

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Parishioners using offering envelopes are reminded to pick them up at the back of the church as the busy Easter season will soon be upon us. Sets of envelopes have also been prepared for those who have signed up for our pre-authorized giving program. PAG covers just regular Sunday donations. The boxes of envelopes provide envelopes for the various diocesan collections such as Share Lent, Easter, Christmas and the pipe organ fund.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH & CHIPS on April 14 from 12 noon until 7 p.m. It is eat in or take out. No reservations – service in order of arrival. Haddock with fresh cut fries and coleslaw. 1-piece dinner \$13, 2-piece dinner \$15. Coffee & tea. Dessert and refreshment available. Cash only. For take-out call 519-648-2939. Held at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 St. Charles St., Maryhill.

WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY: April 14 at 145 Dearborn Pl., Waterloo. Seatings at 1, 1:30 p.m., and every half hour from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. 1-piece fish and chips \$11.50, 2-piece fish and chips \$13.50, coffee and dessert included. Tickets available at the Columbus Conference Centre, 519-884-2060

PRAYER VIGIL: Thursday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own! Parking across the road at Schneider Park. For more information, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

“FOLLOW ME” BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is hosting an 8-week video-based bible study series called “Follow Me,” based on the Gospel of John. The study is meant for people of any age who want to know Jesus better and want to hear his voice through the bible. No previous bible study experience is assumed. Like the two men who walked with Jesus to Emmaus, we too can have our eyes opened and we can exclaim, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked to us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24.13-32). The study runs Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m., from May 1 to June 26 (excluding May 22), in the parish office meeting room. Enrollment is limited, and there is a fee for the course workbook. To sign up, contact Dan Davison at 519-883-0736 or ddavison@uwaterloo.ca. If you would first like to talk to someone who has already done the study, feel free to contact Brenda Moffatt at 226-749-2645 or brenda.moffatt53@gmail.com, or check out the two-minute video at http://assets.ascensionpress.com/downloads/FOLLOW%20ME_Trailer.mp4.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE DRAMATIZED STATIONS OF THE CROSS presented by St. Louis Youth Group on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in St. Louis Church (53 Allen St. E., Waterloo). If you need more information, please call St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101.

“OUR FINAL GIFT AND THE PROMISE OF LIFE EVERLASTING”: The Annual National Catholic Mission this year is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join Sister Sue Mosteller and Father Ron Rolheiser for this two-part mission that will be broadcast during Holy Week.

- Vision TV: part 1 on Monday, April 10, and part 2 on Tuesday, April 11, both at 7:00 p.m.
- Salt+Light TV: part 1 on Tuesday, April 11, and part 2 on Wednesday, April 12, both at 8:00 p.m.
- Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day following the Daily TV Mass. Check your local listings for the time. For more information, e-mail the NCBC at info@ncbc.ca, call them toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com.



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PASTOR:	Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes
ADMINISTRATOR:	Rev. Rafal Tomon
DEACON:	Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:	Paula Rush
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Bette Honsinger 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 Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
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 the week of April 2 to 8, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Robert Bould – Carlo & Marg Perrotta & Family
Tuesday	Beechwood Manor. 10:00 a.m.	Judy Grossman – Carol Anne Schmuck
	7:00 p.m.	Noreen & Pat Donovan – Ada Harris
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Sister Louisita Dietrich – Frieda Cole
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Special intention
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Schnarr – Cletus & Joyce Reidel
	The Westhill	10:00 a.m. Sister Noel Doescher M.M. – Barbara Schmuck
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Joan Gladwell; Loretta Thompson

Offertory collection for Sunday, March 26, 2017: \$4,589.00

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

Monthly Budget Review as of March 31, 2017

Cumulative financial objective – 13 Weeks @ \$7,500	\$97,500.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$63,600.03
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	34,139.97
Over (under) objective	<u>97,740.00</u>
	\$ 240.00



NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY, the gateway to Holy Week. It is the great memorial of Our Lord’s solemn entrance into Jerusalem where he was about to suffer and die. The blessing of palms will take place during each of the Masses next weekend. Upon entering the church, please pick up your palm branch.

SHARE LENT – APRIL 2 - WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE:



Your Share Lent donation can be made any time up to and including April 30. If you are not using parish offering envelopes, please use one of your own, marking it as Share Lent. To learn more about the important work of Development and Peace visit www.devp.org.

Attention Students in Grades 1-3 !

You are warmly invited to four Tuesday evenings to consider the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We will listen to scripture, reflect and pray. This Paschal Mystery retreat will take place in the parish office from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on four Tuesdays in April: 4th & 11th (Lent), 18th & 25th (Easter). The retreat will use the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an approach to faith formation begun in Rome more than 60 years ago, that seeks to answer the child’s silent request: “Help me come closer to God by myself.” To inquire further or to register for the 4 evenings, please contact Paula (lourdescatechist@rogers.com).



VOCATION SEEDS: “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God’s plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.



LAST CALL FOR "LENTILS FOR LENT" for Canadian Food for Children. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. The last day for your donations is Sunday, April 9.

What I am is God's gift to me,
 what I become is my gift back to God.
 (Anonymous)

We need your help! Sometimes we think to ourselves that “someone else will surely do it”. But when everyone thinks this way, nothing usually gets done. Please consider volunteering during the Easter Triduum. Several suggestions follow . . .

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). Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.

GOOD FRIDAY

- 11 a.m. This will be a liturgy that is geared more towards families with children. In this spirit, we are looking for families to participate in the liturgy: carrying the large cross (the one currently in the sanctuary) into the church, reading the voices of the passion with Deacon Phong, and reading the petitions.
 - 3 p.m. For this solemn Good Friday liturgy, we are seeking a group of volunteers to help carry the large cross into the church.
- Carrying the cross is about putting meaning into suffering, because there is always suffering in life, everybody experiences it. When you put it together with the cross and with everything that Christ did, that suffering brings meaning. If you would like to participate at either liturgy, please contact the office (519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com).

USHERS NEEDED

Our ushers and other women and men who would like to assist in welcoming the people on Good Friday (April 14), Easter Vigil (April 15) and Easter Sunday (April 16), are asked to contact the parish office to let us know at which liturgies you are able to help.



LENTEN PENITENTIAL CELEBRATIONS – CITY OF WATERLOO

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

You are encouraged to participate in one of the above penitential celebrations. There will be a number of priests available each evening for Confession. Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter helps us to fully appreciate and experience the wondrous depth of the mystery we celebrate during Holy Week.