

MOTORCYCLE BLESSING: All motorcycle riders are invited for a beginning of the season motorcycle blessing. Weather permitting it will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 12 p.m. in front of St. Clement Church in St. Clements. Please bring any friends who wish to join us. The blessing will be followed by a ride together.

GARAGE SALE: The St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League is holding a garage sale at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira on Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, please call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.



YOUTH ALPHA: St. Michael's Parish Youth Group presents "YOUTH ALPHA" at 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, in the parish centre. Youth Alpha is a program for grades 7 to 12, designed to engage young people in dialogue, fellowship, and spiritual growth. It begins with a hot meal, video talk, and small group discussion with a new theme each week illuminating the Christian faith. Begins: Thursday, May 3 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. (runs every Thursday for 9 weeks). Contact: Andrea Laughlin by email andrea@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-884-9311 ext. 34 for more information and to REGISTER TODAY! Visit the website www.alphacanada.org/try/ for further information.

TWO WEEKS TO GO! On April 27 and 28 join thousands of Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization which will be webcast from Ottawa. This year, Catholics in the Diocese of Hamilton have the opportunity to attend the New Evangelization Summit (NES) as Blessed Sacrament Parish is serving as a host site. This summit will feature several world-class Catholic speakers. For more info go to the NES website at newevangelization.ca or to register go to the ticket section and select Kitchener, ON as the host site. The cost for the two-day event is \$60 per person and includes snacks and lunch on April 28. Child care services for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 are also being offered on the Saturday; however there are limited spots available. If you need additional information please contact Blessed Sacrament Church at 519-742-5061 or Ian Mendes at ianmendes2@gmail.com. Check out the NES 2018 Promotional Video at https://youtu.be/1_n4760MS9w. Limited space so register quickly.

WATERLOO REGIONAL POLICE MALE CHORUS: St. Michael's Catholic Church (University and Hemlock) in Waterloo is thrilled to welcome the Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus on Friday, April 20 at 7:30 pm. Proceeds will go to the St. Michael's Refugee Fund. For more information, to purchase tickets (\$20), to become a sponsor, or donate an item for the silent auction, please call Diane at 519-725-2226 or St. Michael's during office hours at 519-884-9311 (ext. 0).

SUPPORT FOR PERSONS SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register – just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W., Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is no cost to attend.



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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 16 to 22, 2018

Monday..... 8:30 a.m.....Sylvie St-Hilaire – Adèle Verreault
 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.....Colleen Kavanaugh – Jerry & Christa Fischer
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m.....Alex Dunleavy – Mary & Gerry Mulhern
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.....Special intention – Deacon Phong & Jocelyn Hoang
 Friday 8:30 a.m.....Special intention of McGrinder Family – Vivian Rickert
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.....Bob Ervin – Louise Ervin
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.....Living & deceased members of our parish
 11:00 a.m.....Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 9, 2018: \$5,247.00

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

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF THE PSALMS VOLUME of The Saint John's Bible. Visit the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives (698 King St. W., Hamilton) to learn about the bible and engage with this beautiful work of sacred art. The Library will be open Sunday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p. m., and April 17, 18, 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come and enjoy a sneak peek of this stunning volume! All 7 volumes will be on display during the April 29 *Sing for Joy Concert* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. For more information visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>.

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE RECEPTION: Sing for Joy! A concert of music inspired by the illuminations of The Saint John's Bible takes place on Sunday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Music will be performed by the Diocesan Choir, the combined choirs of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, and the Grand Philharmonic Choir. A highlight of the evening will be excerpts from Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. All are welcome!

EAT TO BEAT CANCER: Our Lady of Lourdes School presents its 18th annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 21, 8 to 11 a.m. at Swiss Chalet, 267 Weber St. N., Waterloo. All proceeds donated to the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre.

HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION... IT IS POSSIBLE: Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. Project Rachel offers a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 1-888-385-3850 and let us help you through the healing process.

VOCATION SEEDS: What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 x2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

Mother/Daughter Breakfast

Last call for tickets! Deadline is April 15 at 5 p.m.

The CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a mother/daughter breakfast for all ladies of the parish.

Sunday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall.

Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters and daughters-in-law are all welcome (8 years and older). Tickets are \$15.

Please call Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847 if interested by April 15 at 5 p.m.



I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that Patrycja Wiecek, a Lourdes parishioner for many years, has been hired as our new parish administrative assistant. Her first day of work will be Monday, April 23. She and Bette will work together for the first two weeks in order to give Bette an opportunity to share with Patrycja as much of her 25-year accumulated knowledge of the parish as possible. I know that you will give Patrycja a true Lourdes welcome and assist her in any way you can as she begins her role here.

Fr. Rafal

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all those who showed an interest in and applied for this position from our parish and beyond.

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.

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Dear Parishioners,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Once again we have been participating in the paschal mystery of our faith. Let the joy of the resurrection be shared with everyone, at any time, as we follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who generously shared their time and talent in making the liturgies of Holy Week so special: our deacon and his wife, the parish staff (including one person who carried on despite a broken foot), our choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers, ushers, custodians, those who prepared the reception after the Easter Vigil, the artist who decorated our paschal candle, the person who changed the coloured coverings, and all who gathered in our church to pray together and take the Good News to those at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

Thank you also for your great support of our parish (Easter collection: \$14,200) and those who are in need (Share Lent, to date: \$12,752).

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

With prayers,

Fr. Rafal