

**Monday, December 28th**

8:00 a.m. + Jim Callaghan
6:30 p.m. + Mieczyslaw Biskup

Tuesday, December 29th

9:00 a.m. + Russell Tidball
6:30 p.m. + Michal i Julija Stec

Wednesday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. + Jim Callaghan
6:30 p.m. W 40sta Rocznice Urodzin syna Krzysztofa z prosba o zdrowie i Boze Blogoslawienstwo dla niego i rodziny

Thursday, December 31st~ New Year's Eve

5:30 p.m. English + Mildred DeSouza
7:00 p.m. Polish Za Parafian

Friday, January 1st~ Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

9:15 a.m. Polish + Jozef Dorosz
O Boze Blog. Dla Rodziny Grabowskich
11:00 a.m. English + Doris Macke
12:30 p.m. Polish + Ludwik Osika

Saturday, January 2nd~ St. Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 a.m. Dziekczynna w intencji syna Marcina
5:30 p.m. + Rose Stainsby

Sunday, January 3rd~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention
9:15 a.m. Dziekczynna od Rodziny Piszczak
11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo
12:30 p.m. O Boze Blogoslawienstwo. dla Bozeny Leszczynskiej i jej Rodziny

**December 13, 2009**

Pallotine Missons \$6,057.25

December 20, 2009 December 21, 2008

Sunday Offering \$6689.51 \$6,235.38

Thank you for your support of our parish and the needs of others.

IN OUR PARISH

2009 Donation Envelopes - Your offertory envelopes are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you wish to use donation envelopes and you do not have a set assigned to you, please contact the Parish Office.

Manitoba Missions - St. Carmen's Wish List: Hats; Gloves; Socks for Seniors; New Toys for Children. Drop off in the narthex.

LECTORS**New Year's Day Lector Schedule ~ Dec. 31st, 2009/Jan. 1st, 2010**

5:30 p.m.	M. Slobodnik	L. Kendall
9:15 a.m.	Z. Papuga	A. Biskup
11:00 a.m.	P. Churey	R. Johnston
12:30 p.m.	E. Malinowska	K. Majszki

Lectors' Schedule ~ January 2nd/3rd, 2009

5:30 p.m.	C. Geurtin	L. Gurusinghe
8:00 a.m.	E. Culhane	M. Huschilt
9:15 a.m.	M. Sokolowski	L. Terlecki
11:00 a.m.	B. Bergeron-Ferguson	M. Slobodnik
12:30 p.m.	B. Berek-Kowanda	E. Kowanda

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**New Year's Day Eucharistic Minister Schedule ~ Dec. 31st/Jan 1st**

5:30 p.m.	J. Zrinscak	B. Manning
7:00 p.m.		
9:15 a.m.		
11:00 a.m.	B. Ferguson	A. Salmon
12:30 p.m.		

Eucharistic Minister Schedule ~Jan. 2nd/3rd, 2010

5:30 p.m.	M. Liskauskas	V. Liskauskas
8:00 a.m.	D. Scolellaro	B. Fraser
9:15 a.m.		
11:00 a.m.	D. Willcott	E. Kennedy
12:30 p.m.		

Just a Note - to remind you that Friday, January 1st is the **Feast Day of Mary, the Mother of God** and is a Holy Day of obligation.

Baptized in the Lord - Our love and prayers are with the families of Isabella Maria Jasiewicz, Mackenzie Jonathan James Tripp, Olivia Simone Genesee and Maya Maria Fijalkiewicz who were baptized on December 20, 2009.

Help Bingo News - I need help for the 9:45 p.m. Bingo, it's on Friday night at The Bingo Connection on Plains Rd. If you can help please call Rita at (905) 332-3062 it's only once a month. If we get two or three people to help it would be only once every three months. Please consider this. Thank You

Bazaar News - The total donated to the parish was \$17,000.00

Many thanks to everyone involved.

The Major Draw winners were Andrew Bodzianowski ~ \$500.00; Olivia Currie ~ \$300.00; Lisa Rattray ~ \$200.00.

Apostleship of the Holy Eucharist is an association of people dedicated to (i) Belief in the True presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; (ii) Intercessory prayer for the renewal and restoration of Faith {the Holy Hour}; (iii) Personal faith renewal; and (iv) Promotion of belief in and devotion to the True presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. A group of parishioners meet before the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday evening after the Polish Mass for an hour of prayer and meditation. All are welcome.

The Snow Angels program - Students of Notre Dame High School - will continue to provide a free snow removal service to those who are unable to clear their own snow this winter.

The Snow Angels program is activated by 'snow emergency' events as announced in local media. They can occur at most anytime during the winter months. Generally, snow angel volunteers clear snow from their assigned walkways within 24 hours at the END of a major snowfall. They are responsible for the following:

- Clearing of snow from City Sidewalks in front of the home
- Clearing of snow off driveways and driveway entrances left by snow plows
- Clearing a path to the client's front door

You are eligible for a snow angels volunteer if you are 65 years of age or older and currently receive the Seniors' Tax Credit OR if you are any resident with a disability, documented by an Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) cheque stub, a wheelchair parking pass or a doctor's note, regardless of age.

New to the Parish - please register by completing a registration form (available in the Narthex). We also ask that you notify the office of any change in address or telephone number.

IN OUR DIOCESE

First Friday Eucharistic Vigil - commencing with Holy Mass Friday, February 5th at 8:00 p.m. and ending with Benediction and Holy Mass Saturday, February 6th at 8:00 a.m. Rosary is prayed every hour. St. Mary's Chapel, Park Street North and Mulberry Street, Hamilton. Come for one hour or more.

Marriage Tip of the Month - The greatest gift we can give our spouse is the gift of true love: total commitment, trust, caring, compassion, understanding, joy and support. At Christmas time, give the gift of love to your spouse in a way that will last all year. Plan a special monthly date, commit to writing a card or note to your loved one several times throughout the year, promise to tell your spouse one good thing they have done for you each and every day, commit to doing one small thing daily to make your spouse smile, attend mass together weekly, pray together at least once a day. These are small gifts with great power: the power to rekindle and maintain love.

Parenting Tip of the Month - Christmas is a perfect time to help your children remember what the 'reason for the season' actually is - the birth of Jesus Christ. Read the story of the Nativity together, let your children help set up the Manger in your home, take part in your parish Christmas pageant where possible and before opening gifts Christmas morning, sing 'Happy Birthday' to Jesus. The real story of Christmas is the birth of our Saviour: do your children know and understand that ?

St.Thomas the Apostle Parish Lottery Fundraiser 2010 - 65 chances to win! 12 monthly draws for \$1,000 on the first day of each month ! 52 weekly draws of \$100 every Sunday of each week! starting Jan. 1st, 2010 to December 26, 2010 Early Bird Draw of \$500 - Friday Dec. 25th, 2009 Tickets **\$50.00** each, **Special 5 Tickets for \$200.00**, only 1,200 Tickets will be sold! All winning tickets go bak into the drum for more chances to win. Order tickets by calling 905-689-4857 or visit the parish office.

Adoption Builds Families -Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of

Hamilton? Our children can range from six months to six years and everything in between. Please join us for an Adoption Information Session on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00p.m. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King Street East, Hamilton.

Volunteers Needed - Mount Nemo Christian Nursing Home requires volunteers to help with programs, feeding residents and visiting. If you can help out weekly or even a couple times a month, please call Brad at 905-335-3636.

Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

*In your charity please pray for all who minister in the church.
"Here I am, Lord, send me." (Isaiah 6:8)*

Monday, December 28 th	Father Mike McHugh
Tuesday, December 29 th	Father Leo Burns, CSB
Wednesday, December 30 th	Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Thursday, December 31 st	Father Charles Galea
Friday, January 1 st	Father Pierre Philippe Jean-Pierre
Saturday, January 2 ^d	Father Archange Kebe

Youth Ministry NEWS

Please contact Joanne Kanerva, Youth Minister at 905-336-7144ext. 28; stgabescyo@hotmail.com regarding the following:

The Gabe's Zone News:

The Gabe's Zone Dates for JANUARY 2010:

Friday January 8th, Gabe's Zone ONE/TWO

Friday January 15th -ONE, 22nd - TWO, 29th - ONE

Please call Ms. Kanerva for more information about this faith filled youth group experience.

QUILT DRAW for Youth Ministry Needs:

Youth Ministry as a not for profit organization whose goal is to meet the needs of youth in our Parish will be hosting a CHRISTMAS QUILT DRAW. These beautiful quilts are on display in the Narthex and tickets are 2\$ or 3 for 5\$ all proceeds go to assisting in youth programming. THANK YOU TO SUSAN SOBOT friend of youth Ministry and Quilter extraordinaire for donating these gorgeous quilts!

Parish Sacramental Preparation Course - First Reconciliation and Eucharistic Preparation Classes resume on January 10th. For information please call Joanne Kanerva @ the parish office.

Nativity Pageant Christmas Eve-Many thanks to our wonderful children actors and their families for the support of our sweet and sincere Christmas gift to our Parish family. A special thank you to our teen leaders and Mr. Jim O'Brien for all of their help! And to Mrs. Sobot for the lovely snacks :)

Thank you to everyone for the lovely cards, gifts and prayers for Christmas, I appreciate your kindness so much, xox Joanne.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and happy New Year from Youth Ministry at Saint Gabriel's Parish!