



St. Peter's Parish

Clinton-Goderich-Kingsbridge



St. Joseph's Church

Highway 21
Kingsbridge, Ontario

Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m.

Youth Group Website

www.kingsbridgeyouth.org

St. Anne's C.S.S. Chapel

353 Ontario St.
Clinton, Ontario

Saturday Mass

7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Church

156 North St.
Goderich, Ontario

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament

of

Reconciliation

Sat. 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
at

St. Peter's Church

Contact Information

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**Parish Offices are
located in Goderich**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed
Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Web & E-mail Address

www.stpetersgoderich.dionet.org
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Sunday, January 1, 2012 — Mary, Mother of God

Pastoral Team

Rev. Gary Ducharme—Pastor
Deacon Brian McDonald—Deacon

Maintenance

Peter Dykstra
Betty Lou Dalton

Office Administrators

Tina Boutilier
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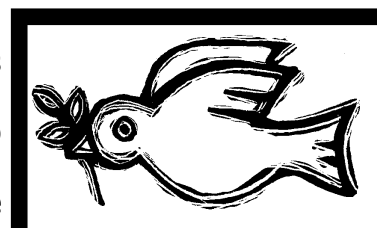
Housekeeper

Roslyn Cook

**As a welcoming family of faith, we are called by Christ through prayer,
to share the gifts of who we are and what we have in loving service to all.**

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace! Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



PRAY FOR PEACE

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence. Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly. In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures and the whole Church is enriched.

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Baptisms—Please contact the parish office at 519-524-8174 to make arrangements.

Marriages—Please contact the parish office one year prior to making any arrangements.

Sunday School—Takes place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Goderich.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2 — 8, 2012

MONDAY: January 2 — No Mass
(We pray for Rev. Mitchell Kaminski)

TUESDAY: January 3
(We pray for Rev. Frank Leslie)
St. Anne's C.S.S., Clinton — 9:05 a.m.
Corrie Brand — Bill & Toni Brand

WEDNESDAY: January 4
(We pray for Rev. Jozo Cuic, O.F.M.)
St. Peter's, Goderich
Angelus — 12:00 Noon
Mass — 12:10 p.m.
Vic Walden — Joan

FIRST THURSDAY: January 5
(We pray for Rev. Henryk Chibowski)
St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.
(Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
Louise Farrell — Pete & Brenda Teichert
Benediction — 4:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY: January 6
(We pray for Rev. Lawrence Pare)
St. Joseph's Church, Kingsbridge — 9:00 a.m.
(Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
For lapsed Catholics — St. Joseph's C.W.L.

SATURDAY: January 7 — Epiphany
(We pray for Rev. Michael O'Brien)
St. Peter's, Goderich — 5:00 p.m.
Diane Buchanan — John
Marie Laffin — Delores & Bernie
St. Anne's C.S.S., Clinton — 7:00 p.m.
Earl Heipel — Gerald & Truce Ten Hag
SUNDAY: January 8 — Epiphany
St. Peter's, Goderich — 9:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
St. Joseph's, Kingsbridge — 11:00 a.m.
Toni Hogan — Tom & Karla Hogan


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

KINGSBRIDGE K. of C.

General Meeting: **Tues., Jan. 10 @ 8:15 p.m.** in the Knight's Room.



2012 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

 Those who do not already have offertory envelopes and would like some, please contact the parish office. Those who signed up for pre-authorized debit will also be issued a box of envelopes for special collection dates. **We ask that you dispose of any remaining 2011 envelopes and begin using your new envelopes.** We also ask that for the month of January, you please write your name on the envelope for tracking purposes. **WE WILL NO LONGER BE POSTING ANY 2011 DONATIONS.** Thank you.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Goderich. Please join us.

JANUARY OFFICE & BULLETIN NOTATIONS



The parish office will be **closed** on **Friday, January 13.** The office will also be closed during the **afternoon hours** on **Wednesday, January 18, Thursday, January 19 & Friday, January 20.** A two week bulletin will be issued on January 15. There will be no bulletin issued on January 22. Please ensure that any announcements are submitted well in advance! *All liturgical assignments WILL NOT be published, so please refer to your liturgical schedules.*

*****OFFERTORY AND DONATIONS*****

A reminder when making a contribution to anything other than regular offertory, to please use a separate envelope marked clearly with your donation request. This will ensure that your contributions get posted correctly.

JANUARY PRAYER LINE INTENTIONS

1. For God's gift of peace in our troubled world.
2. For tolerance and peace among believers of all faiths.
3. That we may learn to more deeply trust God to provide us with all we need.
4. That this new year will bring work to those who are unemployed.
5. For those who are sick and in need of healing, especially...



HEARTFELT THANKS



A special thank you to all the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish for all the gifts, cards, "goodies" and prayers over the Christmas Season. May all your wishes and dreams come to fulfillment in 2012 and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless each and all of you. Fr. Gary, Deacon Brian and the entire parish staff.

SUNDAY MASS—NOURISHED BY GOD

We often think about the serious issues of malnutrition in the developing countries of the world. Children and adults are starving to death because there is no food. Rarely do we think of the serious malnutrition and starvation that is happening in our own community. It is not a physical starvation, but a spiritual one that I am referring to. Many people in our society today have chosen not to receive the spiritual nourishment that is so vital for life here and in the hereafter. Jesus offers himself to us as food and drink Sunday after Sunday. Let us learn once again to feast with delight at the Table of the Lord.

*** YOUR MAILING ADDRESS ***

It will soon be time for us to prepare and send out your income tax receipt for 2011. If you have moved last year(2011), please contact the parish office and provide us with your current mailing address so, we may ensure that you receive your tax receipt and also to bring our records up to date.



PARISH MEETING REMINDERS



Social Justice Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m.** at St. Peter's, Goderich.

Pastoral Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m.** at St. Peter's, Goderich.
Finance Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m.** at St. Peter's, Goderich.

C.W.L. NEWS

GODERICH C.W.L.



C.W.L. 2012 **Memberships** are due. Cost is now **\$25.00** due to increased per capita fees. The money may be put into the collection basket, marked "C.W.L. Membership".

KINGSBRIDGE C.W.L.

General Meeting: Mon., Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting items to donate to families in need. During the **month of January** we are requesting; coffee whitener, oranges, apples, Cheez Whiz, honey, canned mushrooms and paper towel. Items may be dropped off in the bins located in the church. Thanking you in advance for your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a particular skill or talent that you are passionate about? Bluewater Youth Centre needs your expertise. Consider volunteering to make programming and activities available to the youth in our care. If you are interested in providing opportunities for youth where they may feel supported while participating in new experiences or discuss any proposed programming, please contact Volunteer & Community Services Organizer, Bluewater Youth Centre, Goderich, 524-2107-x-207.

BEST OFFER



If you are interested in a photocopier, 2 TVs, or VCR, they may be viewed at the St. Joseph's Church, Kingsbridge. For more information contact, Ben Miltenburg 529-3241.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS CONTINUED.....

In loving memory of: Harold & Nora Koster, Erma Smith, Ben & Alice Smith.

WHY WE ARE STANDING DURING HOLY COMMUNION? PART TWO

The Sound and Posture of Receiving Holy Communion: The priest receives Holy Communion and then there is movement, a bustle of activity, as we prepare to join the Communion procession. This holy meal does not happen in silence! Instead, we sing together even as we stand and move forward in procession to the altar. We must change and move to receive the Eucharist and fittingly so, since the Eucharist is transformative—it demands action of us, internal as well as external. We do not receive the sacrament in silence, but with a dialogue that is also a profession of faith: "The Body of Christ." "Amen." "The Blood of Christ." "Amen." We acknowledge the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist (*a bow of head*) and then with our "Amen" of faith, but more, our "Amen" is also a prayer that we may become what we receive, the Body of Christ, living and active in the world. We receive him not that he may become a part of us, but that we may become a part of him—part, too, of all the others who receive him, the whole communion of believers. Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Session three: Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m.

This session will help parents and children focus specifically on God's gift of forgiveness and how to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: January 14, 21 & 28

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays: January 19 & 26 5:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.

A YEAR OF TIME

Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea – especially at the beginning of a new year. As we look into the coming year we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, or 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchase it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak – every man, woman and child has the same 1440 minutes every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it. Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The New Year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count? By Stephen B. Cloud (Pulpit Helps, Vol. 14, # 2)

AN INVITATION

On **January 12** men of the parish and area are invited to the rectory of St. Patrick's, Kinkora for an evening of discussion. A presentation will be made by Mr. Peter Aarsen, from Sarnia, Ontario on fatherhood and raising of children. The evening will begin at **7:30 p.m.** and conclude with refreshments at 9:00 p.m. For the sake of planning, please notify Fr. Nicholson at pnicholson@dol.ca or 519-504-0876 if you wish to attend. The purpose of this meeting (and the others to follow) is to establish an event once a month for Catholic men to be encouraged and challenged in their Catholic identity. It is also for the purpose of building fellowship among other men and to foster a greater sense of purpose in being men of integrity.

*****STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION*****

January 1 – Mary, Mother of God

Jesus is the supreme example and teacher of stewardship. After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who, by her example, most perfectly shows us the meaning of discipleship and stewardship. All of the essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded joyfully and generously; she was patient and persistent in her maternal role from the manger to the cross. The question in all of this is what about us? Do we also wish to be disciples and stewards?

GODERICH
LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 7 & 8, 2012

Ministry	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Reynolds Family	Sunday School Group
Readers	Michelle Smith	Laurie Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Callender Donna Archambault	Adele & Mike Drennan, Laurie Donnelly
Altar Servers	Liam Morely	Mike Donnelly Laurie Donnelly Iain Donnelly
Ushers	Youth	Pat O'Donnell Ute O'Donnell Rose Shanahan Steve Winter
Maitland Manor	Muriel Murphy	
House-Bound	Bev Hinton & Colette O'Kane	
Altar Committee	Vera Dietrich & Ivy Hruden	
Money Counters	Anne Kennedy, Donna Archambault, Debbie Armstrong	
Camera & Tape Operator	Jordan Lobb & Rosemary Mathers	
Bulletin Folders (Friday at 1:30 p.m.)	Evelyn MacInnis, Margaret Roosemalen, Marj Smith	

CLINTON LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Greeters	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan. 7	M.A. McKay & E. Kuenzig	Sharon Stephens	Deacon Brian McDonald

KINGSBRIDGE LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Rosary Leaders
Sun. Jan. 8	Jo Doherty & Lawrence Hogan	Jim Van Osch & Family	C.W.L. Members

OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2011

GODERICH — CLINTON — KINGSBRIDGE

OFFERTORY \$14359.58
 CHRISTMAS \$7583.00
 MISSION SUNDAY \$5.00

BUILDING FUND \$530.00
 THANKSGIVING APPEAL \$10.00
 GODERICH DISASTER RELIEF \$100.00

NEW YEAR'S \$5.00

Many thanks for your generosity and constant support of the parish community.