


MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 4 - Ferial - Weekday

7:30a.m. - Theresa Wilhelm, Madeline Hanshaw.

Tuesday, May 5 - Ferial - Weekday

7:30a.m. - Intentions of Jessica Smith.

Wednesday, May 6 - Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. - David Kraft, Clayton Jones.

Thursday, May 7 - Ferial - Weekday

7:00p.m. - John & Paula Agius & the Deceased Members of the Agius Family.

Friday, May 8 - Ferial - Weekday

7:30a.m. - Mary Lou McClenaghan, Tim Holman..

Saturday, May 9 - Ferial

5:15p.m. - Sally Steffler, Marion Bordignon, Tom Madrid Jr., Enzo Gazzola, Zygmunt Ogradzinski.

Sunday, May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$9178.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

2/ Nathaniel M. Tami & Krista L. Kraemer

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PRESENTATION

Next weekend at our Masses we will have a presentation on the work of Habitat For Humanity Guelph, with an invitation for our parish to become involved with this important witness of faith in our community.

BISHOP USTRZYCKI WRITES:

Having shared in my priestly and episcopal ministry by your collaboration, friendship, love and prayers, I would be pleased and honoured to have you join me at a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph June 7th at 3:00p.m. The Eucharist will be offered in Thanksgiving on the occasion of my Golden Jubilee of Sacred Priesthood. Following the Eucharist there will be a reception in the Parish Hall.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS/ CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Today is the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his message for this 436th World Day of prayer, Pope Benedict XVI has chosen the following theme "Faith in the divine initiative-the human response. In his message, the Holy Father highlights the importance of unceasing prayer on behalf of those whom the Lord freely calls to follow Him according to the mysterious plans of His merciful love." The urgent call of the Lord stresses that prayer for vocations should be continuous and trusting. The Christian community can only really have ever greater faith and hope in God's providence if it is enlivened by prayer." We are to bring others to know Jesus and the life in God which brings joy and peace. Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life...

This Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Education Week. Our theme this year is "Catholic Education: Good News For All." While we admit that Catholic schools may stumble and falter in their tasks from time to time, we aim to provide an education for the mind, the soul and the spirit of each young person, preparing them for the future. This is the basis of the distinctiveness of Catholic schools. We believe in the equality of every person based on the fact that we are created equal by a loving God and not because of some law or charter of Rights and Freedoms. We aim to offer our young people a word, a message and a voice that speaks with consistency, coherence and continuity. Catholic schools provide the voice of a believing community that offers meaning to the lives of our young people. All of us need a community of faith and hope when faced with the struggles of daily life, and in trying to redirect the culture of death that surrounds our secular world. May our schools continue to speak the words of the Gospel values to enrich the lives of our young. May we offer our prayerful support for all involved in the education of our Catholic youth.

PARISH NEWS

CWL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:

CWL is pleased to announce OUR Annual Recognition Brunch Sunday, May 17th 12:30p.m. at Guelph Place. Our special guest speaker will be Sister Joyce Monette, NDS on "Women of Hope," "Mary Mentor to Women." Tickets will be on sale after Mass May 3rd and May 10th and at our general meeting.

MICHAEL HOUSE

Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre invites you to participate in their annual Baby Bottle Drive, between Mother's Day, May 10th and ending Father's Day, June 21st. Your support last year was very generous.

SUNDAY CHURCH TOURS

We are in need of additional tour guides for our monthly Sunday tours. Scripts and training are provided. Time commitment is approximately two hours, the first Sunday of each month. Join our team and help us to showcase our magnificent church. For additional information contact Agnese at 519-836-9804 or Diane at 519-823-0347.

OTHER NEWS

25th ANNIVERSARY MASS OF ORDINATION AS A PRIEST

Bishop Bergie, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Mass at 11a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King Sunday, May 10th to mark his 25th anniversary of Ordination as a Priest. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Auditorium. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

A Marriage Preparation Course will be offered at the Chancery Office, 700 King Street West Friday, May 29th from 7-9p.m. and Saturday, May 30th from 10a.m. to 5p.m. Call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2237 to register.

PRO-LIFE WALKATHON

Guelph 21st Annual Pro-Life Walkathon Saturday, May 9th and the 10th and Annual March For Life in Ottawa Thursday, May 14th. There is still room available on the K of C Rockwood bus leaving at 5:30a.m. and returning from Ottawa at 3p.m. Cost \$37. Call Brendan at 519-638-5227.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

The CWL of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira are holding their annual Mother's Day Tea Saturday, May 9th from 2-4p.m. Free will offering accepted.

DINNER TO HONOUR BISHOP USTRZYCKI

On Wednesday, June 10th the Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo is hosting a reception and dinner to honour Bishop Ustrzycki at St. George's Banquet Hall, 655 King Street North, Waterloo. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Guest speaker: Archbishop Thomas Collins. For tickets send a cheque made out to Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo to Mr. Berg Bergman, 165 Chelford Crescent, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3T7.

ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Diocese of Hamilton is accepting donations to support disaster relief efforts in Italy, assisting in the provision of food, shelter, clean water and medical assistance. Donations may be made by making cheques payable to: Our Lady Immaculate Italian Earthquake Relief or to Catholic Diocesan Account, Chancery Office, 700 King St.W., Hamilton, L8P 1C7. We offer our prayers for thousands of families affected by this natural disaster.

WORKSHOP FOR STEP/BLENDED FAMILIES

The Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education is offering a workshop for step/blended families on Wednesday, June 3rd from 7-9p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St.W., Hamilton to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. To register call Lena at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249. The deadline to register is May 27th. If you require more information call 1-905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa at ext. 2250 or Josie at ext. 2241. Cost is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple.

CATHOLIC CAMPING AT CYO CAMP BREBEUF

Catholic Camping at CYO Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood offers another life-changing summer of residential camping (grades 1-8) and leadership programs (grades 8-10). Camp Brebeuf provides a safe, welcoming Catholic community where campers learn new skills, make friends, celebrate their faith and explore the outdoors. Call Camp Brebeuf at 519-856-4671 or www.campbrebeuf.ca.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MARTYRS' SHRINE

Looking for a unique spiritual experience you will never forget? One that is socially and physically energizing as well? The annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine August 8th to 15th is the answer. All are welcome, whether you come for a day, a weekend or the entire walk. For more information see www.ignatiusguelph.ca or call Robin Fishburn at 519-821-3295.

SUNDAY SMILE:

Teacher: Dean, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

Dean: KROKODIAL.

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Dean: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Are you grieving the loss of a relationship through death, divorce or separation? Do you want a New Beginning? New Beginnings helps people of all faiths to discover the deeper meaning in their lives and in their changed circumstances with the help of a trained team of men and women who are divorced, separated and widowed as well. Join us at Resurrection College, Waterloo, Friday, May 22nd to Sunday, May 24th. For more information contact Anne at our Diocesan Office for Family Ministry 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2251; e-mail ajamieson@hamiltondiocese.com.