven by the Holy Spirit, fasted for forty days as an expression of His trusting abandonment to the Father's saving plan. (Mt.4:1-4) The practice of fasting looks to the past, present and future. To the past - as a recognition of offences committed against God and others; to the present - in order that we may learn to open our eyes to others and to the world around us; to the future - in order that we may open our hearts to the realities of God and by the gift of divine mercy renew the bond of communion with all people and with the whole of creation, accepting the responsibility which each of us has in history. St. Peter Chrysologus wrote: "Fasting, prayer and mercy are a single thing, each drawing life from the others. Fasting is the soul of prayer and mercy the life of fasting. Let no one divide them, because alone they do not survive."

Our Lenten Schedule:

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

Tuesday and Thursday - Mass at 12:10p.m.

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

CWL ST. PATRICK'S SPRING TEA & BAZAAR

Mark your calendars for the annual CWL St. Patrick's Spring Tea & Bazaar on Sunday, March 14, 2010 in the Church Hall. Bazaar Tables will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and our Tea Room from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. Tea Room Tickets - Adult \$6.00, Child \$3.00. Visit our Bazaar Tables - Attic Treasures, Bake Table, Crafts, Hamper Draw, Jewelry Table, Penny Table, Religious Articles, Silent Auction, Touch & Take and much more... Donations for our Bazaar Tables are gratefully accepted and may be dropped off in the Church Hall on Friday, March 12 or Saturday, March 13. Thank you for your continued support to the CWL!

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Ladies, join us in warmly welcoming our new CWL members at our next General meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. We will also be finalizing preparations for the upcoming St. Patrick's Spring Tea & Bazaar. Your place is with us!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ Wedding Anniversary in 2010? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for one of two Wedding Anniversary Masses. Sunday, April 11th at Church of Our Lady, Guelph or choose Sunday, April 18th at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. Both Masses will take place at 2p.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 in order to register for the celebration. Deadline to register is March 28th.

OTHER NEWS

LENTEN TAIZE RETREAT

Lenten Taize Retreat March 19-21 at Ignatius Retreat Centre. \$245 for residential, \$145 for commuters. The retreat follows the Taize monastic pattern of the day and ends on Sunday at noon with the Eucharist. To register call 519-924-1250 ext. 266 or e-mail registration@ignatiusguelph.ca.

THANK YOU

Bishop Tonnos write: "Please extend congratulations and thanks to your parishioners for their very generous Christian support for the people of Haiti. The results of the Haiti appeal in our Diocese are truly wonderful with a gift of \$1,315,797.63. Of this total \$1,035,570.01 is for the work of the St. Joseph Health Care System and \$280,167.62 for Development and Peace. The Federal Government will match these donations. May God bless you and thank you all."

VOCATION VIEW: Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. Jesus accepts you as you are!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage Teaches Love - Our relationship is teaching our children the most important lessons of their lives - how to love, how to disagree, how to forgive, how to grow together, how to live. God gives us the grace to be the best teachers we can be. Our children are watching - what do they see? (Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

Are you separated or divorced? Let us help... LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope) and LEVEL II - (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs 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, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35.00 (Level 1) and \$45.00 (Level II). When? Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, Starting March 23rd, 2010 from 7-9p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Kitchener (Queen & Westmount Road.) Contact: The Office for Ministry, Family & Religious Education at (905)-528-7988 ext. 2249 or St. Francis Parish (519) 745-7301.

5 WEEK GRIEF PROGRAM

A 5 week program using videos featuring Dr. Bill Webster, Director of the Centre for the Grief Journey, is offered for any who have experienced grief in the past year. There will be time for reflecting, sharing and socializing with those who are traveling the painful journey of loss. This program will begin Sunday, March 14th from 1-3p.m. in the Community Room at Holy Rosary Church. Registration is necessary. Call Sister Madeleine Graf at 519-823-7827 or Marilyn Goslin 519-836-7658.

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship is about developing an attitude of Gratitude. Saying Thank You is not for God's benefit, but for my own.

CANCER AWARENESS

Community Cancer Awareness Workshop and Fundraiser Saturday, March 13th 12-4p.m. at Guelph Place Banquet Hall with Dr. Robert Buckman, Oncologist at Princess Margaret Hospital and Steve Bauer, Tour de France Cyclist. \$80 per person. Hot buffet lunch. See brochure on tower entrance bulletin board.

JUST A THOUGHT!: Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but...we question the words in the Bible?

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? You can participate by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph, RR#1, St. Agatha, Ontario, NOB 2LO.

RETROUVAILLE

You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated, or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on April 9-11th in Niagara Falls call 1-905-664-5212 or e-mail: retrovaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or the website at www.hamiltonretrovaille.com.

LENTEN REFLECTION ON PRAYER

Please join us at St. John's Church, Guelph Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00p.m. during March (the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th). We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a talk on prayer and conclude with Benediction at 4:00p.m. Confessions will be heard from 3:30-4:00p.m. All are welcome.