



THE POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS FOR 2019

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 9, 2019 - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. (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 back of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

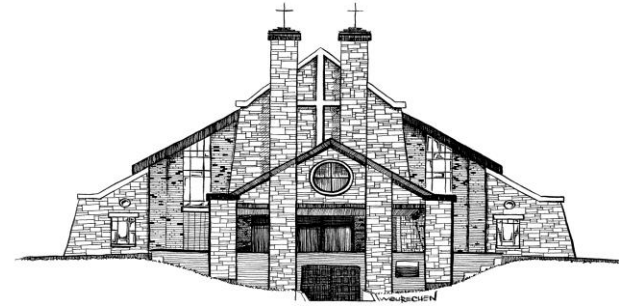
OUR LADY OF LOURDES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL would like to thank the staff, students and parents of Holy Rosary School for their Lenten Food Drive donation of 533 pounds of grocery and hygiene items. This generous donation will really help re-stock our low supply of many items. Thanks again for your ongoing support to those in need.

THE KW SSVP YOUTH are in search of a sorting location for their 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 help from 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's 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 washroom, and allow 24 hour key access (to accommodate volunteer scheduling). We would need to have access beginning June 24th, 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.

THE LISTOWEL ROAST BEEF DINNER & GARDEN PARTY will be held on Friday June 7, 2019 at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Ave. N. Listowel. A Fun Evening with Grand Draw, Penny Booth, Silent Auction, Children's Games & Bingo. The Beef Dinner is served 4:30-7:00 p.m. Prices – Adults \$17 in advance until Thursday June 6th at noon, thereafter \$19, 5-10 years \$7, and Pre-Schoolers Free. For tickets please call Gloria (519) 291-3648 or Bev (519)291-4400 ext. 3.

GRIEF RELIEF - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone! "Grief Relief" – is a six week educational and support series dealing with grief, offered on Wednesdays, April 24 to May 29th at the Chancery Office, Hamilton, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Facilitator: Karen Hulley, RP. Cost is \$35. You are free to attend all sessions, or any one or more as you are able. To register call the Family Ministry Office: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

THE SISTERS OF LIFE are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, June 1, 2019, for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. **CONTACT:** The Sisters of Life **PHONE:** 416-463-2722 **EMAIL:** toronto@sistersoflife.org



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PASTOR: Rev. Rafal Tomon
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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 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 May 6 to May 12, 2019

Monday..... 8:30 a.m. +Dorothy Payton – Bernie & Wanda Logel
Tuesday... 7:00 p.m. +Richard Biber – Earnest Biber
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. +Patricia McCarthy – Joan & Jim O’Doherty
Thursday..... 7:00 p.m..... +Ted Walraven – Wilhelmine Walraven
Friday 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. +Roland Austrup – Margaret Austrup
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m..... Living & deceased members of our parish
11:00 a.m..... Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 28, 2019: \$5,080.80

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

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN collects donated dolls and doll clothing, so little children can have a smile on their faces! I am looking after preparing and sprucing up these dolls for shipping, but I need a little help. I would like to provide a hand sewn carry bag for each recipient to keep his/her doll in, but I'm running out of suitable fabric. If you have spare fabric such as baby/receiving blankets (cotton/flannels/suitable for small kids ONLY please) and spare thread, please call me at (519) 885-0109. No pieces are too big or too small; I will make them work. Huge thanks to our parishioners for the colourful and delightful fabrics! Thank you. Maryke Mior



High Tea - Save the Date

The CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a High Tea Brunch in honour of Mother's Day, on May 26 at 12:00 p.m. in the church hall. Mothers, daughters,



grandmothers, and granddaughters, nieces, goddaughters **are all welcome** (8 years and older). Tickets are \$20 (first come, first served). More information to follow but please call Patrycja Wiecek at 519-502-6917 if interested, or email ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com



YOUTH RALLY REGISTRATION IS OPEN! The 2019 Youth Rally will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. This year's theme, "According to Your Word" will challenge and engage youth in grades 7-12 in a day of Encounter and Prayerful Experience with all seven volumes of the Saint John's Bible, Heritage Edition. The day will consist of Keynote addresses, encounter experiences, Mass with His Excellency Bishop Crosby and so much more! For more information about the day and the full schedule of the day, please visit <http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally>. To register please contact the parish office or with Marta Fukasawa at mbfukasawa@gmail.com. Don't delay, registration deadline is coming soon!

WHY@Breakfast - invites you to the presentation "Art, Beauty, and Dialogue" on **Saturday, May 18th** here at **Our Lady of Lourdes**, from **9:30 a.m to 11:00 a.m.** Our speaker **Rev. Denis Grecco** has a doctorate in systematic theology and he is an Assistant Professor at St. Peter's Seminary. Fr. Grecco will bring religious paintings into conversation with issues facing the churches and contemporary culture. Two volumes, Pentateuch and Gospel & Acts, of our diocesan Heritage Edition of **The Saint John's Bible** will be on display during the event. See how the illuminations can awaken us! Light breakfast available. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Interested? To register please send an email to: whyatbreakfast@gmail.com. For more information, please see <https://whyatbreakfast.com>.

BEST FRIENDS CARD PARTY – Thursday, May 23rd at 12 noon at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener. ALL PROCEEDS support our local youth especially the girls. Tickets are \$25 and you can contact Shirley at (519) 746-8373 to purchase tickets. Lots of prizes, draws and a light lunch.

Message for Catholic Education Week - *Living as Joyful Disciples*

The theme of this year's Catholic Education Week *Living as Joyful Disciples* is both a challenge to us as well as an acknowledgment of the good things already happening in our lives as individuals and as Catholic school communities.

Over the course of this week of celebration of publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario, we can look back on another year of sharing the Good News, another year of action for justice and peace, and another year of working together as a community of faith. While we reflect on the great gifts and achievements of the past year, we must always remember that nothing is accomplished on our own. We love knowing God first loved us. We love one another, as Christ loved us. That is why in this week we are reminded that we must remain rooted in prayer; prayer that first and foremost gives thanks to God for his great goodness. Prayer helps us to listen so that we may know and do his will. Think of the ways you pray. Little prayers as you wake up in the morning. Prayers at home with your family. The prayers that begin the school day and prayers before meals. Prayers together in our classrooms and meeting rooms. The Mass, the 'great prayer of the Church', where we gather together as the body of Christ. Quiet prayers at the end of the day as we go to sleep. If we are rooted in prayer, it means prayer is where we begin and end. It is where our life and our growth comes from. It keeps us steady and focused.

As we strive to remain rooted in prayer, we see that this becomes the source of our energy to do the will of God – to bring justice, to relieve suffering, to be bearers of hope, to spread the Good News. Young people, this is your calling and your great strength. You have so much good energy to share. Remember that your energy is the energy of God's Spirit, drawing you and guiding you. Continue to use your gifts for the good of the Church and the good of the world. To every adult who is committed to supporting these young people, parents, teachers, staff, administrators, and trustees, I urge you to be witnesses by living your lives as joyful disciples. Find strength and energy in a renewed life of prayer. Dive deep into God's word and rediscover your love for the Gospel so that you may share the Good News with enthusiasm. Continue to encourage acts of justice and mercy to the needy and vulnerable in our neighbourhoods and around the world. Continue to promote community so that everyone in our Catholic schools can understand that their growth in faith is a shared journey.

I encourage the priests of the Diocese of Hamilton, particularly those involved in ministry to and with our Catholic schools, to help these communities experience a true encounter with Christ through his Church. Share with them your joyful discipleship so that they may learn from your example.

This year, students from two of our Catholic schools took on a remarkable project of creating a Virtual Tour of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. They wanted to make a gift to all the young people of our diocese to get to know this beautiful Cathedral – the mother Church of our diocese. It is a gift of joyful disciples! This is creativity and energy and generosity that I know exists in every one of our over 200 schools in this diocese - trips abroad, walks with Christ, defense of the unborn, feeding the hungry, kind words and great deeds in our own cities and towns. I encourage you to celebrate our achievements and to recall whose goodness we see reflected in these good works. Always Christ. It is the light of Christ illuminating our imaginations and our works. Because we want to follow him, we do everything we can, as individuals and as communities, to stay rooted in prayer, to share the Good News and to live generously as joyful disciples.

May our publicly funded Catholic Schools remain under the protection of the most perfect and most joy-filled disciple, Mary, Mother of God, Mother of Jesus, and our Mother.

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. Bishop of Hamilton May 6, 2019 /cd