



THE POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS FOR 2020

Catholics in China We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN MEET-UPS - Beginning Thursday, March 5th from 7:30 - 9 p.m. St. Mary's Parish is launching a weekly meet-up for Young Adults (ages 18-35) in the parish hall, 56 Duke Street West. We will continue every Thursday during Lent. Through guest speakers and group discussions, we will explore topics such as: the origins of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation. Snacks will be provided! We hope to see you there!

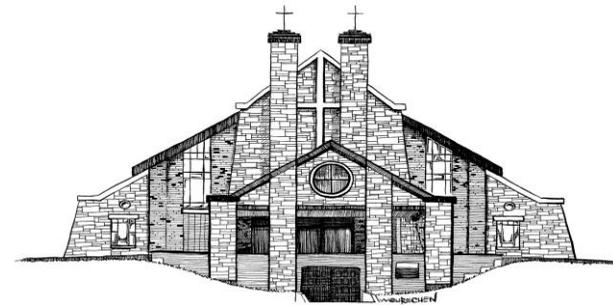
YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS Come and join us and other young Catholics while we pray, get to know each other, explore our faith and have fun. Every two weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Come to the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and then head down to the hall after for fellowship, prayer, and reading and praying through the upcoming Sunday readings. Upcoming meeting times: Tuesday, March 24, April 7, April 21. If you have any questions, please contact Rob robkoechl@gmail.com.

YOU ARE INVITED to enrich your faith with a Christian Life Program sponsored by Couples for Christ Family Ministries at St. John's Roman Catholic Church Hall, 85 Strange St., Kitchener. Open to Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers, and those separated or divorced. The Program runs on Thursdays, beginning April 16th to June 4th inclusive. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. Program is 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. At the same time: a Children's Program is available for those 12 years and under. To register or for more info, contact: Cara or Denis at 519-498-9769 or 519-578-4643

" GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY, APRIL 10TH 2020" at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall, 145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo, Sittings at 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30 p.m. Single Order of Fish and Fries \$14.50 tax in, Double Order of Fish and Fries \$16.00 tax in Coffee and or Tea, a dessert included Take Outs available and walk ins welcome You must come to our hall to purchase tickets, NO RESERVATIONS Tickets available at bar Tuesday March 10th, 2020

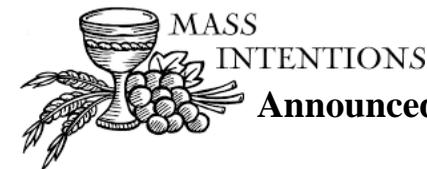
DEATH & DYING 2ND TOPIC IN MOUNT ZION'S SERIES ON RARELY DISCUSSED TOPICS This will be an evening dialogue about how we face death, recognize our fears, and understand our concerns. It is relevant to those facing death, to those left behind, and to those who are curious. John Lougheed of Erb and Good Funeral Home, and former director of Spiritual Care at Grand River Hospital, will join us. This discussion will be held at Mount Zion Lutheran Church on **Tuesday March 24th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (please note that the date shown in the Mountaineer for this event is incorrect)**. Participation is free of charge – but please register by contacting the office at (519)886-5820.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Lent is a great time to build your marriage bond! Instead of “giving up” something, take a fast from criticizing, complaining or even ignoring your spouse; pray together daily and reflect on how you are called to live your marriage vocation; engage in a Lenten retreat and/or attend the Stations as a couple; read and reflect on a passage of the Bible; consider giving of your time and talent as a couple during the six weeks of Lent. Every activity you undertake will benefit your spiritual life and will also build your bond as a couple as you engage in your Lenten practices together. (Family Ministry Office)



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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 March 16 to March 22, 2020

Monday 8:30 a.m.Special Intention of Alexander Nincevic – Family
Tuesday..... 7:00 p.m+Corey Kocher – Moser Family
Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m.+Paul Haller – Margaret & Carlo Perrotta
Thursday 7:00 p.m.....+Marta Melik – Tina & Andrzej Caruk
Friday..... 8:30 a.m.....Florence Perrotta – Margaret & Carlo Perrotta
Friday..... 7:00 p.m.....Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7:00 p.m.....+Tom Hashon – Regina Maloney
Sunday 9:00 a.m.Living & deceased members of our parish
11:00 a.m.Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, March 8, 2020: \$3,477.30

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



CANCELLED- PARISH POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHT on Sunday, **March 15, 2020** at 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact our parish office at 519-886-0342

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 20, 2020** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own take out containers as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until March 18th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Tickets are on sale after Masses. Cost is Adults \$16.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take out is \$16.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Starting on Monday, March 23rd St. Louis Lunch and Learn Study Group will begin a new book by Brant Pitre "*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary – Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*". Dr. Pitre takes readers step-by-step from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. Dr. Pitre uses the Old Testament and Ancient Judaism to unlock how the Bible itself teaches that Mary is in fact the new Eve, the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, and the new Ark of the Covenant. Come and join us on this marvellous journey. We read together and then discuss the text. No prior preparation required. Mondays from noon till 1 p.m. in the St. Louis Nursery (in the basement of St. Louis Church at 53 Allen St. E. in Waterloo). Bring your lunch, if you wish. Coffee and treats provided. Call St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101 for more information.

CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN collects donated dolls and stuffies to send abroad to children in developing countries. I take these items, make sure they are presentable, and make a fabric carry bag for each one, but I need your help! Right now I have plenty of dolls and stuffies and while I won't turn away additional donations, I am more in need of fabric for the bags (flannel and cotton ONLY please), and perhaps thread. I could also use stretchy fabrics for making Barbie clothes. Please ensure donations are clean and free of pet hair and smells. Thank you! Maryke Mior 519 885 0109.

DELAYED DUE TO WEATHER: Jesus of Nazareth - (Miniseries from 1977 directed by Franco Zeffirelli) will be shown on four Thursday afternoons in Lent: March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th starting at 1:00 p.m.(till 2:45 p.m.) at St. Louis Church in the Large Hall (53 Allen St. E. Waterloo). Please use the elevator entrance. Free. Everyone is welcome!

AN APRIL AFTERNOON BRIDGE & CARD PARTY Tickets are now available for our annual card party on Wednesday, April 29th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person. Plan to join us. Hosted by St. Anthony Daniel Parish, CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda at 519-893-2534.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARE COMING!

Please consider volunteering for one or both of the following opportunities:

HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET: Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). 12 Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.



Date: Saturday March 28th, 2020

Event: CWL Joint Lenten Retreat

(St. Louis, St. Agnes, St. Michael and Our Lady of Lourdes)

Time: 9:00 - 12:30. The morning will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Location: St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave (corner of Hemlock and University)

The Accessible Entrance is located off Hemlock Street where there is a small parking lot as well. There is an elevator at the back of the church to bring members to the lower level for the retreat.

Speaker: Father Freitas, the Pastor of St. Michael will lead the retreat.

Theme: "Faltering, Fumbling, but Faithful" We are all called to be holy, but it's a long journey! We are sinners who strive to be saints. The heart of the Lenten message is "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." How does faith help us to do that?

RESCHEDULED! **CWL REGIONAL MEETING** – Sat. March 21st (Originally scheduled for Feb 29th but cancelled due to weather.) St. Mark's CWL is hosting the regional meeting day **beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m.** Socialize with your CWL Sisters from the Hamilton Diocese and meet the executive team. Find out about upcoming events for our 100th Anniversary celebration. We will not see another celebration like this for a long time. Looking forward to seeing you on this important day.

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.