

13th ANNUAL
Bishop's Banquet
 In Honour Of
 The Most Reverend
Bishop Douglas Crosby
 Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton
Tuesday • May 1, 2018 • 5:30 pm
 Catholic Education Centre • St. Mary's Parish Hall
 35 Weber Street West • Kitchener • Ontario
 For Tickets & Information Contact Ms. Jody Fritz:
 Tel: 519.578.3660 ext. 2373 or Email: jody.fritz@wcdsb.ca
 A charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price.

SPRING SOCIAL hosted by St. Joseph's CWL, 1025 Wallace Ave. N., Listowel, Monday April 9. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m. Guest Speaker: Dr. Barb Matthews on "Forever Young". Penny table, main draw, and grocery hamper draw. Lunch provided. Free admission.

CRAFT & VENDOR SALE: St. Joseph Church (148 Madison Ave. S., Kitchener) Craft & Vendor Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hand-made crafts, home business products & décor! Over 20 vendors! Knitted and crocheted articles, jewelry, wood crafts, sewing, art work & paper crafts, décor & religious articles, food items & baking. Plus reps from Pampered Chef, Epicure, doTerra, Arbonne, Thirty-One, Isagenix, Avon, Stampin' Up, and Scentsy. Check the Facebook event "Craft & Vendor Sale – St. Joseph Church" for more details or call Cathy at 519-578-0785.

THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH GUILD invites everyone to attend the Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower (no meat) to be held Saturday, April 14, at 10:45 a.m. at the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated and will be preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master will be Reverend Ron Voisin.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNUAL CARD PARTY: Join us for an afternoon of fun at our annual card party, Wednesday April 18 from 1-4 p.m. Lunch at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Office, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener, 519-745-7301. Proceeds will be donated to Hospice-Palliative Care. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! The Catholic Charities Lottery drew 5 winners of \$500 on March 21. The lottery assists with funding the Catholic Community Foundation's mission to support Catholic causes in our schools, parishes and community. There are still lots of tickets left for both the April 25 early bird draws and weekly draws (two \$1,000 prizes) from May 9 to July 18. Don't forget that you can win more than once! Go to www.CCFOWR.org to find the ticket application or call the CCF office at 519 747-5661 to purchase over the phone.

ALPHA YOUTH
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.



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SUNDAY MASSES:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Rev. Rafal Tomon

Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang

Paula Rush

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.

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.

By appointment – please phone the parish office

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses

or by appointment

By appointment – please phone the parish office

Last Sunday of each month after all Masses

Church door collections – last Sunday of each month

Announced Mass intentions for April 9 to 15, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Sister Luisa Pereira & Frank Pereira – Nevelle & Naomi de' Rozario
Tuesday Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Ted Hughes – Angela Madappuli
	7:00 p.m.	Steve Maloney – Regina Maloney
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Fr. James Wahl CR – Patrick Harrigan
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Karen Castiglione – Horace & Rita Coelho
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Clayt Reidel – Dan & Peggy Dietrich
Saturday.....	5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Gerry Moser – Marie & Fred Kirvan
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 1, 2018: \$4,480.00

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

SHARE LENT – TOGETHER FOR PEACE: Your Share Lent donation can be made any time up to and including April 22. 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 around the world please visit www.dev.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: St. Michael’s Parish, Waterloo, is offering a 6-week grief support program to assist people after the death of a loved one or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays, April 25 to May 30, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s. There is no fee but you must register by April 10. To register, or for more information, please contact the parish office at 519-884-9311 ext. 0, or via email at parish@stmichaelw.ca.

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/>.

Mother/Daughter Breakfast

All ladies of the parish are welcome to come to the breakfast hosted by the CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes. 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 (first come, first served).

Deadline for tickets is Sunday, April 15.

Please call Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847 if interested or you may fill out the following form and deposit it and your money in an envelope and put it in the collection basket.

_____ ✂ _____ ✂ _____
Name of each person: _____
Age of child (children): _____
Total included: Cash _____ Cheque _____

Please put CWL Breakfast on the envelope. Tickets will be held for you at the door.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: The longer we are in a relationship with someone, the greater our knowledge of that person. When it comes to marriage, this can have both positive and negative impacts on our relationship. On the positive side, it helps us to recognize how our spouse is feeling, what their needs may be and what actions on our part can meet their needs! This intimate knowledge may have a more negative impact when we assume we understand and know what our spouse wants and/or needs without asking since we may be completely off the mark. No matter how well we know a person, we still need good communication in our relationships which requires speaking, listening, negotiating and, perhaps most importantly, not assuming! Ask for clarity, specify desires and speak the truth in love. All of these will draw you closer together.

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. The 50-member chorus is a non-profit organization and has performed across Canada and travelled to the United States and Europe. Since its formation in 1973, the chorus has raised more than \$1.25 million for charitable events. The proceeds from the April 20 performance will benefit 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). St. Michael’s has a long history of sponsoring refugee families from many countries. Thank you for your support.

THREE 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.

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.

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things – from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes – are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God – the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God” – more remarkable. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.