



THE POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2018

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

BAPTISM: During the month of October & November, the following children became members of God's family in the sacrament of baptism:

Evelyn Anne Allison

Jillian Ellen Allison

Marina Elena Bird

Mikayla Rose Berg

Calvin Donald Mooney

Elliot Edward Morrison



CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE: During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.

ADORATION FOR LIFE is occurring at the following 3 Locations: Thursday December 6th, 11am-noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows RC Church, 56 Duke St. W. Kitchener, Mass at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, December 6th, 6pm followed by 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes RC Church, 75 Bluevale St. North. Waterloo. Friday November 2nd, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. St. Teresa RC Church Adoration Chapel 44 Leonard St. Kit. Mass follows. Thanks, Jane Richard KW Right to Life President 519.746.5433 jane@kwrtl.ca

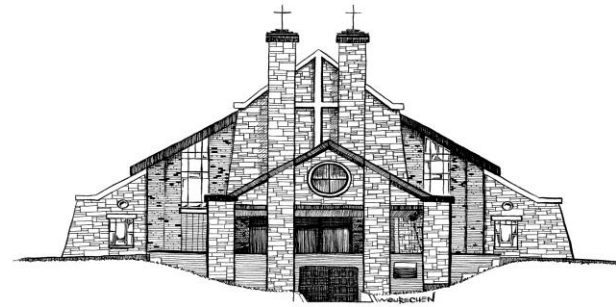
TRANSPORTATION TEAM: The Tree of Life "Tree Cutters" need some volunteers to help lift the tree onto the truck at 481 Cabot Trail, Waterloo, on Saturday, December 15 at 2 p.m. Come experience this parish tradition! *The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to handle this task, so if you can spare an hour, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 or email at: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.*



CHURCH SETUP: On Sunday, December 16, at 12:00 p.m. volunteers will be required to help with church preparations, including erecting the above-mentioned tree and the manger scene. Christmas cheer to follow in the parish hall.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS): Men and women of the parish are invited to serve as ministers of hospitality (ushers) on Christmas Eve (5:00 and 7:00 p.m.) and at midnight Mass as we welcome one and all to our parish for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BEARERS: Volunteers are needed to serve as gift bearers at our Christmas Masses: 5:00 p.m. (Pageant) and 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, midnight Mass and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. You are also welcome to volunteer as gift bearers for New Year's Eve/Day.



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PASTOR:

Rev. Rafal Tomon

DEACON:

Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

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 2:00 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 December 3 to December 9, 2018

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| Monday..... | 8:30 a.m. | +Harry & Marie Van Huland – Agnes Corke |
| Tuesday..... | 7:00 p.m. | +Bob Ervin – Louise Ervin |
| Wednesday..... | 8:30 a.m. | +Annette Coorey – Rita Banerjee |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Special Intention |
| Friday..... | 8:30 a.m. | +Richard Biber – Earnest Biber |
| Saturday | 7:00 p.m. | +Anne McGrory – Vanessa & Rick Culham |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Living & deceased members of our parish |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Special intention |


Offertory collection for Sunday, November 25, 2018: \$4981.95
[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

Monthly Budget Review as of September 30, 2018

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| Cumulative financial objective – 47 weeks @ \$7,500 | \$352,500.00 |
| Weekly contributions (year to date) | \$221,398.52 |
| Pre-authorized giving (year to date) | <u>126,872.89</u> |
| Over (under) objective..... | <u>348,271.41</u> (4, 228.59) |



"Winter has almost arrived and with it the cold weather and the snow. LOL! has a snow removal contractor, Bob Greenwald Snow Removal. It is their responsibility to clear the parking lot, shovel the walkways and salt as needed. Snow shovelling and salting is NOT the responsibility of Jerry and Christa, our custodial contractors. Their responsibility includes cleaning the church and the church hall, but not snow removal."



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Women's League

invites you to join our living rosary to pray for the needs of the parish and the community. For the months of December and January, we are praying

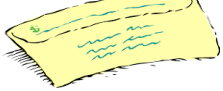
- **for those who have difficulties celebrating Christmas** due to faith/political tensions and uncertainties in their home countries, grief, employment outlook, family estrangement, loss of home, etc.


In addition, we will keep in our prayers

- **the Pope's monthly intention (Evangelization for Our Times and communicating Joy in the Gospel),**
- **the sick and their caregivers, and**
- **the living and deceased members of our parish.**

By volunteering, you will be responsible to say one decade of the Rosary every day for the coming two months. If you are interested, please send a note to ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com. You may also pick up a form at the church entrance and return the completed form to the parish office. *Join us !!!*

"The monthly blue envelopes labelled the "Pipe Organ Fund" which have been dedicated to repaying the loan from the diocese for the Pipe Organ have been changed for 2019 to the "Building Fund". The current balance of the loan for the pipe organ is \$28,549 and we hope to be able to fully repay this amount by the end of the year or early in 2019. This has been due to the generosity and support of you, the parishioners. Thank-you! The Property and Maintenance Committee has identified the need to replace the main church roof over the next few years. Collections from the blue envelopes will be used to create a fund for the roof replacement. You will hear more about this project in 2019."


Offering Envelopes

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CHOIRS


SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHOIRS! Once again, we are offering you an opportunity to help us with Christmas music by joining one of our special Christmas Choirs. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 5:00 Family Mass and Pageant, please sign up on the music stand in the church vestibule. There will be a rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 22 in the Choir Loft from 1:00-2:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 7:00 or the Christmas Day 9:00 Mass, please sign up on the list on the music stand in the vestibule. The rehearsal for these Masses will be on Sat., Dec 22 from 10:00 a.m.- Noon. Refreshments will be provided! Thank-you for helping make Christmas at Our Lady of Lourdes very special!

- Volunteers needed! Things to sign up for during this Christmas season . . .*

- Christmas Eve Family Choirs (all ages)
 - Pageant (grades 1 to 8)
 - Minister of Hospitality (Usher)
 - "Tree of Life" tree-cutter
 - Christmas/New Year's gift bearer
 - Deliverer of cookies to our shut-ins




Next weekend December 8/9 join us for a "Coffee Sunday Weekend"



On this weekend, we will be distributing our parish offering envelopes for 2019. The Finance Council would like to thank you for your ongoing support to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. As we're heading into a new year and preparing the budget for 2019, we ask you to consider your donation to the parish. Just as your personal household expenses continue to increase, so do the expenses of the parish. The Property and Maintenance Committee is working to maintain the church building and grounds. This requires an ongoing investment. It would be appreciated if you would consider increasing your weekly/monthly contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for 2019.

On the weekend of December 8/9, members of the Parish Finance Council will be available to assist you as well as provide information about our pre-authorized giving (PAG) program. At the present time, 125 families have chosen PAG! In addition, the diocese has produced an excellent resource, the "Catholic Estate Planning Guide". Copies of this will be available on that weekend as well.



Reconciliation

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS - WATERLOO CHURCHES: The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to restore our hurt or broken relationship with God, the Church, one another and with ourselves. Everyone is encouraged to make frequent use of this Sacrament of Healing. Advent, a time of preparation in the Church, is not a penitential season like Lent, but is still an appropriate time for us to celebrate this sacrament. Each of the four churches in Waterloo will offer a Penitential Service during Advent. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend one of these.

Monday, December 3.....7:30 p.m.....St. Louis Church
Tuesday, December 4.....7:30 p.m.....St. Agnes Church
Wednesday, December 5....7:30 p.m.....St. Michael Church
Thursday, December 6.....7:30 p.m.....Our Lady of Lourdes Church