



THE POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS FOR 2020

Listen to the Migrants' Cries We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE: Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2019 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass beginning January 18/19 in the work sacristy behind Our Lady of Lourdes' altar . Starting Feb 24, 2020, ornaments can only be picked up at the parish office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: For 2020, everyone who has not picked up their envelopes is asked to do so in the next two weeks. Spring cleaning will be happening here at Lourdes; envelopes that are not picked up will be reassigned to a new family.



Prayer Shawls for Valentine's Our ladies have been busy. We have created 500 beautiful shawls since the onset of this special ministry and have been blessed to be able to provide peace and comfort to many of our parishioners, both young and old. We have also given many shawls to those in need at different organizations, such as Innisfree, the Catholic Missions and, of late, to the Marian Residence and the St. Mary's Spiritual Care Dept. We still have many wonderful shawls from which to choose for someone you know who can benefit from their warmth and prayers, especially at this Valentine season of love and care. Please call Marg Perrotta at 519-886-8258 if you would like a shawl and many thanks to all who have provided us with yarn and donations.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS 19-45 Come and join us with other young adults while we pray, get to know each other, explore our faith, enjoy some snacks, and have fun. Beginning Tuesday, February 11, 2020 for every two weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Come to the 7:00 p.m. Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at Our Lady of Lourdes and then head down to the hall for snacks and a speaker about Our Lady and some social time. If you have any questions, please contact Rob at robkoechl@gmail.com.

2020 LABYRINTH PROJECT: Second session to be hosted by **St. Agnes RC Church, 75 Bluevale St N, Waterloo, on Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon.** The labyrinth is a great tool for helping us to focus on our prayers. All are welcome to come and try praying with the labyrinth indoors. A short introduction will be presented at 9:30 AM. Those who are experienced with this mode of prayer might wish to come anytime during the morning. The 2020 Labyrinth Project is a collaborative project between WHY@Breakfast and five Waterloo churches, including ours. Please see webpage <https://whyatbreakfast.com/2020-labyrinth-project/> for details.



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PASTOR:	Fr. 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.
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 Feb 10 to Feb 16, 2020

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Special intention of Alexander Nincevic – Family
Tuesday ... Feast Day	7:00 p.m.	+Paul Krajas – Grace & Tony Capa
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	+Gary Dunn – Margie & John McElroy
Wednesday ..Luther Village....	10:00 a.m.	+Hannah Perera – Angela Madappuli
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Marek Czesnik – Estella Correia
Friday	8:30 a.m.	+Laura Wijerstna – Dilani & Chanatha Dhanapala
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	+Joanne Hoffard – The Wadel Family
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, February 2, 2020: \$6,306.25

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

Monthly Budget Review as of January 31, 2020

Cumulative financial objective – 4 weeks @ \$7,500		\$30,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date)	\$17,844.15	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date)	<u>\$11,591.99</u>	<u>\$29,436.14</u>
Over (under) objective.....		(\$563.86)



Last weekend, February 1 and 2 we ended our active part of the campaign. As we mentioned at the Masses we were pleased to announce that we had raised just short of \$550,000.00 for this campaign. The money raised will be used for upkeep of our parish church and also allow us to plan for future repairs that will be

required in the not too distant future. The other important part of this campaign was for the Diocese to use in their ministries with University students, prison work, migrant workers, hospital, and for parishes in need. We once again would like to thank all of you for your tremendous support for the campaign. May God's blessings be with all of you. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Luke McAuley 519-746-7861, email: mmcauc012@rogers.com or Karin Voisin email:karinvoisin@gmail.com

MARRIAGE TIP February is often referred to as the month of love, since we celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 14th. Real love isn't a fairy tale though – it takes time and effort, good communication and spending time together. This Valentine's Day go big: write each other a love letter, write out a list of the 10 things you most love about your spouse, commit to a date night each month on the 14th to keep the love day alive, look through your wedding album together and remember that moment when you united your love into one. Perhaps most importantly, commit to praying together each day because God is always present to give us strength when we need it!

PARENTING TIP Hugs, kisses, spending time together and looking after our children's needs are all ways of letting them know they are loved, but experts are telling us we also need to use words to convey this important message. I love you - three simple words with a powerful impact. Children, especially as they age, need to hear us tell them they are loved, over and over again. So tell them you love them each time you greet them, remind them you love them as they leave, say goodnight and add those three powerful words and your child will know that they are indeed loved!

UNPLANNED MOVIE: Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocese of Hamilton are partnering to bring you a complimentary showing of the eye-opening film, UNPLANNED. The film is based on a true story of the youngest Director of Planned Parenthood, Abby Johnson and her journey of transformation. This film viewing will be held at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton, **Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.** (Doors open at 6 pm). For further information, call the Hamilton Right to Life office at 905-528-3065 or the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry office at 905-528-7988 ext 2250. The registration link can be found online at www.hamiltonrighttolife.org. While the movie showing is free, donations to Hamilton Right to Life are accepted and appreciated as we strive to educate people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS JUNE 14, 2020 Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14, 2020 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 back of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

FINDING STRENGTH AFTER SEPARATION OR DIVORCE Has a separation or divorce caused you to feel upset, or like you are on a roller coaster? Would you like to minimize the impact on yourself and feel stronger? **LEARNING TO COPE** (Level 1) is a ten-week support program offered in Hamilton starting **Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. A **newly written level 2 program** will be offered for the first time on the same evening (past participants welcome!) and level 3 and 4 will run at the same time and location on Wednesday evenings. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249 or find out more on line at: www.hamiltondiocese.com (look under Upcoming Events). Come on your own or bring a friend and find your strength again!

ACT 2 (SEPARATED & DIVORCED): Wine and Cheese Social Are you separated or divorced? Would you like to have a relaxed evening out? Join us Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30pm at St Michael Parish (80 University Ave. West, Waterloo) in the Parish Centre. Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and Cheese social – you belong! **Register on line on our website – <http://www.stmichaelw.ca>, Email - parish@stmichaelw.ca, or call 519-884-9311.** See you there!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE invites you to attend our upcoming Share Lent Workshop, which will be held at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener on **February 12th at 7:00 p.m.** Our Share Lent campaign this year, '**For Our Common Home**', invites Canadian Catholics to learn about the crucial importance of the Amazon Rainforest for the survival of humanity, and introduces you to some of our incredible partners and the communities that they serve, who struggle every day to protect this precious piece of Creation. View our campaign resources, including theological and Lenten Liturgical resources for your parish, on our campaign webpage at: www.devp.org/lent/resources .

PARISHIONER: LOOKING TO RENT OUT A BACHELOR APARTMENT IN WATERLOO. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT PLEASE CALL 519 496-3142.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

WELCOME: to new parishioners or those joining us for the first time. We are happy to have you here with us. Please take some time to fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church so we might know who you are.

