



SKATES AND HELMETS are needed by the refugee family we are supporting so that they can enjoy a favourite Canadian winter activity. Size doesn't matter as the items can be traded in for the sizes that are needed. Please bring any skates and helmets you wish to donate to the parish office.

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE – DID YOU KNOW? The government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected member of provincial parliament.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS)

For the 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve, and the midnight Mass on Christmas Day, additional ministers of hospitality (ushers) will be required. If you are able to assist, please contact Bette in the parish office (519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com).

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE: During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ's promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.

OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS: Please join us on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener, for a life-changing day entitled "Our Hearts are Restless!" We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and powerful talks and testimonies by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. Come experience the truly transforming power of Jesus Christ in preparation for Christmas! No registration fee. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a bag-lunch. A freewill offering will be taken. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at the Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha, from now until December 18, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Homemade jams, jellies, their own honey and home-baked loaves.

NEW TOYS FOR NEEDY KIDS (an annual Waterloo Knights of Columbus project): Noteworthy Singers concert, "Christmas Joy", December 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or a cash/cheque donation. We hope to see you there.

THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON invites you to celebrate the arrival of Prophets, the second of 7 volumes of the Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition, to be received by the Diocese of Hamilton. Join us for the Advent Hymn Festival on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.



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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 December 4 to 10, 2016

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m.Tefamariam Desta – Lemlem Tefamariam
- Tuesday **Beechwood Manor**.....10:00 a.m.Special intention
 7:00 p.m.Special intention of Ted Walraven – Wilhelmina Walraven & Family
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m.Edna Therese Snaveley – Jean & John Jarvis & Family
- Thursday 7:00 p.m.Dale Melchin – Wilbert Sommers
- Friday 8:30 a.m.Iva Granic – Petre & Angela Granci
- Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.Thanda Marla; William Raymond Hodgett

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 27, 2016: \$4,803.00

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

Monthly Budget Review as of November 30, 2016

Cumulative financial objective – 48 Weeks @ \$7,500		\$360,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$268,506.05	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>115,015.89</u>	<u>383,221.94</u>
Over (under) objective		\$23,221.94

Living Scripture



Once again this year, students from grades one to eight are invited to proclaim the Word of God through movement at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Parent volunteers are most welcome and needed! Registration forms are available at the church entrances for those who wish to become involved. Deadline to register for the Living Scripture is

Monday, December 5 at 12 noon.

THREE LIVING SCRIPTURE REHEARSALS

Tuesdays, December 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Children and parent volunteers are asked to meet in the church hall on the above dates in preparation for the rehearsal that will take place in the church.

“Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” –attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CHOIRS



Would you like to be in a special one-time choir for our Christmas Eve Masses?

The choir for the 5 p.m. Mass will rehearse once on Saturday, December 17 from 1:00-2:15 p.m. The choir for the 7 p.m. Mass will rehearse from 7-8:30 p.m. on both Wednesday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 21. All rehearsals will be in the chop[oir] loft. If you are interested, please let us know by calling (519-886-0342) or emailing the parish office (lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com).

Come enjoy this wonderful Christmas experience. Comfortable seats-with-a-view in the choir loft - guaranteed!

ADVENT PENANCE CELEBRATIONS - WATERLOO CHURCHES: The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to restore our hurt or broken relationship with God, the Church, one another and with ourselves. Everyone is encouraged to make frequent use of this Sacrament of Healing. Advent, a time of preparation in the Church, is not a penitential season like Lent, but is still an appropriate time for us to celebrate this sacrament. Each of the four churches in Waterloo will offer a Penitential Service during Advent. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend one of these.

- Monday, December 12 7:30 p.m.....St. Louis Church
- Tuesday, December 13 7:30 p.m.....St. Agnes Church
- Wednesday, December 14 7:30 p.m.....St. Michael Church
- Thursday, December 15..... 7:30 p.m.....Our Lady of Lourdes Church

BAPTISM: During the month of November, the following children became members of God’s family in the sacrament of baptism:

Jin William Bye Kondo
Nathan James Camplin

Ken Bennett Bye Kondo
Leightyn Marcia Maryann Fedy

Brinley Clara Jean Caesar
Aoki Jak Yoshy

TRANSPORTATION TEAM: The Tree of Life “Tree Cutters” need some volunteers to help lift the tree onto the truck at 12 Northmanor Cres., Kitchener (behind Resurrection High School), on Saturday, December 17 at 1:45 p.m. Come experience this parish tradition! **Last year there were not enough volunteers to easily handle this task so if you can spare an hour please contact Bette at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.**



CHURCH SETUP: On Sunday, December 18, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass (i.e. noon), volunteers will be required to help with church preparations, including erecting the above-mentioned tree and the manger scene. Christmas cheer to follow in the parish hall.

A Christmas Remembrance for Our Parish Shut-ins



It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver to all our shut-ins a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with them. How special it will be to them when they receive their tin of homemade Christmas cookies! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering those who would dearly love to be with us but, due to declining health, are unable to do so.



Please bring only cookies – other baking is very difficult to include in the tins for the shut-ins. Your cookies should be brought to the parish office on Tuesday, December 13 between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Labeled containers will be returned to you.



When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a Christmas ornament, a small token of appreciation for your kindness.



Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies to the shut-ins on Thursday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please call Bette at the parish office.

TWO TOONIES AND A LOONIE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is getting into the Christmas spirit by organizing our annual hamper program for the many families we serve. We are asking for your support for our “two toonies and a loonie” drive so that we will once again be able to offer grocery gift cards. The dignity of choosing one’s own Christmas dinner is the gift we wish to share this season. Your donation can be made via the special envelope included in last week’s bulletin or use one of your own, clearly marking it “Two Toonies and a Loone” Thank you in advance from all of us at St. Vincent de Paul for your continued and much appreciated support. We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas. (Note: your donation qualifies for an income tax receipt.)



VOCATION SEEDS: “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? 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.