

FALL NEWSLETTER 2010

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

September 10, 2010

Dear Parishioners:

As we come to the closing days of a wonderful and relaxing summer, it is time to embark on another year of parish activities.

Since our Christmas Newsletter was published, we have been busy with the usual parish activities, many liturgical celebrations and educational programs. To date this year we have welcomed 28 children through the waters of Baptism. In May and June, we celebrated with 85 children who received their First Communion. We have celebrated 12 marriages and the funerals of 29 parishioners whom God has called home.

During the past eight months our parish has been actively engaged in outreach to the most needy in our world and in our local community. Following the terrible earthquake in Haiti in January of this year, our parish raised \$35,000 to assist the thousands of people affected by this disaster. Also this year, we have raised almost \$15,000 to assist the School Sisters of Notre Dame who are working in Kenya. Some of this money was directed to support the Orphan Outreach Program in Nyalienga Parish in Homa Bay. The remainder was directed to a new project: the building of a well for the Sisters' house in Kisumu. Finally, parishioners donated over \$7,400 in support of the work of our Local St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition to the prayerful and financial support we have given to these projects, it is worth noting that the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society have visited over 500 homes in order to provide material assistance to struggling families in our parish area.

Since January, our Youth Ministry has been very active. Under the direction of Christina Morrison, the young people baked and sold cookies in support of the

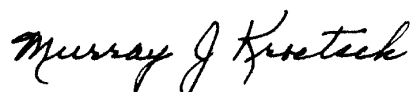
Haiti relief effort. During Lent they gave us an outstanding dramatic presentation of the Passion of the Lord. This summer 25 young adults made a pilgrimage to Midland, where they joined almost five hundred young people from Southern Ontario for a weekend of prayer, catechesis and outdoor fun. The highlight of the summer was our second annual Vacation Bible School: *On the High Seas*. About 45 young children enjoyed the bible school. This fun-filled week was led by as many young adults. Excitement is already building for next year's Vacation Bible School.

As a parish, we continue to be grateful for the over 400 people who participate in a variety of ministries and committees which make it possible to carry out the Mission of Christ in our community. We are especially grateful for our liturgical and catechetical ministers, those who visit the sick and homebound, those who visit the jail and those who participate in the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As we begin our fall season, I invite you to explore this newsletter and mark those events and activities which are of special interest to you. We look forward to your participation in the many activities that have been planned for our parish during the coming year.

With all the members of our parish staff, I look forward to the new season of activities in our parish. And I hope you do too!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch
Pastor

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Our Parish Staff

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Pastor

Father Bill Foote
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Miss Christina Morrison
Youth Minister

Mr. Colin Cousins
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Mrs. Anita Reansbury
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Our Parish Liturgies

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Each week we gather for the Eucharist to celebrate the Lord's Day. We do so because we believe that our participation in this weekly celebration is absolutely essential if we are to grow together as members of Christ's Body.

Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 am
& 7:00 pm.

WEEKDAY PRAYER

From **Monday to Friday at 8:00 am** we gather in Our Lady of Providence Chapel to celebrate the liturgy. On Mondays we celebrate Morning Prayer. On other days we celebrate Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday at the conclusion of the morning Mass and continues until 3:00 pm. Parishioners are invited to come to the chapel and spend some time in prayer and Eucharistic adoration each Friday.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every **Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 pm** in the church. In addition, parishioners may contact one of the priests at any time to arrange to celebrate this sacrament of God's mercy. Communal celebrations take place during Advent and Lent. Children in our elementary schools have an opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation during the school year.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated with infants and young children each month (except during Lent). Parents are asked to contact the parish office early to make an appointment with a member of the parish staff. A special program of formation for children, ages 7 and up, begins in October and concludes at Easter. For more information, call the parish office.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to become Catholics are asked to contact the parish office at any time. The rites of Christian initiation are celebrated throughout the year. Adults who wish to be baptized, and those who are baptized in another Christian Church and who wish to enter the full Communion of the Catholic Church, are asked to contact the parish office early in the fall. Our formation program begins on **October 7, 2010**. The sacraments of Christian initiation are usually celebrated during the Easter season.

CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with members of our parish community who are in grades six and higher. **An information meeting for all candidates and their parents takes place on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the church.** Candidates will be invited to participate in a five-week preparation program prior to the celebration of Confirmation on November 27, 2010. The program will take place in the parish hall. The deadline for registering candidates for Confirmation is Friday, October 8, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be celebrated with children in our parish who are in grade two or higher during the regularly scheduled 5:00 pm and 11:00 am. Masses on the following dates:

May 21-22, 2011
June 4-5, 2011
June 18-19, 2011
June 27-28, 2011

An information meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. The deadline for registering candidates for the First Communion preparation program is Friday, January 28, 2011 at 4:00 pm. Upon completion of the preparation program, parents will be advised of the date of their child's First Communion.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

An information meeting for all parents who wish to prepare their children for the sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on **Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. The celebration of First Reconciliation will take place on **Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 10:00 am.**

MARRIAGE

Marriage is celebrated throughout the year, except during Lent. Engaged couples who wish to celebrate their marriage in our parish are asked to contact the office approximately one year prior to the anticipated date. It is recommended that couples contact the parish before booking a reception hall.

Engaged couples are invited to prepare for their marriage by completing a FOCCUS questionnaire and discussing this with a married couple in the parish. All engaged couples must complete a marriage preparation course. Our next courses take place on Friday-Saturday, **November 12-13, 2010** and **May 13-14, 2011**. The blessing of engaged couples will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 3, 2011** during the 11:00 am. Mass, followed by a liturgy preparation session in the parish hall.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be celebrated at any time. In this sacrament we pray for the healing power of Christ to strengthen those who are seriously sick, are preparing for surgery, or experiencing the burden of age. The sacrament may be requested any time by contacting the parish office. The sacrament is also celebrated annually at Sunday Mass and in each of the health care facilities in our parish.



Special Celebrations and Events

MINISTRY SIGN-UP

At the Masses on the weekend of **September 25-26, 2010** all parishioners are invited to sign up to exercise ministries in our parish community. A special invitation will be extended to exercise one of the liturgical ministries (see *Ministry Opportunities* below in this newsletter).

ST. LORENZO RUIZ FEAST

The Filipino community in our parish invites all to join them for the annual celebration in honor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz on **Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm**. During the celebration there will be Filipino music; a reception follows in the hall after Mass.

MINISTRIES FORMATION

Special gatherings for liturgical ministers will take place in September:

Readers:

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Communion Ministers:

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Mass Coordinators:

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

These sessions will take place in the church at 7:00 pm. and will conclude with refreshments in the hall.

Servers will gather on Saturday, **September 18, 2010** at 11:00 am. in the church followed by a pizza lunch.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING

On the weekend of **October 2-3, 2010** a communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all Masses. See the bulletin for details.

THANKSGIVING DAY

On **Monday, October 11, 2010**, the Eucharist will be celebrated in the church at 10:00 am. This is an excellent opportunity for us to express our thanks to God for the fruits of the harvest and the many blessings we enjoy.

HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER

Once again this year, our youth ministry will be visiting homes in our area on Halloween to ask for non-perishable food items to fill the shelves at our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Watch for our "trick or treaters" in your neighbourhood and please be generous!

ALL SAINTS DAY

On **Monday, November 1, 2010**, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. To honour the saints, our brothers and sisters in faith who dwell in the presence of God, we will celebrate the Eucharist at 7:00 pm. in the church. At this Mass we will renew our Baptismal promises.

ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION

On **Tuesday, November 2, 2010**, we will gather in the church at 7:00 pm. to celebrate Evening Prayer and remember those who have died, especially those who died during the past year. All are encouraged to write the names of their departed loved ones in the Book of Life, displayed in the sanctuary. They will be remembered at all Masses during November.

ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual parish bazaar, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

Saturday, November 20, 2010

10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

St. Pius X Parish Hall

Let's work together to make this year's bazaar another huge success!

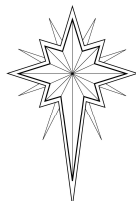
ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL

We welcome the Hamilton Diocesan Choir to our parish for an Advent Hymn Festival on Saturday, **December 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm**. This evening of readings and songs will help all of us get ready for Christmas. Be sure to join us for this festive evening. A free-will offering will be received for our African Mission projects.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Our communal celebration of Reconciliation during Advent will take place on **Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm.** Father Con O'Mahony, pastor of our St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, will be the guest preacher. Several priests will be on hand to celebrate the sacrament.

CHRISTMAS MASSES



Please note our new schedule of Masses for Christmas this year:

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Christmas Day

9:00 am and 11:00 am.

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

NEW YEAR

To begin the New Year and celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, we will celebrate Masses on **December 31, 2010 at 5:00 pm** and on **January 1, 2011 at 11:00 am.** There is no evening Mass on New Year's Day.



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we will celebrate a special evening Mass during which we will bless the candles which will be used in our liturgical celebrations during the coming year. Additional candles will be blessed for home use. Join us for this celebration on **Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:00 pm.** in the church.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION

On the weekend of **February 5-6, 2011** we will celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the dedication of our parish church at all the Masses. We express gratitude for the building in which we assemble as members of Christ's body and rededicate ourselves to the Lord's service.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

This year our annual dinner dance will take place on: **Saturday, February 5, 2011** beginning at 6:30 pm. in the Parish Hall. As in previous years, this event promises to be a most enjoyable evening. Mark your calendars now.

KOOKIES FOR KENYA

On Valentine Weekend, come and support our young bakers. Our Youth ministry will be selling cookies after Masses on **February 12-13, 2011.** Proceeds will go to our African Mission Projects.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our annual Pancake Supper, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, takes place this year on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011** from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Be sure to join us.

Lent 2011

ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on **March 9, 2011.** The Eucharist, with the distribution of ashes, will be celebrated in the church at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Additional celebrations of the Word of God will take place in our parish elementary schools on Ash Wednesday.

ST. PIUS READS!

During Lent this year, all parishioners will be invited to read a wonderfully refreshing book, entitled **Rediscovering Catholicism: Journeying Toward our Spiritual North Star**, by Matthew Kelly.

Copies of the book will be available at a minimal cost for those who wish to use this book as a guide for their Lenten renewal. Orders will be placed in January 2011.

Those who wish an opportunity to discuss the ideas presented by Matthew Kelly, are invited to gather in the Parish Hall following the 9:00 am Mass on the following Lenten Sundays:

March 20, 2011

March 27, 2011

April 3, 2011

April 10, 2011

Coffee will be served following Mass and the discussion will conclude by 11:30 am.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Guided by Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, we will reflect on the meaning of the cross in our Christian lives. A two-part video presentation will take place on **Tuesdays: March 15 and 22, 2011 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** in the parish hall. A brief discussion will follow each video presentation.

TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER

On **Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** our young people will lead us in an evening of prayer, scripture and song in the style of the Ecumenical Community of Taizé in France.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On **Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** we will celebrate the traditional Stations of the Cross. Father Wayne Lobsinger, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener, will be the guest preacher. Come and rediscover this ancient form of devotion in which we unite ourselves to the passion and suffering of Christ.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Our communal Lenten celebration of Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm** in the church. Father Sam Restivo,, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection, will be the guest preacher. Several priests will be on hand to celebrate the sacrament.

PALM SUNDAY



We begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday, **April 17, 2011.** Masses will be celebrated as usual: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 and 11:00 am, and in the evening at 7:00 pm. At each celebration palms will be blessed and distributed.

Our young people will be participating in a special outdoor Palm Sunday Procession and will arrive at the church in time to participate in the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Palm Sunday Evening.

MASS OF CHRISM



The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton on **Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:30 pm.** During this Mass the priests of the diocese renew their commitment to

serve the people of God and our bishop blesses the holy oils for use in our parish during the coming year. All are welcome.

Easter Triduum

Join us for the most important three days of the entire liturgical year: our annual celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ by which we are redeemed.

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 8:00 pm.

Two celebrations of the **Passion of the Lord** will take place on Good Friday, April 22, 2011 at 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

The Blessing of Easter Food will take place on Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

The **Easter Vigil** will be celebrated on Holy Saturday evening at 8:00 pm.

Finally, the **Easter Sunday Masses** will be celebrated on April 24, 2011 at 9:00 and 11:00 am and 12:30 pm. Plan to participate in the year's most important liturgical celebrations.

CWL RETREAT

The annual retreat evening for women of the parish will take place on **Thursday, April 7, 2011** beginning at 7:00 pm. in the parish hall. All women in the parish are welcome. Watch the bulletin for details.

CWL FASHION SHOW

Once again this year the Catholic Women's League will host a fashion show on **Friday, April 29, 2011.** This is always a sold out event. Watch the bulletin for ticket information.

SPAGHETTI NIGHT

Our Annual Parish Spaghetti Supper will take place on **Friday, May 13, 2011** from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. in the parish hall. Once again we look forward to the fantastic meal prepared by members of the San Rocco Association.

MARIAN CELEBRATION

Our annual celebration in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on **Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 7:00 pm** in the church. More details to follow.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Once again our very young people (ages 5-11) will be joining us for our annual Vacation Bible School from **August 8 - 12, 2011.** The theme of this year's bible school is: **PandaMania!** Watch for registration information in June.

SAN ROCCO FESTA

The annual Mass for deceased members will take place on **Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm.** The Festive Mass and Procession will take place on **Sunday, August 14, 2011 beginning at 1:00 pm.** Following the procession, the blessing and distribution of bread will take place in the church. Evening festivities take place at Lion's Park.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Young adults are invited to be part of a pilgrimage to Midland, **August 19-21, 2011.** This pilgrimage will coincide with the World Youth Days which will take place in Madrid, Spain in 2011. Watch the bulletin for more information in the spring.



FEAST OF ST. PIUS X

Our parish patronal feast takes place on the weekend of **August 20-21, 2011.** All parishioners are encouraged to participate in one of the Masses on this weekend and to pray for God's continued blessings on our parish community.

Ministry Opportunities

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are blessed with many parishioners who are committed to serving our community on a regular schedule at Sunday Mass and during other liturgies throughout the year.

- Mass Coordinators
- Ministers of the Word (readers)
- Ministers of Music
- Ministers of Communion
(During Mass and to the Sick)
- Ministers of the Altar (servers)
- Ministers of Hospitality
(ushers and greeters)
- Ministers for Children's Liturgy

All parishioners are welcome to participate in these ministries. If interested, please call the parish office.

NOTE A brief introduction or training session is provided for all ministers in our parish.

GIFT BEARERS

All parishioners are invited to participate at Sunday Mass by bringing forward the bread and wine for the Eucharist. If interested, speak to a member of our pastoral staff, or one of the greeters, before Mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We are blessed with many dedicated and gifted musicians in our parish. The adult choir sings at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you wish to serve as a choir member, cantor, or instrumentalist, contact Colin Cousins at the parish office. We always welcome new music ministers!

If interested in being a part of our youth choir for the Sunday evening Mass, contact Christina Morrison.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society respond to those in need in north Brantford and are generously supported by our parish community.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, please call the parish office.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

A group of dedicated women provide luncheons in the parish hall following funeral liturgies in our community. They are always grateful to parishioners who kindly supply baked goods, and are eager to have others join them in their ministry of consolation. If interested, contact the parish office.

CATECHETICAL MINISTRIES

As part of our parish's commitment to preparing young people for the celebration of the sacraments, we rely on the generosity of many volunteers. We are always in need of parishioners to assist with the preparation programs for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, the RCIA and Marriage Preparation. If interested, call Father Bill Foote at the parish office and he will explain what is required in terms of training and time commitments.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

A small team of parishioners gather each Wednesday morning to help prepare the church for Sunday Masses. They also work to prepare decorations and flowers for various feasts and seasons during the year.

If you would like to be part of this ministry, call Susan Fagan at the parish office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In March, 2009 a new ministry was introduced to our community. Prayer shawl ministry is a means of providing outreach to the sick and homebound. Parishioners knit or crochet shawls while praying for those who will receive them. Already, over 100 shawls have been blessed and distributed. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this gift of warmth and prayer, please call the parish office and we will respond immediately to your request.



School Ministry

The parish staff ministers to staff and students in the seven elementary schools within our parish: St. Pius X, St. Patrick, St. Leo, St. Bernard, Resurrection, Our Lady of Providence and Notre Dame. The parish staff visits classrooms, participates in classroom celebrations and celebrations of the Word, the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

In addition, the pastoral staff continues to collaborate with the chaplain at St. John's College in responding to the spiritual needs of the students and staff at the high school.

Youth Ministry



SUNDAY WORD CELEBRATIONS

Children, ages 5-9, are invited to take part in the celebration of God's Word each Sunday during the 9:00 and 11:00 am. Masses, beginning on **September 12, 2010**.

YOUTH GROUP

Young people in Grades 6-8 meet bi-weekly on **Sunday evenings** from 5:00 - 6:45 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass. Meetings resume on September 19, 2010.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young people in Grades 9-12 meet bi-weekly on **Saturday afternoons** from 3:00 - 4:45 pm followed by 5:00 pm Mass. Meetings resume on September 18, 2010.

Adult Faith Formation



The following adult formation programs are scheduled for our parish during the coming year. Watch the bulletin and our website for more details.

CHURCH HISTORY

This three-part series will look at the history of the Church from the 16th to 20th centuries in view of the Council of Trent (1545-1563), the First Vatican Council (1869-1870) and the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). We will consider the historical context and the fruit of each of these important milestones in the life of the Church. The series will be offered on Tuesdays:

October 5, 2010

October 12, 2010

October 19, 2010

Afternoon and evening sessions available: 1:30 - 3:00 pm. or 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

GETTING TO KNOW HENRI NOUWEN

Before his death in 1996, Father Henri Nouwen wrote over forty books on the spiritual life. The writings of this internationally renowned priest and author have been published in over 22 languages and have had a powerful impact on the lives of many Christians. Come and learn more about this priest, author, teacher and pastor. Dr. Peter Naus, retired professor from St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, will give us a guided tour through the life of Henri Nouwen on **Tuesday, October 26, 2010**. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m.

WISDOM LITERATURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Hebrews were a practical people who practiced a practical religion. Generations of experience came together in a profound knowledge of how to live out their relationship with the One, true God. Join us for an examination of this treasure trove of divine revelation in the Bible. This two-part series will be offered on Tuesdays:

November 9, 2010

November 16, 2010

Afternoon and evening sessions available: 1:30 - 3:00 pm. or 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

MATTHEW:

Announcing God's Kingdom

In this single session we will reflect on the Gospel of Matthew which will be proclaimed during the new liturgical year, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent 2010. We will explore the main themes of Matthew's Gospel and discover how



these will be proclaimed at Mass on Sundays during the coming liturgical year. Join us for this session on **Tuesday, November 23, 2010** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS:

Same Faith, Unique Tradition

One of the largest eastern rites of the Catholic Church is the Ukrainian or Byzantine Rite. Join us for an informative session as we explore the unique tradition of the Byzantine Rite and, in particular, the customs with which our Ukrainian brothers and sisters celebrate the great feast of Christmas. Our guide for this session will be Father Myroslaw Tataryn, a Ukrainian priest and professor of Religious Studies at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo. This session takes place in the parish

hall on **Tuesday, November 30, 2010** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

ORTHODOXY AND ECUMENISM

That All May Be One

For a thousand years the Church was undivided. For a thousand years since, the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches of the East have struggled toward reunion. Pope Benedict XVI has made the advancement of this dialogue a priority of his pontificate.

Our three-part series will take a look at the history of what we, as Catholics, have always shared with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. We will also examine the issues that have continued to keep us apart. This series will be offered on Tuesdays:

January 18, 2011

January 23, 2011

February 1, 2011

Afternoon and evening sessions available: 1:30 - 3:00 pm. or 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

PRAYING WITH NEW WORDS

In 2002, Pope John Paul II issued a new edition of the Roman Missal. This book has now been translated into English and will likely be introduced to parishes in Canada in Advent 2011. Many of the familiar texts which we use at Mass have been changed in the process of translation so as to more accurately express what is found in the official Latin text. Come and explore the changes and the reasons behind them.

This session will be offered in the parish hall on **Saturday, January 29, 2011**. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is included. All parishioners and friends are welcome!



New Roman Missal

JESUS, THE WAY The Path

of Christian Discipleship

This three-part video workshop will explore our Catholic understanding of Jesus Christ (Christology) and what it means to follow Jesus as disciples today. Our video facilitator will be Tom Zanzig, This series will be offered on Tuesdays:

February 15, 2011

February 22, 2011

March 1, 2011

Afternoon and evening sessions available: 1:30 - 3:00 pm. or 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

DAVID AND SOLOMON Expanding the Kingdom

In this two-part video series we will accompany host Stephen Ray as he travels to the biblical locations where the life and work of David, and his son Solomon, so clearly foreshadowed the coming of Jesus Christ. This series will be offered on Tuesdays:

May 3, 2011

May 10, 2011

Afternoon and evening sessions available: 1:30 - 3:00 pm. or 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Other Activities & Events

SECOND SATURDAY SOCIALS

Back by popular demand! Following the 5:00 pm Mass on the 'Second Saturdays' listed below, parishioners and friends are invited to a casual supper in the parish hall. It's a chance to socialize and, for those attending the movie, its an opportunity to get something to eat before the film. A free-will offering will help defray the expenses of the meal. This year's movies include:

September 11, 2010

A Tale of Two Cities (1935)

October 9, 2010

Angel and the Bad Man (1947)

November 13, 2010

The Winslow Boy (1999)

December 11, 2010

Going My Way (1944)

January 8, 2011

We're No Angels (1955)

February 12, 2011

The Corn is Green (1945)

March 12, 2011

Fiddler on the Roof (1971)

April 9, 2011

In This House of Brede (1975)

May 14, 2011

How Green Was My Valley (1941)

Following a brief introduction, the movies begin at 6:45 pm. Complete with popcorn and a short intermission.

Parish Management

PARISH RECORDS

Help us keep our parish records up to date by letting us know of any change of address or if you are moving to another parish.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

During the past year we introduced the option of direct deposit as a means of making financial contributions to our parish. Several parishioners have taken advantage of this convenient way of contributing. Have you considered using this method to make your contributions to our parish community?

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

When making your funeral arrangements, consider naming St. Pius X Parish as one of the charities to which people can make contributions as expressions of sympathy. Cards are available at the Funeral Homes and at the Parish Office for this purpose.

Also, when considering how the assets of your estate are to be distributed following your death, consider a gift to your parish community as an expression of your continuing share in the life of your parish community. Our legal title is: St. Pius X Parish, 9 Waverly Street, Brantford, Ontario N3R 2K2.

*Thank you to all
our generous supporters!*

Our Parish Mission Projects in Africa

As our way of sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ and his Church, during the past twelve months we have contributed almost \$24,000 towards the Orphan Outreach Program run by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Nyalienga Parish in Homa Bay, Kenya. This money has made it possible for the sisters to travel to the remote villages where many AIDS orphans are living and caring for siblings.

More recently, Sister Julie Lattner, SSND appealed to us for help in building a well for their convent in Kisumu, Kenya. To date, we have donated \$10,000. Another \$5,000 is needed to complete this project.

During the coming year, we are committed to support these projects which give hope to our brothers and sisters in Africa.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our Parish Pastoral Council is made up of the following members:

Msgr. Murray Kroetsch (Pastor)
Fr. Bill Foote (Associate)
Christina Morrison (Youth)
Tim Groves (Education)
Barton Brennan (Finance)
Robin Caslick (Liturgy)
Teresa Van Sloun (CWL)
Peter Hardwicke (K of C)
Veronica Melick (St. Vincent de Paul)
Liz Polyak (Member at large)
Marg Beach (Member at large)
Birkin Culp (Chairman)

Parishioners are welcome to bring any concerns they have to the attention of the members of the Council prior to the scheduled meetings:

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
