

MASS INTENTIONS**Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. December 13**

+Dorothy Oddy, Jack & Marlene Fritz

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. December 14

+Marie Rellinger, Estate

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. December 15

+ Don Oddy, CWL

Advent Reconciliation here 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:30 a.m. December 16

+Rita Becker, Bill Becker

Saturday, 5:00 p.m., December 17

+ Elsie & Colleen Bezruki, Bob Bezruki

+ Loretta Mank, Maria Genyk


+Cathaleen Flynn, Maureen Flynn

Sunday, December 18


9:00 a.m. +John & Eileen Krafczyk, Bruce Krafchek

11:00 a.m. +For the People

HOSPITALS AND PRIVACY LAWS:

 Because of privacy laws, hospitals do not notify us when our parishioners are admitted. If someone in your family is admitted to hospital and you want the Parish Office to know, please call and tell us. Many hospitals, Catholic or not, have a priest assigned to visit the Catholic patients and bring them Communion, but the family must tell the admittance office of their wish for a clergy visit.

PRAYER NETWORK

 A reminder to all that our prayer network will pray for your intentions. Please call the parish office, 519-743-4525 or Pam, 519-576-9610 with your prayer requests.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**Please Pray for:**

Monday, December 12 - Fr. Peter Watters
 Tuesday, December 13 - Msgr Harvey Roach
 Wednesday, December 14 - Seminarians
 Thursday, December 15 - Fr. Victor McNamara.
 Friday, December 16 - Fr. Jack Hurley, CSB
 Saturday, December 17 - Fr. Arthur Busch

MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 17/18**Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm: Colin Whaley, Marie Hishon

9am: Catherine Spiegel, Cole Brenner, Howard Kavelman

11am: Rosemary Regan, Sandra Levesque, Eleanor Fields

Lectors

5pm (R) Rosemary MacNeil, (P) Yassmin Ghotb

9am (1) Sue Weber-Bell, (2) Mary Alice Zister, (P) Bill Zister

11am (1) Ken Fields, (2) Olga Pickett, (P) Don Pickett

Altar Servers

5pm Colin W., Olivia C., Thalia C.,

9am Jordan B., Dominic R., Gabrielle R.,

11am Andrew H., Danielle H., Anemer M.,

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly donation needed to cover budgeted costs:	\$ 4,100.00
December 4th (Envelopes)	\$ 3,010.25
Loose Change:	\$ 209.50
Below Average:	\$ -880.25

*Thank you for your continued Support***Advent Reconciliation Schedule:**Thursday, December 15th - St. Teresa of Avila - 7:30 p.m.Tuesday, December 20th - St. Anthony Daniel - 7:30 p.m.Wednesday, December 21st - St. Anne - 7:30 p.m.Thursday, December 22nd - St. Joseph - 7:30 p.m.

Let's make our altar beautiful for baby Jesus! This year we are offering an opportunity to honour your loved ones living or deceased by sponsoring a Christmas Poinsettia. Envelopes will be available to collect \$5 person being remembered and used towards Christmas flowers. These envelopes will be available at the entrances to the Church. Please put completed envelopes in the collection basket at any of the Masses

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS:

Dates to remember January 24, 2012
 Twilight Retreat. Tickets are available by calling Jane Richard at 744-8330

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

SSVP....just a reminder of what's happening in the next week in preparation for Christmas Hampers for our Neighbouring Families in need. Parish hall basement ...

Sunday Dec 11 2:00pm sorting toys

Tues Dec. 13 6:00pm packing toys

Fri. Dec 16 1:30pm set up hall

Fri. Dec 16 6:30pm pack non perishables

Sat Dec 17 9:00am pack perishables and frozen


Sat. Dec 17 10:00am begin Deliveries

Please come one, come all to any one or all of the above. **Many hands make light work and hands are for helping. Thank you.....**

St Teresa Parish Children's Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Centre on **Saturday December 17th** following the 5 pm Mass. Tickets will be available the weekends of December 10/11. A hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served and there will be crafts for the kids as well as a visit by a 'very special guy in a red suit! Cost is \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children 10-15 and \$3.00 for children under 10 or \$25.00 for the family. **Families with their last name starting with A-M are asked to bring a salad and families with their last name ending in N-Z are asked to bring a dessert.** There are a limited amount of tickets available on a first come first served basis.

THE RESURRECTION CHOIR: The Resurrection Choir will rehearse on Thursday, December 15th and Thursday, December 22nd at 1 p.m. in the Choir Loft.



BINGO will be held **Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 p.m. Late 12:30**  **Night Bingo and Saturday, December 31st at p.m. Matinee Bingo** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener. To assist with this fund raiser, please call the office.

Announcement from the Vocation Office 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. I am confident that this will be a wonderful opportunity to build fraternity among the men who are attending one of three seminaries and to deepen our reverence for the gift of the Holy Eucharist. We will be staying at the National Seminary in Maynooth during the Congress. The following is a projected breakdown of our costs for the pilgrimage: Flight: \$1,000, Accommodations and Meals: \$750 (\$75 per day), Rail Pass: \$150, Congress Registration: \$130.00. Of the approximately \$2,000 cost for each participant, I am hopeful that a good portion of this will be covered by donations. Since a number of the seminarians have limited financial resources, I would appreciate any support you can offer to assist in defraying the cost. Please know that 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" and may be addressed to: Vocation Office, Diocese of Hamilton, 700 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1C7. Please know that I appreciate the prayers and encouragement that you offer to the seminarians. Assisting them on pilgrimage is a wonderful way for us to express our care and support.

Children's Liturgy: The decision has been made to suspend the Children's Liturgy Program at St. Teresa of Avila. Parish support for this program proved to be minimal. An attempt will be made in September 2012 to restart the program. Thank you to everyone who played a part in this ministry over the years.

St. Aloysius Church presents: CATHOLIC "NEW EVANGELIZATION" SERIES PART II: "LIFE MATTERS" Featuring 2nd talk by Michael Coren. Join Michael Coren as he offers insight on the most controversial topics facing the world and the Church today: abortion and euthanasia, Humanae Vitae and contraception, Aids and homosexuality, Life matters and we cannot afford to push these topics under the radar, they are far too important! All are invited. Admission is a free will offering. **Wednesday, December 14th, 2011 at 7:45 pm (doors open immediately after the 7pm Holy Mass)**

LESSONS and CAROLS Come celebrate the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ as we resurrect this venerable old English Tradition at Blessed Sacrament Parish on the last Sunday of Advent, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. The lessons recall all of salvation history from the beginning of time until the coming of Our Saviour. Join in hailing His coming as the angels did through the singing of carols in candlelit vigil and savour the musical ecstasy of Handel's Messiah and other magnificent works for the glory of God. This is no better way to look to the coming of the Lord than in this time-honoured tradition.

The Annual Christmas Concert of the Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus with the Ceremonial Band of the Waterloo Regional Police Service. The concert is on Saturday, December 17th at the Grandview Baptist Church, (250 Old Chicopee Dr. in Kitchener), starting at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$ 13.00, Children under 12-\$7.00 and tickets at the door, \$15.00 if available. Please call Andy at 519-742-4847 for tickets.

On **December 18th at 3 :00pm at St Jacobs Mennonite Church** (1310 King St. N, St Jacobs) **Menno Singers** invite the community to a **Singalong Messiah**. Handel's *Messiah* is of course the most well known musical telling of the Christmas story (part I), continuing with the rest of the story of Jesus (parts II and III). For this year, we have invited the community to a **Singalong Messiah**. Simply bring a score (we will have some loaners on hand) and your sense of humour and adventure as we sing through some of the favourite Choruses and Arias with absolutely no rehearsal whatsoever. We will sit in voice parts, with room for an audience of those who simply want to listen. We will be joined by a small orchestra and soloists. The Singalong is a fundraiser, so we invite you to bring your donations (tax receipts for donations over \$20). Come and sing the Christmas story! www.mennosingers.com info@mennosingers.com

On **December 22nd, Maggie Wang** will be doing a **Concert at St Mark's Parish** at 55 Driftwood Dr in Kitchener. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$7. Mags is the 2010 Wellesley Idol and Mags' Dreaming of Christmas album is a nominee for Seasonal Album of the Year by the Canadian Gospel Music Association.

CHCH-TV, Hamilton, will broadcast Christmas Midnight Mass live from the Cathedral of Christ the King on December 24 starting with Carols at 11:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend, Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D., Bishop of Hamilton. The Mass will be repeated on CHTV Channel 11 on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.

The Social Planning Council of Kitchener Waterloo is offering **free computer workshops to adults; seniors, new Canadians and those seeking employment** might find these workshops most helpful. These workshops will begin in November 2011 and continue until the end of Spring 2012. These workshops are currently being held at our office, 151 Frederick St, Suite 300 in Kitchener; other locations are available for those with accessibility issues or those seeking one on one training. For more information regarding these workshops, please see the bulletin board at the front doors of the Church or call 519-579-1096 or email admin@waterlooregion.org

WOMEN OF GRACE: This Lenten season journey with us and grow in holiness. Explore a powerful way to discover the spiritual tools God gave you to fulfill your mission in the world today. Some of the answers to the questions you will learn are, "Why did God make you a woman? Why did God send me here at this time and place? How do I know what spiritual gifts I have and how do I use them? How does the Mother of God help to change my life?" Starting Wednesday, January 4 to March 28, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the boardroom at Blessed Sacrament Church. Class size is limited; please register early by calling Yvonne 519-570-9029.

BISHOP DOUGLAS CROSBY OMI will be the celebrant and guest speaker, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, for the KW Serra Club at their

Annual Religious Life Appreciation

Banquet. Mass and dinner will be held at "Conestoga Place" (former Kitchener Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall 110 Manitou Drive, Kitchener). All parishioners are invited to join us. Tickets must be purchased before **Monday, January 9, 2012**. Cost of dinner is \$35.00 each. Cheques payable to KW Serra Club. Tickets are available from: Joanne Shewchuk **519-894-5055** fsheuwuk@kw.igs.net or Noreen Hishon **519-885-1982** ljhishon@gmail.com

