

ADORATION FOR LIFE: "... a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world to God, the Creator and lover of life..." (Saint John Paul II). Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist, console his heart wounded by abortion and sins against the sanctity of life. Three locations: Friday May 4, 6-7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa Church, 44 Leonard St. Kitchener, and Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m.-12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, 56 Duke St. W., Kitchener, and Thursday May 10th, 2-3:00 p.m. St. Boniface RC Church Maryhill, 1355 Maryhill Rd. Call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 for more information.

HELP SEND KIDS IN FAMILIES who are living on low income to one week of camp this summer! Signup 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 Nyalieng'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 30 to May 6, 2018

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m. Marg Roth– Dorothy Roth & Sheila D’Aguilar
 Tuesday **Beechwood Manor**.... 10:00 a.m. Oscar Lorentz – Rose Lorentz
 7:00 p.m Marcel & Pauline Crépeau –Paul Dion & Michele Daviau
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m. John Smit – Bill & Maria Smit
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Steve Maloney – Regina Maloney
 Friday 8:30 a.m. Barbara Bayer –Michael Bayer
The Westhill 10:00 a.m. Margaret Downing – Barbara Schmuck & Family
 Saturday..... 10:00 a.m. Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:00 p.m. Clayt Reidel – Prayer Shawl Group
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of our parish
 11:00 a.m. Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 22, 2018: \$4785.00

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

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the narthex of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

VOCATION SEEDS: Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.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 prayershawlathering2018@gmail.com or 519-572-5435.

PRAYER VIGIL – Thursday, May 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own! Parking across the road at Schneider Park. For more information, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.



Dear Parishioners,

The KW SSVP Youth are in search of a sorting location for their 10th annual Pencil Case Project. This project collects used/new school supplies from elementary and high schools from the KW, Cambridge, London, Hamilton, Toronto, and surrounding areas. With the help of community volunteers and our adult members, this material is sorted, counted and packed for shipment to needy countries. In the past we have shipped 20-foot containers that are approximately 7,000+ pounds to areas such as: Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Philippines, and Peru. This material is essential to the children and schools in these poor and developing communities. The facility we seek must be 2,000 - 3,000 square-feet of open floor-plan, air conditioned, have a bathroom, and allow 24 hour key access (to accommodate volunteer scheduling). We would need to have access beginning June 25th until August 10th (or sooner). We hope you can help us locate either an empty storefront or commercial/industrial site. Please contact Carmela Addante for more details: carm199@hotmail.com.

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, 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.

FIRST SATURDAY MASSES: Holy Mass has been celebrated on the First Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to honour Mary, Mother of God. May and June will be the final two. At these Masses, we continue to pray for the intentions written down at the time of our Living Rosary.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA: St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League will again be hosting its annual Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 12th from 1-3 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There are door prizes, bake & penny tables, and of course tea and dessert! This is an open invitation for everyone (men too) to come out for an enjoyable afternoon to honour our mothers.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2018 begins on Sunday, May 6. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Renewing the Promise." The theme for CEW 2018 draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, "This Moment of Promise" (1989), "Fulfilling the Promise" (1993) and "Our Catholic Schools" (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

The CEW biblical quote is "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:39