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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 9/10	May 22/23	Oct 23/24
Feb 13/14	June 26/27	Nov 13/14
No March Baptisms	Aug 14/15	Dec 12/13
April 17/18	Sept 18/19	

Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Pastoral Council

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Vocational Information

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519-885-0331 ext 312
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905-528-0138

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 23 / 24			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Grant Ranalli Lorraine Lossing Leah Fuller	Christine Weir Larry Bomford Verdi Gough	Adriana Rerecich Gerry Shea Lynne Taffs
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PASTA SUPPER

GET YOUR TICKETS! Tickets for the Annual Pasta Supper, to be held on Sunday, **January 31**, 2010, are on sale now. Adults: \$12. Seniors: \$10. Children: 12 and under \$6. Join us for an evening of great food and fun.

2010 KENYA MEDICAL MISSION CONCERT

Canadian Nurses for Africa will present Voices of the Savannah and The Burlington Welsh Male Choir in a concert at St Joseph's on Saturday, **January 30** at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds donated to the Kenya medical mission. Tickets available at the door or contact Gail at 905.335.2157.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 26** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Join us to learn about activities planned for 2010. General meetings are open to all members and women 16 years and over who are interested in becoming a member. For more information about the Catholic Women's League of Canada visit www.cwl.ca

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary in 2010? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 10 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Guelph or **April 18** at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 2 p.m. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more are allowed 1 guest. Please refer to the poster at the Tower entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration. Registration forms must be in by March 26.

50th SCOUTING GROUP

The Beavers and Cubs meet in St. Joseph's School Gym on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Please come and try the program out for a few weeks and see if you would be interested in joining the group. Please contact Yvonne Oliver at 905.529.9667 or Pat Troughton at 905.396.0886.

DAY OF PRAYER – Friday, **January 29** at Sisters of Social Service Residence, 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with opening prayer followed by a Spiritual talk. The day is enriched with Mass and quiet time. The day closes with prayer at 3 p.m. You are asked to bring a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided by the Sisters. Space is limited. To register call Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS at 905.388. 3966.

Prayer and Candle Light Vigil For Life

Please join Hamilton Right to Life as we hold our third annual **Ecumenical Prayer Vigil and Candle Light Vigil**: Thursday, **January 28**, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Main Street West, across from McMaster University. The Prayer Vigil is followed by a 30 minute candlelight vigil in front of McMaster Hospital, starting at 8:00 p.m. This event will mark the 22nd anniversary of the day our Supreme Court left the unborn children in Canada with NO legal protection from being killed in abortion. At least 100,000 Canadian children are aborted every year! Pray at home, and join in public prayer at this event. For more information, call the HRTL office at 905-528-3065.

Social Justice News

How can we as Christians respond to increased hunger in the world? "Feed the hungry," (Mt. 25: 35, 37, 42) is an ethical imperative for the universal church. Pope Benedict, in his recent encyclical Caritas in Veritate, says, "The problem of food insecurity needs to be addressed within a long-term perspective, eliminating the structural causes that give rise to it." Learn more at a Share Lent Workshop on Tuesday, **January 26** at 7pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 305 east 37th Street (church faces Fennell, just west of Upper Gage). All are welcome to attend. You are also invited to join your parish Social Justice team on Thursday Jan. 28 at 7 pm in meeting room #3, as we plan for our Share Lent campaign. Please join in the struggle to feed the hungry.

Attention Parents of St. Joseph's School Children

Did you know that our school board has made embroidered cresting (sewn directly on uniform) mandatory for all schools starting 2010? The Parent Coalition for Reasonable Uniform Policy (PCRUP) supports school uniforms. However, we are challenging the mandatory embroidered uniform shirt policy due to its disproportionate burden on low income families, failure to consider community social justice and disregard for environmental impact. PCRUP Meeting: Monday, **January 18**, 7:30 pm St. Joseph Rm. 3. Make your voice heard!



The **OFFERTORY** Collection
for **January 9 / 10** was \$6,410.84
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 Scott Emerson Porter Dianne Porter

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 Intentions of Daniel McGarr Kathleen McGarr

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

8 a.m. Margaret Malcolmson Robert & Jane Flaiani

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 Lida DiFranco Elvira Morosin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 Mary Smith Alanna Mihic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

3:00 Wedding - A Pasztor & B Bereziuk
 5:00 Marg Davidson Denis & Sheila Corr
 Agnes Robichaud Graham
 Gwen Robichaud & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30 For all the People of St. Joseph Parish
 11:30 Margaret Malcolmson St Joseph's 11:30 Choir

Desk Scribbles . . . 2nd Sun Ord Time . . . January 17, 2010 . . .
 Jim Link, C.R.
 Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-12

When I was a teenager trying to figure out what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, I realized that I needed to find a way of life and something to do that would get me out of bed in the morning, that is, give me a reason to look forward to the day even if it were hard. How do any of us know what we are supposed to be doing? It, perhaps, is too simple to say that we just "know," but in some ways it is just that simple. But obviously there are also signs such as joy, contentment, excitement, peace, discipline --- and many others. For me, the abundance of just such signs was found in priesthood; and one of the clearest signs for me was the joy and power experienced in the sacraments. For whatever reason, God has given me a deep sense of the action and presence of God in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist but in all the sacraments.

Our readings this Sunday focus our attention to the relationship that couple share in marriage as an analogy of the relationship that God shares with us. Marriage, as you know, is a sacrament that is performed by the couple marrying. I gently correct people all the time, "No, I did not marry you, you married each other. My role as a priest was to officially witness the vows you made before God in the name of the faith community, the Church." But, for me, my role as the Church's witness has been a blessing. Every time I hear a couple exchanging their vows I am overwhelmed by what they are doing. They are freely and willingly choosing to give their lives into each other's trust and care for life, without conditions. Wow! It makes me shudder. The sad thing is, I don't think that couples often fully understand what they are doing or feel the weight and power of the words they are speaking to each other. Those words, once spoken, will literally change their lives forever -- for better or for worse. Although society and the provincial government often look upon marriage strictly as a contract (hence, the use of a marriage license), in our religious understanding, marriage is far more: it is a covenant. In a covenant, one partner says to the other, "I give you me, all of me and even if you are unfaithful, I will remain faithful." Covenants are one hundred

percent, no conditions, no limits, forever. Covenants require far more than will power to live them out: they require grace.

Patricia Sanchez [*Celebration*, Kansas City, MO: Jan 2010] sums it up well: "In the first reading Deutero-Isaiah offers an even more intimate way of appreciating the relationship God wishes to extend to human beings. He says: God espouses you! God espouses you with a love that chooses to be committed unconditionally. Unlike human love, which sometimes grows less passionate after the honeymoon, God's spousal love does not diminish but grows stronger despite our straying and despite our sins. In spite of ourselves, Isaiah insists, God loves us like a bridegroom loves a bride. This quality of love means that God chooses to belong to each of us, and God desires, but does not force our belonging in return. To be loved by God as spouse means that as incredible as it may be, God has set us on an equal footing; God the Creator of the universe chooses to be our partner in life. In sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, in good times and in bad, God loves us. Of all the analogies that could be chosen to express the relationship God wishes to share with us, this one is the most shocking. We, for our part, need only be faithful and forever grateful that even death will not part us from the God who loves us so deeply, so truly, forever."

It is not insignificant that the first of the public signs of Jesus was performed at an ordinary home at the celebration of a wedding. God pitched his tent among us in real time, in real life, in the midst of real people. This is the covenant that has been made with us, then and now, forever. It is a covenant we can count on, a covenant, once truly accepted by us, will set us free. We have been chosen in love by God. Will we, can we, dare we, chose to love God back?

DID YOU KNOW? The psalm appointed for today (*O sing a new song to the Lord*) is a song of praise and joy that has taken on a number of differing roles in Catholic liturgies over the centuries. At one time, part of it was used as the Introit for the 4th Sunday after Easter, and it also appears as the III Nocturn of Matins on Christmas Day ("*Cantate Domino canticum novum*, the Old Law gives way to the New, the Prophecies are fulfilled.") It has been the inspiration for several hymn texts, and it has been set to music countless times over the centuries as motets and anthems. At the 11:30 Mass this weekend, the choir will sing as the Offertory motet a setting of *Cantate Domino, canticum novum* by the 16th century Italian composer Giovanni Croce.

Youth Ministry - Upcoming Events:

(For all of our youth ages 10-17 and their friends)

Youth Ministry:

This evening we're going to have Survivor Night. Please join us for an evening of special challenges. Bring a friend! This event will be held in the school gym, from 7:00 until 8:30.

NET Ministry Retreat:

Next Sunday is our NET Ministry retreat for the youth of our parish. This retreat will run from 2:00 until 7:30 in the church hall. It should be a fun and spiritually uplifting event. The retreat team, young adults from across the continent, will use games, story-telling, skits and songs to deliver their messages. Please plan to join us. Dinner will be provided.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Arthur Scidmore, Fr. Joseph Vano, Our Parish Community, Fr. Anthony Ciavarrro, Fr. Drago Gacnik, S.D. B., and Fr. Paul Boucher.

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