


MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 30 - Feast: St. Andrew
7:30a.m. - Wilf Fitton, Helena Rybaczek

Tuesday, December 1 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Bob & Kip Wright, Clara Klip.

Wednesday, December 2 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - The Deceased Family & Friends of the Powers Family, Mazie Hamilton.

Thursday, December 3 - Feast: St. Francis Xavier
7:00p.m. - Nada Wyman, Father Thomas Perrier.

Friday, December 4 - Ferial: Weekday
7:30a.m. - Jerold Lepinski, Bill McKenna.

Saturday, December 5 - Ferial
5:15p.m. - Intentions of Dennis Brazolot & Family,
Intentions of Hedwig Schellhorn, Intentions of
Father Bill Clarke.
Deceased Members of William Barrett &
Family.

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$7559.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's many blessings.

Banns of Marriage:

2/ Francesco Stagliano & Danielle K. Sargent

† We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of William J. McGilloway and Cyril Larocque who were called home to eternal life. We also ask your prayers for the soul of Father James Smye, a retired priest of our Diocese who died this past week.

† We welcome into our Catholic Faith Family through Water and the Holy Spirit in Baptism: William Ryan Kenny; Curtis Benjamin Laurence; Massimo Conrad Costanzo-Miners. We congratulate their parents.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: "PREPARE THE WAY!"

Next to the annual celebration of Easter, the memorial of Christ's birth is most cherished by Christians throughout the world. The feast of Christmas celebrates the gift of God's love revealed in the great mystery of the Incarnation. God's eternal Word taking human flesh and dwelling among us. A wonderful array of cultural and family customs lead us to the Christmas feast and gives shape to our annual celebration. Advent wreaths and Jesse trees, collections of food and gifts for the poor, the sending of Christmas cards and letters and the making or purchasing of special gifts for loved ones mark our Advent days of preparation. During the 12 days of Christmas, families gather around lighted trees with sparkling ornaments to exchange gifts. Family and friends come together to share stories and to partake of the many special foods lovingly prepared for the festival. As the Christmas season unfolds we find time for rest and recreation with one another. In all of these ways we strengthen the bonds that knit us together as people in whom God has chosen to dwell.

TREES OF LIFE FOR ADVENT

At the Sacred Heart Altar the Tree of Life is for those who died from October 2008 to the present, and were born to eternal life. You may put a paper ornament provided on the tree with the name, birth and death date of your loved one. A donation box is provided there for money towards the cost of the Christmas flowers for the Church. The other Tree of Life is at the St. Joseph Altar and is for those baptized into new life in Christ during the past year. Take a moment to have a look and pray for them.

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT PRAYER EXCHANGE:

During Advent we are going to invite you to pray for a family in our parish community. Today the first Sunday of Advent we have prayer slip forms for you to write your name, address and phone number on them and we ask you to fill it out and at the Greeting of Peace to exchange them with another family who will pray for you daily during Advent. Perhaps you could send them a Christmas Card and let them know you prayed for them during Advent. This is a good way to help all of us spiritually prepare for Christmas.

- we invite your participation in our Advent Project for Sister Christine and Michael House
- we invite the children to help feed hungry children throughout the world by their donations to Chalice

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.

2010 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2010 Sunday Missals are available at the back of the church and the Tower Entrance. Cost is \$4 and an envelope may be found in the missals and placed in the Offertory Collection.

2010 PARISH ENVELOPES

We are now preparing the parish envelopes for your 2010 weekly donations. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes and please note that our numbering system is being updated. Some people ask for envelopes and never pick them up. If you have moved within the past year please contact the office so that our records are updated and that you will receive your proper income tax receipt for 2009. Your financial support is important and much appreciated as together we respond as good stewards for the financial welfare of our parish community.

SUNDAY SMILE:

A young couple took their two children to a matinee at a movie theatre in the small community. The projector flickered and kept jumping to the amusement of the audience. Finally their five year old daughter loudly complained, "Dad's got the remote control again!"

CRYSTAL OF PEACE

The University of Guelph Choirs and Guelph Chamber Players present "Crystal of Peace" Sunday, Dec. 6th at Church of Our Lady at 7p.m. In addition to traditional Christmas Carols, the concert will feature classical, international and gospel selections sung by the University's five choirs. Tickets are \$10 for students/seniors and \$15 general and are available at the door or contact Karen Bygden at 519-824-4120 ext. 52991.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

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.

PARISH FAMILY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Are you interested in being part of the organizing committee? We would like to begin planning with your help our First Parish Golf Tournament to take place in June next year. Please call Joanne Heffernan at 519-763-6356 or Jim Harrison at 519-823-2220. There will be a brief meeting in the Rectory Marian Meeting Room after the 11a.m. Mass November 29th.

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is taking applications for Christmas food vouchers for people in need living within our parish boundaries. Applicants must come to the parish office to pick up an application form. The deadline of receiving applications is December 11th, 2009. If you know someone in need in our parish please tell them about this offer.

OTHER NEWS

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home and Chapel Christmas Memorial service at Hart Chapel Sunday, December 6th at 2:30p.m. To confirm your attendance please call 519-822-4731 or 821-5077.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROCKWOOD

Sacred Heart Church, Rockwood and St. Peter's Mission, Oustic invite you to their weekend Masses with Bishop Bergie Dec. 5/6th in thanksgiving for five years of Perpetual Adoration. Luncheon Dec. 6th in Rockwood at the OPP Station from 1-3p.m.

WHITE MASS

The fourth annual WHITE MASS will be celebrated by Bishop Bergie Tuesday, December 8th at 7p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 19 Viewpoint, Hamilton for the intentions of Health Care Professionals, Pastoral Care Workers, Clergy and Religious Counsellors. All are welcome to attend.

NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus Dec. 16th - 25th. 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, NOB 2LO.

CURSILLO

CURSILLO - There will be a Grand Ultreya at Holy Rosary Church, Guelph on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9:45a.m. until 2p.m. All cursilistas, active or not, are welcome. Come and meet a great bunch of friends, new and old, and learn more about the movement.

VOCATION NEWS:

In order to offer our prayers for priests and vocations to the priesthood during this year for priests, Mass will be celebrated at St. John's Church every First Saturday at 8:30a.m. followed by a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Benediction at 10:00a.m.

DIOCESAN LITURGY OFFICE

DIOCESAN LITURGY OFFICE is offering the following: (1-905-528-7988)
- Sat., Dec. 5th Minister of the Word Formation Day - St. Aloysius, Kitchener

RETREATS AT ST. IGNATIUS

-Twilight Retreat December 2nd at 6:45 p.m. with Sister Ann Marie Welsh fcj, \$15 per person (includes light snacks). To register call Pauline at 519-824-1250 ext. 266.
-Advent Taize Retreat December 11th-13th Friday evening until Sunday noon, \$180. Call 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

St. Joseph Health Centre 17th Annual Festival of Trees Thursday, Dec. 3rd and Monday, Dec. 7th "Bring A Senior to Lunch." Tickets \$18. To order call 519-767-3424.

CATHOLIC TRUSTEE WORKSHOP

St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto is presenting a series of six consecutive Saturday workshops from 10a.m. to 3p.m. for anyone in the province who is considering running for the position of a Catholic Trustee in the 2010 election. A fee of \$100 will be charged for the series and must be paid by cash by December 20th, 2009. The series begins January 9th, 2010.

VOCATION VIEW:

Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until one of these days becomes none of these days. Follow now!