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## PASTORAL TEAM

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# DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 HOLY FAMILY

## Stewardship Reflection

"Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts." - Colossians 3:14-15

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the many gifts that God has placed within our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy every day.

## *Mass Schedule*

### *Feast Mary Mother of God*

*December 31 - 5:00 p.m. and January 1 - 10:00 a.m.*

*This is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

*The Church expects us all to attend mass on this day.*

*Epiphany January 1 - No 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass*

*Epiphany January 2 - Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.*

*Thank you to the Decorating Committee who made the Church so wonderfully decorated for Christmas*



*Congratulations to  
Derek Trainor & Amanda Purves  
Who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on  
December 18th, 2010*

## First Friday Day of Adoration before Blessed Sacrament

Each first Friday from 8 am to 12 noon the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar for adoration. We invite you to spend some time in prayer for vocations, vocations to Marriage, Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life or Single Life. These vocations which are invitations to show God's love to the World. Next First Friday is January 7th, 2011.

## St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

Loose Collection for SVDP is the **2nd Sunday** of each month.



St. Vincent de Paul store located at 585 York Street has an **immediate need for men's clothing and furniture for the poor**. Please call 519-438-7071 for pick up or drop off at the store.

## Sisters, Spirituality, Social Justice & Social Media

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph is thrilled to share their new "virtual home" with you at [www.csj.london.on.ca](http://www.csj.london.on.ca). Following an 8-month intensive and transformative process, they have created a vibrant and interactive space that invites people locally and globally to learn about and engage in issues of contemporary spirituality and justice.

They hope you will explore the new site and share it with your friends, colleagues and partners to help us spread the exciting news and to engage as large and as diverse a population as possible in our shared work on important global issues.

New Horizons Support Group Separated divorced and widowed men and women meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at St. Michael's Church (Room E), 511 Cheapside London. Contact: Don at 519-451-2829.

Coping With Relationship Loss is a healing program for the separated and divorced. The ten week program will meet Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at St. Michael's in London and will begin as soon as we have ten participants. The fee is \$30.00. Contact Don at 519-451-2829.

*Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.  
There have been thefts from vehicles in the parking lot.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

*Check out the Youth Ministry bulletin boards at the main entrances to the church for other good news in Youth Ministry!*

## CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST:

### We have our winners!

Thank you to all of the youth in Grades 5-8 who entered their Christmas Cards into our art contest. The volunteers that looked through each of them were amazed at all of the outstanding creativity and work that you put into them. The winner of the Overall Presentation category is Patrick Zwinkels; the winner of the Overall Composition and Drawing Skill category is Alex Echeverry; and there were two winners for the Christian Message category - Madeline Bliss and Phiona Alimochan. Congratulations to all of you! The winners each won a gift card to Michael's Craft Store. All cards that were entered in this contest will be displayed in the main foyer of the church during the season of Advent and Christmas.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE/BAKE SALE - THANK YOU!

The World Youth Day 2011 Pilgrims would like to thank St. Michael's Parish and the wider community once again for their continued generosity. The Christmas bake sale/raffle on December 11 and 12 was a huge success and raised \$1600 in total! Thank you to all who donated baked goods or items for the raffle, and those who bought baked goods or entered into the raffle draw. We had 47 fantastic raffle items and the winners have all been notified.

## CONFIRMATION JOURNAL PROJECT

Attention all Confirmation Candidates! A reminder that your Confirmation Journal Project was due to the parish office on **Tuesday December 7**. Please hand it into the Parish Office.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

There will be 3 Confirmation Preparation classes for all Confirmation Candidates who attend public, private or high school. The dates are Tuesdays January 4, 11 and 18 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please arrive with the Confirmation booklet that was handed to you at the November 2 meeting. Any questions? Call Natalie at the Parish Office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2011

All families are welcome to come together and enjoy a movie, fellowship and snacks on **Saturday January 15, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned to find out what movie will be shown!

### SPORTS AFTERNOONS/NIGHTS! GRADES 5-8 AND 9-12

**STAY TUNED FOR THE JANUARY-JUNE 2011 SPORTS SCHEDULE...**

Please join the Social Justice Committee on **Wednesday, January 12, 2011**, to welcome Rayjon Share Care - a charitable non-profit organization from our Diocese, located in Sarnia. Rayjon will give a slide presentation on "Haiti - 12 months after Earthquake" on the evening one year ago when the disaster struck. Rayjon will speak from experience about how the country is recovering with the additional burdens of cholera and political unrest. They will also discuss the earthquake's impact on Rayjon's faith-based work in Haiti that includes health care, agriculture, education and environmental activities. Students interested in their awareness trips are also welcome. Please join us from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish hall. Contact Mary Ann for more information at [tun-dramac@sympatico.ca](mailto:tun-dramac@sympatico.ca) or 519-432-4763.

## Mass for the Unborn and Their Mothers

A Mass for the unborn and their mothers will be held **Tuesday, December 28th, 7:30 pm** (Rosary at 7pm) at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica.

## Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2010 they must be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2010.

*Please note their will be NO Sunday School or Children's Liturgy on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>*

# DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 HOLY FAMILY

## Mass Intentions for December 28<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>

**Tuesday, December 28 - 12:00 noon**

Joan White requested by Rita McAndrew

M Marion requested by Kim Gallant

Intentions of Clare Rudd requested by Jovit & Margaret Mendonca

**Wednesday, December 29 - 8:00 am**

Elinora & Alexsader Janavicius requested by Cathie & Walter Janavicius

Mrs. G. Tornabuono requested by Caterina Fonti

Intentions of Ted Hagarty requested by The Family

**Thursday, December 30 - 12:00 noon**

Sylvanio Rijavec requested by Marcella Rijavec

Silvia Gentile requested by Anne Marie & Peter Verlaan

Lawrence May requested by Lucille Charron

**Friday, December 31- 8:00 am**

No Mass

**Saturday, January 1 - 9:00 am**

No Mass

**Readings for Next Weekend**

**January 2, 2011 Epiphany**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 60:1-6*

**Second Reading:** *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 2:1-12*



## Babysitting Schedule January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

10:30 a.m.

McKee Family (2)

*For those who would like information about the Christmas Collection, please contact Fr. Murray Sample at 519-433-6689 ext. 202.*



## ALTAR SERVERS JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

**8:30 a.m.**

Chantal Denomme

Andrew Denomme

Angela Denomme

**10:30 a.m.**

Jacob Beukeboom

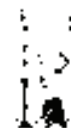
Mark Beukeboom

Joshua Makin

**12:30 p.m.**

Daniel Gyenis

Alyssa Young



*"Serving God With Gladness!"*



*All those who are sick, including:*

**Aiden Burns, Rita Irving, Ryan O'Quinn,**

**Rosemary Darmanin, Cyril Petersen,**

**Lucille Charron, Paul Bossons, Len Crover,**

**Linda Ploard, Mary Thompson & Robert Kokron.**

*And all those who have died, including:*

**Didace Kashirahamwe** cousin of Clavera Maregeya,

**Noel Buhinja** brother-in-law of Clavera Maregeya.

### Hospital Chaplains

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Procedures, including Pastoral Care. Now, as a Catholic, when you are admitted to the hospital you need to request the services of the Priest for a visit or Blessing of the Sick through the Pastoral Care Department. Each of the hospitals in London has a Chaplain assigned to them by the Bishop.

**Teacher References:** It is the policy of Separate School Boards to ask for a Pastoral Letter from a candidate who is applying for a job. This letter requires the Pastor to witness that the candidate goes to Mass each Sunday and is involved in parish ministry. If you plan on asking for a letter of reference, make sure you are fulfilling the obligation.

### Medaille Retreat House

Has many upcoming programs, retreats. For more information phone (519) 641-1379 or email [medaille@csj.london.on.ca](mailto:medaille@csj.london.on.ca).

### Holy Family Retreat House - Oxley ON

For information on retreats at the Holy Family Retreat House please visit their web site at [www.holyfamilyrh.com](http://www.holyfamilyrh.com) or phone 519-738-6136.

### Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

As we celebrate the 49th International Eucharistic Congress, Saint Mary's parish invites everyone to visit the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration which is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Join the many adorers who regularly visit, and come and spend one hour with Jesus by praying before the Blessed Sacrament, as He asks us to. Come and experience the peace that comes from adoring Him. Our chapel is located at 345 Lyle St., London. To sign up you can call 519-434-9121.

**Parish Christmas Newsletter** was recently mailed out. If you have not received one by mail and would like to, please contact the Parish Office. Extra copies are located at the usher stations at the back of the church.

**Please Note:** Some of our Parishioners have allergies and are sensitive to perfume. We invite people to refrain from the use perfume and cologne.

### Parish Office

Please note the parish office will reopen January 3, 2011 at 8:30am.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

**Wednesday, December 29**

- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

### Pre-Authorized Offertory Gifts

At St. Michael's Parish we have an Automatic Bank gift giving program to make your regular donations to the Parish easier for you. Your Offertory donation may be made by authorizing a monthly deduction from your bank account. You will never need to worry about forgetting your envelope and your regular support of St. Michael's Parish.

If you would like more information about this program please call Jolanda Squire at the Parish Office at 519-433-6689 ext. 208.

### **"Have you ever thought about making a legacy gift to St Michael's Parish in your Will?"**

"A legacy gift can leave a legacy of faith and hope to future generations." If you would like to help St Michaels with such a gift, we encourage you to consult with your financial advisor or lawyer.

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The St. Michael's website contains a lot of information and pictures relevant to our Parish/Community life. Please visit the website often and let us know your thoughts and comments. We are actively seeking content from all areas of our Parish and welcome your input to the attention of Terry McBride at [stmichlon@dol.ca](mailto:stmichlon@dol.ca)

**Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute:** *Bioethics Matters* are available on line at [www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics](http://www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/bioethics)

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