



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 30 – *Ferial: Weekday*
7:30a.m. – Denise Brazolot, Robert Mann

Tuesday, January 31 – *Feast: St. John Bosco*
7:30a.m. – George, Maureen & Matthew Goetz,
Tom Powers

Wednesday, February 1 – *Ferial: Weekday*
7:30a.m. – Intentions of Anton Sendlak, Wilbur Weiler

Thursday, February 2 – *Feast: The Presentation of
The Lord*
7:00p.m. – Antonio & Rosa Polifroni,
Antonio & Gina Angerilli,
Benedict Sandrasagra

Friday, February 3 – *Ferial: Weekday*
7:30a.m. ó Anne Clarke, Betty Schuett

Saturday, February 4 – *Ferial: Weekday*
5:15p.m. – Cornelis De Lange, Gloria Miner,
Jenna Gazzola, Debra Fischer

Sunday, February 5 – *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$8,588.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH RECEIPTS AND ENVELOPES

In the alcove behind the altar you will find your 2016 receipts for church donations and your 2017 church envelopes.

SEMINARY COLLECTION

Next weekend we have our annual Seminary Collection to support the education of future priests for our Diocese. We currently have 28 young men preparing for the priesthood. We ask for your generous support.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:
SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS**

JESUS THE SACRAMENT:
Our loving Father sent His Son to become a man in order to save us. He gave us Jesus as the image and sign of His love for us, as the visible sign of the God we cannot see. Jesus is the sign and sacrament of the Father's mercy, love and concern for us, His beloved children.
CHURCH AS SIGN: *As the Father sent Jesus, so our Lord sends His Church. The people of God are to be a living sign or sacrament of the world, a light to the nations. People can come to know God through the way we live and serve, love and worship. Even a limited acquaintance with the history of the church in the past 2000 years shows us the rise and fall of our witness. At times, the people of God have given magnificent examples, at other times their pettiness, their squabbles, their concern for wealth and power have led to a very dim light. Through the centuries Christ continues to call individuals to become members of His Church, through its teachings and its sacraments. His Spirit remains active and stirs individuals and groups to work with Christ in praising God and in continuing the work of salvation.*
SACRAMENTS: *In the church's sacraments we encounter Christ and are enabled to share more fully in His paschal mystery. The sacraments are acts of Christian worship, and we celebrate them because we are sharers in the priesthood of Christ. Our full participation in the liturgy of the sacraments enables us to share in the true spirit of Jesus our Lord.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Why am I a member? If I want to develop a deeper spiritual life, believe in the power of prayer, strive to set a Christian example in my home and workplace, believe in the sanctity of life, believe women play an important role in church and society, seek to uphold the dignity of all human beings, believe in the value of Catholic education and affordable health services. Understand the importance of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony – then belong to the CWL.

PARENT MEETING

Our Grade Two children are currently preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. A Parent Information Meeting will be held Monday, February 6th at 7p.m. in the Church Hall. The children do not need to attend this meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Neighbouring churches and our own have recently been victims of theft during church services and vandalism to cars in the parking lot. Always leave your car locked and items out of sight. Never leave personal items unattended. When going to Communion take your purse or wallet with you. When you see someone acting suspiciously please inform one of our ushers or greeters. We have people trained to respond to various issues.

OTHER NEWS**GUATEMALA MISSION**

Next weekend we will have a presentation on the possibility of organizing a Parish Mission Trip to Guatemala July 8th to 17th.

SUNDAY SMILE!

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa did God make you?" he answered, "Yes sweetheart, God made me a long time ago." She asked, "Did God make me too?" He replied, "Yes indeed, God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION MEETING

Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend an information session February 5th at the Chancery Office Hamilton. To register and for more information contact Deacon Peter Gittens at 1-905-582-7988 ext. 2258 or visit diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com.

JUST A THOUGHT!

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

VOCATION SEEDS

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven – Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being 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.

HOMEWOOD HEALTH CENTRE

Homewood is looking for dedicated individuals seeking an opportunity to volunteer their time to help others. Various volunteer positions are available. Orientation and training are provided. For information call Volunteer Services at 519-824-1010 ext. 2262 or email mschuett@homewoodhealth.com.

VALENTINE DINNER

The Maryhill K of C and St. Boniface CWL are holding a Valentine Dinner February 11th with two sittings, 5 & 7p.m. at the Maryhill Heritage Community Centre. \$17.50 per person; children 7-12 \$10 6 years and under . free. For tickets contact Mary at 519-822-9287 or Doug at 519-648-2939.

VALENTINE DINNER/ DANCE

St. Paul's School is holding a Dinner/Dance at Victoria Park East Golf Club Saturday, February 11th. To purchase tickets call Lisa at 519-820-6111.

IGNATIUS LOYOLA HOUSE

- Knowing the Heart of Jesus facilitated by Father Bill Clark SJ Feb. 24th-26th
- Lenten Taize March 3-5th facilitated by Fr. Erik Oland SJ; Fr. Dan Leckman SJ and Tarcia Gerwing
- Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment March 10th to 12th
- Les Miserables: A Lenten Retreat facilitated by Fr. Dan Leckman SJ & Trevor Scott SJ March 17th - 19th
- A Lenten Journey with the Earth March 17th- 19th facilitated by Father Bill Clark SJ; Yvonne Prowse & Tarcia Gerwing
- Cost \$260 live-in; \$160 commuter . For more information contact 519-824-1250 or email loyolhouse.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a great cohesiveness in the family unity and the desire for more times as a family. Try it, you won't regret it. (Diocesan Family Ministry Office 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2250).