



Monday, January 9 – Feast: Baptism of the Lord

7:30a.m. – Intentions of Kevin Keast & Family, Mariella Reimer, Stan Weiler

Tuesday, January 10 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Vivian Newton, Elizabeth Salac
6:30p.m. – Living & Deceased CWL Members

Wednesday, January 11 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. – Evelyn Krusky, Tom Powers

Thursday, January 12 – Feast: St. Marguerite

Bourgeois
7:00p.m. – Christina (Daisy) Van Schaik, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony McAlpine, Intentions of Bill & Marguerite Clifford & Deceased Members of the Clifford & Nimeth Families

Friday, January 13 – Ferial: Weekday

7:30a.m. ó John Joseph Seifred

Saturday, January 14 – Ferial

5:15p.m. – Patricia Collins, Michele Di Roma, Lorenza Ferriggi, Paul Tabone, Intentions of Donna Hart

Sunday, January 15 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift

in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings:

December 25th, 2016 - \$41,807.25

January 1st, 2017 - \$18,647.00

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families of Michael Ferringo, Lucille Kelley, Olga Maschio & Mary Louise Mahoney who were called to eternal life. May they rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is the largest national organization of Catholic women. Join us for our next general meeting Tuesday, January 10th beginning with Mass at 6:30p.m. Budget and planning for the upcoming year. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for Mass and our meeting.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: IS GOD ON OUR SIDE?

If God is all powerful why does God allow terrible things to happen to thousands of innocent people? The voices of grief suffered by family members and friends haunt our thoughts as thousands of human lives and dreams have been affected by on going conflicts throughout the world. God is simply God, infinite goodness, mercy, justice, truth, compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation, beauty. No government can claim that national and international policies can claim the infinite righteousness and absolute integrity of God. The spiritually more authentic and humble statement might be for governments, like individuals, to say they keep striving to be on God's side. They do this in time of conflict by seeking always to purify their motives and to act in ways that show genuine regard for fundamental moral principles, respect for innocent human life and a true concern for all of God's creatures. If we presume that God is on our side our moral vision could be blinded. To seek justice is struggling to be on God's side. In Matthew 5:38-48 Jesus says, "You have heard the commandment, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But what I say to you is to offer no resistance to injury. When a person strikes you on the right cheek turn and offer him the other. You have heard the commandment, love your countryman but hate your enemy. My commandment to you is love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. This will prove that you are children of God." It is very understandable why these words are so hard to hear. Our whole journey in faith from our baptism to the present compels us to hear these words no matter how difficult it might be to live by them. We will certainly not be on God's side in this way which has no boundaries and no foreseeable end if we close our ears to the words of Jesus.

THANK YOU

Michael House and the Drop In Centre are very grateful for all your donations at Christmas time. Thank you to the children who donated \$550 to CHALICE in support of their Christmas Campaign to feed hungry children.

4th ANNUAL PARISH PASTA DINNER

Once again the Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a Pasta Dinner Sunday, January 29th in our parish hall. Doors open at 4:45p.m. and dinner served at 5:30p.m. The Menu: pasta with meat sauce; sausages and meat balls; salad; buns; dessert; coffee/tea and water. Gluten Free Pasta option on request. Adults \$15. Children under 10 - \$10.00. Children under age 4 are free. Tickets are now on sale after the weekend Masses.

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.

OTHER NEWS***SUNDAY SMILE!***

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him money now, will he let us go?"

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS

Come join us to find the keys to Loving Relationships+. a nine week video based program for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better *me*+ in all your relationships. This program runs Tuesday evenings from 7-9p.m. starting January 24th at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave. Kitchener. The cost is \$45. For more information contact the Diocesan Family Ministry Office at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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!

Don't give God instructions, just report for duty.

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).

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 effects 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.

VOCATION SEEDS

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, His mother and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.+God asks you to give your lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? 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

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.

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