

**Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. + John Curtis  
 6:30 p.m. O zdrowie i Boze Blog dla Marii Gawda

**Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Saint Marguerite Bourgeois**

9:00 a.m. + Elenie Valeriotte  
 6:30 p.m. + Marcin Momot (w 5 rocznice smierci)

**Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. + Robert William Holmes  
 1:30 p.m. St. Mark School Mass at the school  
 6:30 p.m. + Stefana Dunskiego

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. + Francisco Silang  
 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. + Lorne Dubois  
 6:30 p.m. + Mieczyslaw Biskup

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. + Walter Swerjeski  
 5:30 p.m. + Albert Goulet

**Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Pastoral Intention  
 9:15 a.m. + Weronika Kilian  
 11:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo  
 12:30 p.m. w 5-ta Rocznicze ur Adasia z prosba o opieke Boze dla Niego i Rodzieow

**Liturgical Ministry ~ January 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2010****Lectors' Schedule**

5:30 p.m.	M. Vukovic	J. Foster
8:00 a.m.	E. Kennedy	P. Shura
9:15 a.m.	M. Kaszowska	E. Malinowska
11:00 a.m.	K. D'Souza	L. Uy
12:30 p.m.	J. Terlecki	S. Rudziejewski

**Eucharistic Ministers' Schedule**

5:30 p.m.	J. Cremasco	B. Manning
8:00 a.m.	H. Marsalek	J. Costigan
9:15 a.m.		
11:00 a.m.	A. Thomson	C. Thomson

**IN OUR PARISH**

**2010 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.

**Peace and Creation Mass** - Bishop Gerard Bergie will celebrate a special Mass based on Pope Benedict's 2010 World Day of Peace statement. The theme of the pope's message, "If You Want Peace, You Must Safeguard Creation" expands upon his teachings about the environment and his recent encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate (Truth in Charity)*. Thursday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church,

**December 27, 2009 December 28, 2008**

Sunday Offering	\$6,476.10	\$6,525.31
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**January 3, 2010 January 4, 2009**

Sunday Offering	\$5,633.66	\$5,947.40
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The **2009 Christmas Offering** was \$18,632.23. In 2008 the Christmas collection was \$21,905.42. The **2010 New Year's Day Offering** was \$3,889.44. In 2009 the New Year's Day Collection was \$4,137.05. The **2010 Initial Offering** donations totalled \$1,736.37. In 2009 the Initial Offerings were \$1,988.25.

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

**Bingo News ~ Help Wanted!!!** St. Gabriel Church needs volunteers to help at the 9:45 p.m. Bingo, on Friday nights 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.

**Father Corapi Series** will resume on January 6, 2010. Upcoming topics will include: Jan. 13 New War... Old War

Jan. 20 Priesthood: Sacrifice and Service

Jan. 27 The Pope, Peter the Rock in Christ

More to follow....Everyone is welcome.

**Knights of Columbus** - Any gentlemen interested in information about the Knights and their parish and community initiatives may call Alex Furgal 905-335-0128 or Hugh MacDonald 905-332-4204.

**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.

**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**

**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 7:00 p.m. Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King Street East, Hamilton. 240 Hemlock Street (at University Avenue West), Waterloo, Ontario. A social with fair trade coffee follows. For information, please contact the Social Awareness Office (905) 528-7988, ext. 2233, or email [dbaltaz@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dbaltaz@hamiltondiocese.com).

**Healing After An Abortion: It Is Possible** - Caring hearts are

available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a *confidential* service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Lottery Fundraiser 2010** - 64 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010! Tickets \$50.00 each, **\*\*Special 5 Tickets for \$200.00\*\***. Only 1,200 Tickets will be sold! Closing date for sales is January 31, 2010. All winning tickets go back into the drum for more chances to win. Order tickets by calling 905-689-4857, email [stthomaschurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:stthomaschurch@bellnet.ca) or visit the parish office. We accept cash, cheque, visa or mastercard!

**Pursue Love and Strive for the Spiritual Gifts** - You are invited to attend an evening focussing on married couples. In a romantic ambiance, over wine and a beautiful five course meal, couples are given a special opportunity to reflect, to renew, to deepen the gift and beauty of their relationship with one another and with God. Sunday, February 14, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 305 East 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton. Tickets are on sale now – \$95.00 per couple. For tickets please call Blessed Sacrament Parish at 905-385-3570; Sr. Elaine Arsenault at 905-388-3966; or Loretta Gundic at 905-573-7701.

**A "Burns Supper"**- and evening of entertainment will be held at St. Raphael's Parish Hall on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with an address to the Haggis at 6:45. The proceeds of this function will benefit the hungry in Burlington through St. Vincent de Paul Society with matching contributions from The Sodexo Foundation. Last year's event drew over 170 people, who enjoyed the traditional speeches, Highland dancing, Celtic singing and the Pipes. Over \$3,500 was raised and helped to reduce poverty in the local area. Tickets are \$30.00 per person, and we ask each person to bring a non-perishable food item to the evening. For further info and tickets call Elaine at 905-639-6490.

**We Are More Than Conquerors** - The Association of Christian Therapists is offering its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Presentation on Saturday, February 20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Holy Cross Croatian Parish Hall, 1883 King Street East (at Rosedale Ave.), Hamilton. Eucharistic Celebration at 5 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph MacDonald. Registration is \$40/person, received by February 12; \$50 at the door. All welcome. For information call Lucienne at 905-573-3390 or Jennie at 905-335-6902 or email [acthamilton@sympatico.ca](mailto:acthamilton@sympatico.ca).

### 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, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Father Michael McHugh
Tuesday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Father Kevin Cull
Wednesday, January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Missionaries
Thursday, January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Father Michael Isabelle
Friday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Father Janusz Roginski, SAC
Saturday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Father Andrew Lopatniuk

**Volunteers Needed** - Mount Nemo Christian Nursing Home requires volunteers to help with programs, feeding residents and visiting. If you can help out, please call Brad at 905-335-3636.

**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; and 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.

### Youth Ministry NEWS

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

#### **The Gabe's Zone Dates for JANUARY 2010:**

- Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Gabe's Zone ONE
- Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Gabe's Zone TWO
- Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Gabe's Zone 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 10<sup>th</sup>. For information please call Joanne Kanerva @ the parish office.