



Monday, January 2 – Feast: *St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen*

7:30a.m. – Jack Kelso, Anne Clarke

Tuesday, January 3 – Ferial: *Weekday*

7:30a.m. – Benedict Sandrasagra, William, Isobel & Bertha Weiler, Fred Chamberlain

Wednesday, January 4 – Ferial: *Weekday*

7:30a.m. – Denise Brazolot, Erwin Ballivian, Ken, Rita and Ted Leader

Thursday, January 5 – Ferial: *Weekday*

7:00p.m. – William Devorski, Tony Orlando, Roy Ferraccioli

Friday, January 6 – Ferial: *Weekday*

7:30a.m. – Graham Bellamy, Gerard Hundt, Jack White

Saturday, January 7 – Feast: *St. Andre Bessette*

5:15p.m. – Armida Gemin, Cornelus De Lange, Robert Mann, Giovanni Bonora, Intentions of David Samuel

Sunday, January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is the largest national organization of Catholic women. It meets yearly with provincial and federal members of Parliament to present grassroots resolutions. The CWL is highly respected by the Federal members of Parliament for the professional, well-researched resolutions that affect the lives of many Canadians. Since 2013 resolutions have included immigration, the Canadian Food Guide, palliative care and home care, child & youth mental health, microbeads, neonicotinoid pesticides, electronic cigarettes and flavoured tobacco products, newborn screening and old age security allowance. Become a CWL member for only \$25 per year to add your voice for the benefit of Canadians. Contact Diane at 519-821-0858 or join us at our next general meeting.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Today we celebrate the Feast of Mary the Mother of God and the World Day of prayer for Peace. We draw our central message from the Gospel, "Mary pondered all these things in her heart" and in so doing becomes deeply committed to answering the call of God. She becomes the mother of Jesus and grows into a deep discipleship of the ways of God. We are called to pray that peace may become a reality in our troubled world. The power of prayer can do great things and like Mary we reflect before God on how we may be people of peace. May 2017 be a year of peace for all the members of our parish family under the protection of Mary, the Mother of God.

On behalf of Bishop Ustrzycki, Father James McSharry and Father Gerald Mulhall I extend to all of you our prayers for you and wish God's many blessings and peace to each member of our parish family in this New Year.

A very sincere THANK YOU to everyone who assisted in the celebration of our Christmas liturgies especially the Ministries of Word and Eucharist; Music Ministry; Decorators; Hospitality; Altar Servers; Custodian; Sacristy helpers; Parish Staff; and Father James McSharry. I thank everyone who sent us Christmas greetings, prayers, cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

CAST YOUTH NIGHT

All teens are invited to kick start your new year and boost your faith into action. Meet friends, earn community service hours and have fun starting Thursday, January 12th from 7p.m.-8:30p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Parish Newsletter is published three times a year to celebrate some of the many events and activities that occur throughout the year and is published by our Stewardship Committee. We hope this may encourage you to become more informed about our faith community and to invite you to become more involved in building up this great parish.

OTHER NEWS

SUNDAY SMILE!

Thomas watched fascinated as his mother smothered cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that Mommy?" His mother replied, "To make myself beautiful" and then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter Mom, are you giving up?" Thomas asked.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

On Tuesday, January 17th at 7p.m. join us at the Albion Hotel to hear Michael Higgins speak on a theme related to his new book on Jean Vanier *Logician of the Heart*. House of Good Cheer will be with us and free food provided.

JUST A THOUGHT!

If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!

EUTHANASIA/ ASSISTED SUICIDE – DID YOU KNOW?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016 legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament (Liz Sandals).

EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF MONKS & MYSTICS

This 6-part workshop/ study session will be offered starting Wednesday, January 11th from 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m. at the Chancery Office in Hamilton and will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text *Illuminating the Way* by Christine Valters Paintner. Please register by December 22nd. Contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF CREATION; FROM BISHOP CROSBY

Close to five million litres of water are taken from Wellington County daily for a water bottling plant. This extraction of large amounts of water adversely affects the ecological balance of nature over a large area while depriving those who rely on wells of their right to water. Close to seventy-five percent of plastic bottles end up in land fill sites, thus contributing to contamination of the soil for thousands of years. All parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to refrain from using bottled water in church facilities effective January 1, 2017. As stewards of Creation may we be leaders in the responsible use of our sacred mandate.

JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT WELLINGTON CATHOLIC DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 9th, 2017.

Kindergarten Eligibility:

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2017 to attend Junior K.
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2017 to attend Senior K.

Please bring: - child's birth certificate

- a parent's or child's baptismal certificate
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (most recent tax bill)

If you have any questions please phone your local Catholic School. We look forward to welcoming you to our Wellington Catholic School family.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) challenges married couples to understand that their love is a call to sacrificial love. He invites each spouse to see their married love as love that must be first and foremost self-giving. When a person in a relationship understands this, it helps them to reach beyond themselves and indeed grow. When we take the time to discern our vision of married life and then reach into ourselves to make it happen, both spouses benefit. The Pope is reminding us that love may not be perfect, but it is love and when we nurture it from within, we strengthen and build a deep bond between us. (DIOCESAN FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).

VOCATION SEEDS

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation of the Diocese of Hamilton at 1-905-528-7988 or email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com.



SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
