

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 18, 2015

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### Mass Intentions this week

**Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.**

*Oct 21st to Oct 25th*

**Wednesday 12: noon** †John Kakuk, Trina & Tom Mulrain & deceased relatives

**Thursday 1:30 pm** **John Noble** †Mrs. Misquit

**Friday 12:00 noon** †David Cheevers, Monica Melville, Donna Huff

**Saturday 5:00 pm** †Bill Paling, Dolly Rose, Bill Minnery, John Melfi, Steve Harri, Thomas Palmer, Manuel & Nazare Simoes, Intentions of Ann Chamberlain



### Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of Andy & Trudy VanHulsen and repose of their souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 19	Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.
Tuesday, October 20	Rev. Frank Reitzel, C.R.
Wednesday, October 21	Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday, October 22	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Friday, October 23	Rev. Walter Schnarr, C.R.
Saturday, October 24	Rev. Joseph Scollard, C.R.

**OFFERTORY** for last week was \$3261.70 and our Budget expenses for the week \$5,580.00.

### THE BOOK OF GOSPELS

Why do we make the three-fold sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and heart before hearing the gospel?

It is so that the Word may enlighten our minds, cleanse our hearts and open our lips to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### EX CORDE FOUNDATION

A grant has been awarded to St. Basil Parish in the amount of \$20,000.00. The grant will help with our new boilers that need to be installed for our Church and hall. We extend our sincere thanks to the Ex Corde Foundation for their generous donation to us. "Ex Corde" means "from the heart." Bishop Crosby initiated this Foundation to assist any parish in need of a special project.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING** – All are invited to gather with Bishop Crosby and the men and women religious of the Diocese of Hamilton for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Year of consecrated Life at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk St., Guelph).

### MEDITATION

Today, Jesus' Disciples provide a remarkable display of pride, envy, squabbling and spitefulness. James and John want Jesus to make them Disciples #1 and #1A and show no doubt whatsoever that they can easily meet the job requirements. When the other disciples catch wind of this request, they start to complain and demand their own elevation to lofty status. It's not a very edifying scene.

Yet somehow I always find it encouraging when people who are thought of as holy or spiritually advanced show the human weaknesses with which I am all too familiar. It reminds me that Jesus can work with the most imperfect and flawed raw material, like a potter can work with clay. With strong and skillful hands he smooths out the rough and damaged parts. With insight and love, he sees the unique strength and worth of what his hands are holding. With tenderness and patience, he waits for the inner beauty and intrinsic value of what he is working with to reveal itself.

Jesus knew what he had. He knew these weak and flawed men had it in them to inspire others and to lead in spreading the Good News throughout the world. They just needed a little help.

If Jesus can work with them, then surely he can work with us.

Patrick Gallagher, Toronto, ON

**Catholic Women's League** general meeting is **Tuesday, Oct 27th at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory meeting room immediately **following 6:30 pm Mass**. All women are invited to hear guest speaker, Ashley Evans RMT, discuss the benefits of massage therapy. Business meeting and social time will follow Ashley's presentation. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food basket for the bazaar.

**PARISH COFFEE** next Sunday after the 9:30 Mass. Those attending 11:30 Mass are invited to come early to join in this time of fellowship. Donations of sweets are always appreciated.

**BEHOLD HIS GLORY:** All are welcome to join us for an evening of teaching, Eucharistic intercession, praise and worship – in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24); beginning with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is at 7:14 pm and concluding with chanting the Divine Praises. Adoration is followed by coffee and goodies in the parish hall. Friday, October 16th and every third Friday of the month thereafter until June, at St. Joseph's Church, Brant Ave.

## IMPORTANT MEETING!

PARENTS' preparing children for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- We meet **at 7 pm on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** in our parish hall
- Registration forms for these two Sacrament are available at the back of the church (on the welcome desk. Please fill this out and bring it to the meeting with **a copy** of their Baptism certificate. (Parents only)

## PARISH FALL BAZAAR

We are very excited about the upcoming Parish Bazaar on **Saturday, October 31, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.**

-Right now our tables are all booked - we have 19 vendors committed - such as Avon, Epicure, "Leggings" (so popular this season!), Maria Estrella, Carol Ann Conlin and Linda Beach from the parish selling their products and handmade items, Sunset Gourmet, Norwex Cleaning, Pampered Chef, etc., etc.. *Remember Christmas is in the not too distant future - so why not do some early shopping.* -There will also be a bake table - please see note below.

-We will have a raffle table with at least 20 prizes (including another donated ring). Again if you can donate a prize it would help make this event more successful and fun by including a silent auction.

-We will be selling Pulled Pork on a bun, soft drinks, water, and coffee/tea.

As you know the parish is in need of finances which includes finances to replace the boiler in the parish hall and so all proceeds go directly to the parish for our needs.

If you would like to volunteer we can use you! Please contact JoAnne at 519-754-4392 to leave a message.

## BAKE TABLE

Hello Ladies & Gents, from the Bake Table: We are in need of your beautiful creations of pies, cakes, loaves, muffins, cookies, candy, preserves, cabbage rolls, meat pies, lasagna and cheese. Please label baked goods and INDICATE if they contain NUTS. All foods must be completely cooked as cooking facilities are limited. If you cannot deliver items to our parish hall **on Friday Oct.30th, please call Mary Taylor 519-752-7275** and we will gladly pick up your food. Please come out and have some fun!

## DID YOU KNOW...



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has sold the Valu Shoppe building at 197 Colborne Street. The building was built before 1875 with an addition at the rear constructed in 1940. While the Colborne St. location is undoubtedly convenient for our neighbours in need and for walk-in customers, there are several issues with this site: parking, donation drop-off, multiple levels, insufficient space and accessibility. The sale will close on **April 3, 2017**. This will allow us 18 months to plan, purchase and move with minimal disruption to

our ability to serve our neighbours in need. Please pray that we find an excellent new location that will serve us and our neighbours in need well for many years to come.

## RE: THE FEDERAL ELECTION:

Protecting the environment means, among other things:

- \* Implementing responsible stewardship practices for the environment;
- \* Honouring international agreements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- \* Reducing our dependence on fossil fuels;
- \* Taking steps to control urban pollution;
- \* Introducing forms of transportation that are less harmful to the health of citizens and the environment;
- \* Encouraging companies to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency;

Developing natural resources without harming the quality of life in communities;

- \* Protecting water as an essential resource;
- \* Bequeathing a sustainable and healthy environment to future generations.

What do the political parties say about these issues?

What positions are the candidates taking?

Voting means using your judgment

Exercising the right to vote means making enlightened and well thought out judgments about the choices available. There are times, however, when these choices may prove very difficult. The Church reminds us that "in this context, it must be noted also that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law in which the fundamental content of faith and morals is replaced by the introduction of proposals differing from this content or opposing it."

It is a sign of a healthy community when informed and responsible citizens engage in an ongoing dialogue on major social issues with their political leaders. This is precisely the kind of community we should strive to support and develop. No less is expected of us, since we are all called to be truly responsible for one another, especially for the most vulnerable members of our society.

**What our Grandparents Couldn't Have Imagined:  
50 Years of Jewish-Christian Relations  
McMaster University, CIBC Centre( MUS 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
Sunday Oct. 25, 2015 2:00pm – 5:00pm**

McMaster University Library and the Department of Religious Studies as the concluding event of the Meyer-Schreiber Lecture Series commemorating the friendship between Ben Meyer and Herb Schreiber presents, ***What our Grandparents Couldn't Have Imagined: 50 Years of Jewish- Christian Relations***. Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration *Nostra Aetate*, on the Church's Relationship to Non-Christian Religions, 1965-2015. For more information please contact Anne Plessl, [plessla@mcmaster.ca](mailto:plessla@mcmaster.ca) or 905-525-9140 ext. 24865 or: Sister Eileen Schuller, [schuller@mcmaster.ca](mailto:schuller@mcmaster.ca); 905 525 9140 ext. 23390. All are invited to attend.