

Monday, December 26th ~ Saint Stephen

8:00 a.m. + Enrico Miracoli

6:30 p.m. + Rodzina Ligas i Rudziejewscy

Tuesday, December 27th ~ Saint John the Apostle

9:00 a.m. (L) Nadiaska Palacios

6:30 p.m. (L) Kris McCerry

Wednesday, December 28th ~ Feast of The Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. + Peter Le Nguyen

6:30 p.m. + Ludwik Zawadowicz

Thursday, December 29th

8:00 a.m. + Russell Tidball

6:30 p.m. + Maria Plata

Friday, December 30th ~ Feast of The Holy Family

8:00 a.m. (L) Campione Family (L) Milan Yankovich

6:30 p.m. + Ludwik i Genowefa Osika

Saturday, December 31st**No Morning Mass**

5:30 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. Polish

Sunday, January 1st ~ Feast of Mary, Mother of God**No 8:00 a.m. Mass**

9:15 a.m. (L) Mieczyslaw Grochowski

11:00 a.m. English

12:30 p.m. w 25 rocznice slubu Jaroslawa i Krystyny

Liturgical Ministry**December 31st, 2011/January 1st, 2012****Lectors' Schedule**

5:30 p.m. J. Foster J. Sherlock

7:00 p.m.

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. M. Sokolowska L. Terlecki

11:00 a.m. A. Walden M Young

12:30 p.m. J. Gora S. Szumnarski

Eucharistic Ministers' Schedule

5:30 p.m. L. Vieira E. Kennedy

7:00 p.m. K. Knul M. Knul

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. H. Krajewska P. Lis D. Szczesiul

11:00 a.m. J. Costigan P. Wright

IN OUR PARISH**Saint Vincent Pallotti Says...** "Trust God like a child."

The Religious Articles/Bookstore - has a wide assortment of Advent/Christmas gifts, including Advent wreaths, Christmas CD's, Christmas DVD's, jewelry, books, cookie cutters, cake pans and note cards. There is a unique selection of religious "stocking stuffers" that represent the "true meaning of Christmas". *Campaign for Life Coalition Fruitcakes are also being sold here.*

Manitoba Missions - Sister Carmen's Wish List - Children's clothing, 2 to 6 years; Seniors mitts, hats and scarves. Please leave items in the narthex, marked "Manitoba Missions". Thank you.

Bingo Volunteers Needed - We are in need of parishioners to help at the Friday night, 9:45 p.m. bingo, once a month. If we have a few people sign up, it would mean that you would only have to help out once every few months. If you are able to volunteer, please call Rita Bradbury at 905-332-3062 or Gabriel at 905-315-7620.

Wednesday Evening Parish Centre Events at 7:30 p.m.*December 28 - Missionary Rosary-Making*

2012 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.

First Friday Devotion - Friday, January 6, 2012, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Mass begins at 6:30 in English and Polish followed by Adoration and closes with Benediction. Confessions before, during and after Mass. For further information, call Patricia (905) 332-1014.

CWL Bazaar ~ Lost Item - A platter of cupcakes was donated for sale on the Bake Table at the recent Bazaar. They were on a wooden platter, with the owner's name and phone number attached underneath. Unfortunately when the cupcakes were sold, the platter went with them and the owner would like it back. If you have it, please contact the owner or the parish office. Thank you!

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.

IN OUR DIOCESE

Diocese of Hamilton Seminarian Pilgrimage - As Vocation Director for the Diocese of Hamilton, I am inspired by the generosity of heart and goodness of our 16 seminarians. A majority of the seminarians and I will be on pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin next June. Since a number of the seminarians have limited financial resources, I would appreciate any support you can offer to assist in defraying the cost of the trip. A tax receipt will be issued for any donations received. Cheques may be payable to the "Catholic Diocesan Account" indicating on the cheque that the donation is in support of the "seminarian pilgrimage". Please send to: Vocation Office, Diocese of Hamilton, 700 King Street West, Hamilton, ON, L8P 1C7. Thank you, Fr. Kevin Cull.

The Stanislaw Smolinski Foundation is a charitable foundation set up to assist students of Polish origin in the Hamilton area in their post-secondary studies. Applicants must be in at least second year of full time study in a recognized university or college. Successful applicants must also be or have been active in their local Polish community. Applications are available at St. Stanislaus Koska Roman Catholic Church at 8 St. Ann St. and Barton in Hamilton or by calling 905-544-0726 to have an application emailed. Applications must be returned by December 31, 2011 to St. Stanislaus Koska Church.

Family Tip for December - According to some customs, Advent is a time to reflect on the upcoming celebration of Christmas by lighting the candles of the Advent wreath and to focus each week on a different aspect of the season: hope, peace, joy and love. As a family, take some time after the events of Christmas (Mass, gift-giving, extended family gatherings and a big meal) to quietly reflect on these precious concepts in your own lives. Talk about the hope that our faith provides us in the everyday trials of life; discuss what it means to have true inner peace and our call as Catholics to reconcile our differences with those closest to us; express your joy in being part of your immediate family and tell each person what they mean to you, then remind each other of the joy that comes from being part of God's family; speak to each other of God's deep love for us, exemplified by sending his Son to die for our sins and to unite us with him in eternity, then express how you show love each day to those in your family. Christmas is a time to create moments that draw us together as family; conversations deep in meaning will certainly do just that! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Development & Peace - has raised \$6.3 million for humanitarian aid for the Horn of Africa. Emergency needs remain high in the region. In addition to supporting projects in Ethiopia and Kenya, it is now contributing to several new projects, including responding to sanitation, hygiene and water needs in the new Kambioos refugee camp in Kenya. This camp has opened in response to the influx of Somali refugees crossing into Kenya to escape famine in their country. The project will last 12 months and will benefit 48,000 refugees in the camp. The organization is also supporting food and water provision projects in Somalia and Somaliland, which will help over 30,000 people cope with the devastating effects of the drought. Donations can be made by telephone (1 888 664-3387), online (www.dev.org) or by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace and indicating *Horn of Africa Drought* to: 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7.

Snow Angels - The Notre Dame Snow Angels are taking names of those in need of assistance with snow removal during the winter. If interested, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Hall at (905) 335-1544 extension 302 and we will try our best to accommodate. We are in the process of collecting student volunteers.

Praying With the Sisters of St. Joseph - Come away for a few hours of prayer... All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse at 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton, on Saturday, January 14th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk on prayer, time for reflection and prayer and lunch. Suggested contribution is \$20. Please call 905-528-0138 to register by January 8th.

Volunteers Urgently Needed - February is Heart Month, the time when our annual door-to-door fundraising campaign comes to life. Every year, tens of thousands of people across Canada put their hearts into making a difference to the lives of others by participating in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's largest grassroots fundraising initiative. This year we are looking for captains, canvassers and office volunteers to help with telephoning and putting kits together. Please call Carole Mondragon at 905-634-7732 ext 28.

Have You Ever Considered Adoption? - Would you like to hear more about the process through CCAS? There is an upcoming Information Night on Wednesday, January 18th, 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East. For more information and to register call Jocelyn Jacobs at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125. Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

Foster Homes Foster Hope! - Give the gift of love – become a foster parent! There is an upcoming Information Night on Wednesday, January 25th, 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St. East. For more information and to register call Carol Larsen at (905) 525-CARE (2273). Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.

Big Band Concert - On February 5, 2012 the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Big Band Concert" featuring the Toronto Allstar Big Band at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre on Locust Street. Preferred seating can be reserved on-line at www.burlingtonpac.ca or by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. They are most willing to assist you in getting your preferred seats. Think of this as the ideal Christmas gift for that person who already has everything. A great night out to listen to some wonderful music from the "Swing Era"!

St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School, Hamilton - Will celebrate their 40th Anniversary on Saturday, April 28th, 2012. For details visit <http://stm.hwcdsb.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, December 26 th	Monsignor Vincent Kerr
Tuesday, December 27 th	Father Kevin Cull
Wednesday, December 28 th	Discalced Carmelite Nuns (OCD)
Thursday, December 29 th	Father Edward Hughes
Friday, December 30 th	Father Daniel Miehm
Saturday, December 31 st	Father Mark Morley

Youth Ministry NEWS

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

Gabe's Zone *Check for updates on Twitter @ THEGABESZONE*
Registration - The Gabe's Zone registrations are ongoing.

High School Students - We are looking for a strong group of Leaders to join our Youth Executive Council. This council helps to envision, create and facilitate youth activities in our parish. If you are interested please call Mrs. Kanerva. First meeting date TBA.

The Parish Class for Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist begin on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Call Mrs. Kanerva to register. Parent information meeting January 11th at 7:15 p.m. in the church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Children's Liturgy is offered at the 11 a.m. throughout the year. New Liturgists are welcomed and training and program supplies are provided. If you are interested in joining our team of Liturgists, please call Joanne.