



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 11

8:00 Geraldine Miles *by Nanni Family*

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, January 13 - St. Hilary

5:30 Maria Degaspero *by Excel Industries*

Thursday, January 14

8:00 Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 15

8:00 Joseph Warejko *by wife and Sister Ruth*

Saturday, January 16

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Pauline Zurlo *by family*

Sunday, January 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Nettie Charles *by Don and Virginia Roehling*

10:15 Sally Shimmel *by Ron and Sherry Shimmel*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20; **Tuesday** - 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28; **Wednesday** - 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39; **Thursday** - 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45; **Friday** - 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12; **Saturday** - 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17; **Next Sunday** - Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



Thank you to the many parishioners of St. Teresa's for your many cards, gifts and Christmas wishes. They were very heart warming and greatly appreciated.

Msgr. Williamson
and the Sisters



PASTORAL SHARINGS

In Baptism, we were made part of the mission and the work of Jesus Christ. We tend to forget that.

The Holy Spirit we receive in Baptism and in all the sacraments is not simply a private, spiritual event but a public responsibility! It is the gift of the Holy Spirit to us for the work of the Church. As Pope Pius XII said many years ago, in Baptism, "We don't merely belong to the Church, we are the Church." That is a strong statement and a powerful truth. Through Baptism we are the Church.

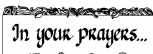
The institutional presence of the Church is expressed in official statements and councils. But there is another presence of the Church that exists wherever Christians dwell and make a living. If you are there, then the Church is there. Because we are baptized Christians, Christ has in us a spokesperson where we work, with our friends and our family. We can so easily forget this dimension of our Baptism.

People change careers and careers come to an end. Relationships come and go. People move from one place to another. We all go through many changes in our life from health to sickness, from wealth to less wealth or vice versa. What endures is the mission we received in our Baptism to be the representatives of Christ in our world.

The deepest truth about our life is our baptismal call. What we have done with that call, with that grace, will be the source of our glory or our indictment in God's sight. The mission given us in Baptism remains with us throughout our lifetime. We are never re-baptized because we were commissioned in the sacrament of Baptism to represent Jesus Christ for the rest of our life.

Today, we remember the Baptism of Jesus, His public embrace of His mission from the Father, and His solidarity with the human race. We also recall our own Baptism when heavens opened for us, the Holy Spirit descended on us, and we were commissioned to do God's work.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That our nation will be rid of the scourge of abortion and we gain a new reverence for the right to life of the unborn; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Thomas Brennan, Alexis Bruno, Julie Conschafter, Loretta Varo, Julie Carlo, Pamela Rodgers, Julie Robertson, Rose Cvitanovich, Mark Pearce, Dominic Delre, Rita Matynka and for the happy repose of the soul of Carmella Verdi, Rose Wukman, Margaret Sicari, Joseph Caliguari, Tobe Schrock and Andrew Korszykowski. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

January 24 - "Since the right to health care is based on the right to live, is it also clear that what attacks life is not health care at all, and not a legitimate goal of health care reform."

Richard Doerflinger, associate director of USCCB



Classes have resumed for the 2010 school year. Our volunteer catechists appreciate the support and interest of the parents. Have you considered helping as a substitute catechist in our parish program? Perhaps you once taught "CCD" classes or have retired from teaching, or would like to help as a co-teacher. We have a great need for adults to volunteer, even once or twice would be helpful. Contact Sister Ruth for more information (542-9717).



Catholic Schools Week Coming Soon - My name is Aidan and I attend second grade at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Williamsville. I am grateful for our parish's support of my Catholic education. One of my favorite experiences at St. Gregory's was being a reader at our weekly school Mass. Catholic school is great because we learn about God in school and priests visit our classroom to talk with us.



Respect Life: In observance of the 37th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion, Roses for Life and Precious Feet lapel pins will be available after all Masses next weekend.

Catching the Spirit - An adult education presentation in the Msgr. Paa Social Center at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Harris Hill Road and Main Street in Williamsville on Tuesday, January 12th from 7-9 pm. The presenter will be Sister Ann McCarthy from Mount Saint Benedict Monastery in Erie, Pennsylvania. Doors will be open at 6:30 with light refreshments being served at that time. As always, there will be time for discussion and questions during the session.

Catholic Social Teaching - Now that the holidays are over, do not forget those who are still living in poverty and experiencing hunger. Continue to give to food drives. Consider the importance of giving healthy goods, especially low sodium soups. Many poor are elderly and soup laden with salt is unhealthy for them. "Hunger is the most cruel and concrete sign of poverty. Opulence and waste are no longer acceptable when the tragedy of hunger is assuming ever greater proportions.

Pope Benedict XVI, at U.N. Summit on Food Security, November 16, 2009

☺ A Jewish businessman in Chicago sent his son to Israel for a year to absorb the culture. When the son returned, he said, "Papa, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity." "Oh no," said the father, "what have I done?" He took his problem to his best friend. "Ike," he said, "I sent my son to Israel, and he came home a Christian, what can I do?" "Funny you should ask," said Ike. "I too, sent my son to Israel, and he also came home a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the rabbi." So they did, and they explained their problem to the rabbi. "Funny you should ask," said the Rabbi. "I, too, sent my son to Israel and he also came home a Christian. What is happening to our young people?" And so they all prayed, telling the Lord about their sons. As they finished their prayer, a voice came from the heavens, "Funny you should ask," said the voice. "I, too, sent my son to Israel"



- * Sunday, January 10 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm
- * Wednesday, January 13 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- * Friday, January 15 - Sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul Society will be made after the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall - volunteers are welcome!
- * Weekend of January 16 - 17 - Blood Pressure Screenings after each Mass in the Library of the Church; Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church - Soup is needed!
- * Sunday, January 17 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm



A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations
Heavenly Father, please

grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the Church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

BOTTOM LINE:

By His grace we become heirs in hope of eternal life.