

GIFT BEARERS: Since the fall, many of the gift bearers at Mass have been the children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families. During the rest of the year we depend on other parishioners to fulfill this role. If you are approached to present the gifts at Mass, please be willing to participate in this liturgical action.

MARRIAGE IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH! Take some time for your marriage relationship and spend a day learning about the Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work. The program, created by Dr. John Gotman, will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Dr. Wendy Hofman on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton. The cost for the program is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. Register by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events on the home page.

HELP SEND KIDS IN FAMILIES who are living on low income to one week of camp this summer! Sign-up for House of Friendship's *Trek 4 Kids Hike and Bike* on Saturday, May 5, 12:30 pm. For details visit www.bit.ly/trek4kids2018 or call Dawn at 519-742-8327 x 119.

ST. FRANCIS, KITCHENER, is having "12 hours of prayer for palliative care" on May 4, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day until Mass at 7 p.m. Mass will be followed by speaker John Milloy.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP, Thursday, May 10, sends a bus to Ottawa Parliament Hill for the annual *March for Life*. Call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to sign up. Early reservation ensures a bus seat. The cost is \$50, or sponsor a student by sending your cheque to KW Right to Life, 215 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener ON N2H 4T9. This event generally draws over 20,000 participants.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER, Saturday May 12. Registration at 10 a.m. Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. from Historic St. Paul's, 137 Queen St. S., Kitchener (3 km). We invite your participation to walk or sponsor one of over 70 walkers for our largest fundraiser. Call 519-746-5433 for pledge forms or see our Spring News & Views. Call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca

VEGAS NIGHT sponsored by Maryhill Knights of Columbus: Saturday May 5 at 8 p.m. Bridgeport Rod & Gun Club, 1229 Beitz Road, R. R. #1, Breslau. Evening of chances on a spin of the wheel for grocery hampers, meat spins, cash spins and other prizes. Also penny table. Free admission.



HARAMBEE IS A SWAHILI WORD loosely meaning "working together". You are invited to participate in the 2nd harambee pub night being held on Thursday, May 10 at the Huether Hotel in Waterloo. This is a fundraiser for the *Notre Dame Children Outreach Project* (NDCO) in Nyaleng'a Kenya. The convent that the NDCO proposed in 2013 is finally becoming a reality but it needs a roof before the rainy season! The construction of the convent will enable more School Sisters of Notre Dame to join the NDCO and better serve the needs of the hundreds of children in their care. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for those who wish to eat (full dinner menu available). Michael Kelly Kavan has volunteered to get the music going at 7 p.m. There will also be a silent auction and other activities. The Huether Hotel is generously donating its wonderful Jazz Room but the seating capacity is only 100 so get your tickets soon. On sale at St. Michael's during regular office hours or call Isabelle at 519-746-7202. Let's all work together to get a roof over the SSND's heads.



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Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community

Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses

or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment – please phone the parish office

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Church door collections – last Sunday of each month

Announced Mass intentions for April 23 to 29, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.....	Deceased members of the Campa Family – Olga Perko
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.....	Chris Walraven – Wilhelmine Walraven & Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.....	Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
Thursday.....	7:00 p.m.....	Rita Guenther – Jerry & Christa Fischer
Friday	8:30 a.m.....	Rita Schnarr – Mary & Bob McCargar
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.....	Gerald Shoemaker – Burns Family
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.....	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.....	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 15, 2018: \$2,297.00

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

Dear Parishioners,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Once again we have been participating in the paschal mystery of our faith. Let the joy of the resurrection be shared with everyone, at any time, as we follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who generously shared their time and talent in making the liturgies of Holy Week so special: our deacon and his wife, the parish staff (including one person who carried on despite a broken foot), our choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers, ushers, custodians, those who prepared the reception after the Easter Vigil, the artist who decorated our paschal candle, the person who changed the coloured coverings, and all who gathered in our church to pray together and take the Good News to those at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

Thank you also for your great support of our parish (Easter collection: \$14,200) and those who are in need (Share Lent, to date: \$12,752).

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

With prayers,

Fr. Rafal

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE RECEPTION: Sing for Joy! A concert of music inspired by the illuminations of The Saint John's Bible takes place on Sunday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Music will be performed by the Diocesan Choir, the combined choirs of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, and the Grand Philharmonic Choir. A highlight of the evening will be excerpts from Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. All are welcome!

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT of 100 bags of food for the poor we serve in developing countries. The food was shipped to Sierra Leone on Monday, March 26. Many families will benefit from your wonderful donation; it is a true blessing for them to know that someone around the world cares so much for them.

On behalf of the poor families, we would like to thank you for your help with our work for the poor. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

May God bless you.

Gloria Vargas
Canadian Food for Children

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For those who have responsibility in economic matters, that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that Patrycja Wiecek, a Lourdes parishioner for many years, has been hired as our new parish administrative assistant. Her first day of work will be Monday, April 23. She and Bette will work together for the first two weeks in order to give Bette an opportunity to share with Patrycja as much of her 25-year accumulated knowledge of the parish as possible. I know that you will give Patrycja a true Lourdes welcome and assist her in any way you can as she begins her role here. Fr. Rafal

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all those who showed an interest in and applied for this position from our parish and beyond.

BANNS OF ORDINATION: Reverend Mr. Michael Christopher Tracey is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your parish priest. Let us all pray that Reverend Mr. Michael Christopher Tracey will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and his Church.

BANNS OF ORDINATION: Reverend Mr. Grayson Nicholas Joseph Hope is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this ordination should not take place, please notify your parish priest. Let us all pray that Reverend Mr. Grayson Hope will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and his Church.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: On Sunday, April 29 and Sunday, May 6, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, our parish celebrations of First Eucharist will take place. We ask for God's blessing on these children and their families.



ATTENTION FAITH FINDERS! We will have our next meeting on Friday, April 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. We will be celebrating God's wonderful creation...our amazing planet earth! Please come dressed to spend some time outside (weather permitting). We will look forward to seeing you then! If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Scott at tscott1201@rogers.com.

AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING will be held on Tuesday, May 1, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. (doors open at noon). If you are involved in prayer shawl ministry or would like to learn about it, please plan to attend. This event is being hosted by the WK United Mennonite and St. Louis, Waterloo, Prayer Shawl Ministries at St. Louis Parish Hall, 53 Allen St. E., Waterloo (accessible gym entrance off Willow St.). Rev. Nancy Brubaker, Lead Pastor, First Mennonite Church, Kitchener will be our guest presenter. Wear your own personal shawl and bring shawls and resources to share. There will be a free-will offering. To register or for more information, please contact prayershawl-gathering2018@gmail.com or 519-572-5435.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to thank the students, staff and parents of Holy Rosary School for their Easter food drive. The 514 pounds of food has really helped replenish our grocery supplies. We are very thankful for your support in helping us serve those in need.