

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE: Please join St. Michael's CWL for a day of prayer for hospice and palliative care on Thursday, May 4. Parish Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00 p.m. Rosary will be recited as well as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

ST. TERESA (KITCHENER) CWL 12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE: Thursday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We invite you to join us in prayer as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life and to show support for increased availability and funding for palliative care. Mass at 8:30 that morning will be offered for this intention and specific prayers, rosary and time for meditation will be offered hourly throughout the day. Benediction and Way of the Cross Today: Reflections on Suffering in Sickness and Dying will be at 3 p.m. and guest speaker, Dr. Michael Casey, local palliative care physician will present at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Social time at 8:00 p.m. will conclude the day. For further information please call Mary Helen Stroeder at 519 570 4375.

BINGO AT THE KNIGHTS: Wednesdays – doors open at 6 p.m. for fun, food, cash prizes. **FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY** (excluding long weekends): fun, surprises and great food. Reservations accepted by calling 519-884-2060. Both events take place at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall, 145 Dearborn Pl.

CARD PARTY: St. Michael's CWL will hold their annual card party on Tuesday, May 2 in the parish centre. A fun night will include card games, great food and a raffle. Raffle prizes are: Water Painting of a River Scene (Canadian artist), painted table runner (local artist), pewter treasure cups, gift basket with wine. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Lunch at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.00/person. Draws at 9:00 p.m.

BIRTHRIGHT KW PREGNANCY CRISIS SERVICE is in need of volunteers. Are you patient, kind, accepting and compassionate? We provide non-judgmental support and love to pregnant women, fathers and their unborn children. Our focus is on helping parent(s) help themselves through accessing community resources and supports. We also offer free infant clothing. Please consider if you could spare 4 daytime hours, once or twice a month. Our office is easily accessible and bright. Free parking or take bus #8 to stop 2702. Call us at 519-579-3990 for more information or to donate 0-2 year infant clothing.

PRAYER VIGIL: Thursday, May 4, 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.

VOCATION SEEDS: Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.

AN EVENING WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE: Please join us for a presentation on the first complete bible to be handwritten and illuminated since the advent of the printing press over 500 years ago. You will have a chance to look at and touch the Book of the Gospels and Acts. Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener (519-745-7301). Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.



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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 30 to May 6, 2017

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| Monday..... | 8:30 a.m. ... Special intention of Angela & Peter Granic – Yolkowski Family |
| Tuesday Beechwood Manor | 10:00 a.m. .. Special intention |
| | 7:00 p.m. ... Bridget D'Costa – Christina D'Costa |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. ... Sister Louisita Dietrich – Margaret Ann Dietrich & Family |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. ... Barbara McEvoy – Jean & John Jarvis & Family |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. ... Deceased members of Morales Ruz Family – Naury & Maria |
| | The Westhill 10:00 a.m. ... Harold Schleuter – Ed & Carmel Kennedy |
| Saturday..... | 6:00 p.m. ... Holy Hour |
| | 7:00 p.m. ... Richard Biber; Agnes & Sydney Horton |

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 23, 2017: \$4,030.00

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

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION: Sunday, May 7, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, our second parish celebration of First Eucharist will take place. We ask for God’s blessing on these children and their families.

PERMANENT DIOCONATE: Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday, May 7, that will take place at St. Michael Church in Waterloo. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST: Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation. 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada encourage the faithful to pray, study and reflect on the past 500 years; to be people of reconciliation striving toward Christian unity. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and four other KW Catholic/Lutheran congregations invite you to a local ecumenical experience opportunity. Let’s engage in dialogue and be witnesses to the one gospel that we confess in common. Join us!!!

May 3: Commemorating the Reformation, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall

May 10: Conflict breaks Communion, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall

May 17: From Conflict to Communion, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd., Waterloo

May 24: Growth in Communion through Dialogue, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd.

May 31: Commitment to Communion, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall

All sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sessions include time of prayer, short video presentation, discussions, scriptural readings, and refreshments. For more information, please call the parish office 519-886-0342 or email whyatbreakfast@gmail.com.



SPRING FLOWER BED PREPARATION AND PLANTING: We would like to have 5 or 6 people volunteer to help prepare the flower beds for planting on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. and then the planting of the flowers on Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m. If you have a garden claw to help turn the beds that would be great as well. With 5 or 6 people the time commitment will only be about 1.5 hours each day.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE CWL! The spring bake sale was a great success and the CWL thanks all of the wonderful bakers who contributed their time and talents to create such delicious items. We also thank those who purchased the baked goods and bought tickets for the cake draw. We hope you enjoyed your treats and know that your generosity will help us to provide excellent events for our members and to give to those needful charities we support.



The spring cake was won by Marg Perrotta who is using it for a special birthday cake in the near future. Our Catholic Women’s League is very proud and blessed to be a part of Our Lady of Lourdes Church Community.

We mourn those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints.

Bob ErvinApril 23, 2017



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Theme: Walking Forward Together

Walking forward together in Catholic Education means we are on a journey. As individuals, our journey begins with important lessons learned at home with our family that continue at school. With God’s grace, we strive to overcome failings, to seek reconciliation, and to grow in the joy of the Gospel. As Canadians, we recognize our nation is on a journey of growth, too, marked by struggle and accomplishment, moments of pride and regret; but a journey forward nonetheless with great hope for the future. As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation, we recognize that Catholic Education has always been part of that Canadian story. As our nation has walked forward, it has never been without the gift of Catholic schools. Finally, as the People of God, we are a pilgrim people, called, as the Church teaches, “to worship in truth and serve in holiness”. (*Lumen Gentium*, 9) In our praying and learning and serving, we walk *together* towards our heavenly home.

In this week of celebrating Catholic Education, may we be reminded that we are called to be a people who journey, not content to stay in one place but always moving outward to where we can serve others; we are called to walk together, never needing to feel alone in our mission; and we are called toward a loving and merciful destiny.

May God continue to bless our publicly funded Catholic Schools in Ontario and all those who serve in and with them.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton



THE YEAR 2017 WILL MARK THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. The centenary will be celebrated by the Church around the world. It is a privileged moment in which we should hear and heed once again the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima – the call to conversion and repentance for sins, the invitation to intense prayer, especially the Holy Rosary and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

To celebrate this event here at Lourdes, a holy hour is being observed on five First Saturdays. The next holy hour, the fourth of five, will be held on Saturday, May 6. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. This will be followed by a time for private adoration and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The hour will conclude with Benediction beginning at 6:45 p.m.