

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION 60TH ANNIVERSARY: Please join us on Thursday, February 22 as we celebrate another wonderful milestone at this year's fundraising gala dinner – an evening of good food, great friends and entertainment – at the Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton. It was in 1958 when the C.Y.O. was officially recognized as a non-profit agency for the work we were doing with marginalized children for our inner-city (including children with special needs). Tickets are \$125 each and include a 5-course meal, complimentary drink and wine. For tickets or more information, contact mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca or call 905-528-0011 ext. 3608.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE: On February 24 join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines, Gerard Bergie, along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, adoration, confession, fraternity and prayer. Special father/son rates available. All info and tickets: www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/, info@ServiamMinistries.com, or 1-888-522-2070.

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY! During Lent Blessed Sacrament Parish is offering 33 Days to Merciful Love, a group retreat in preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the board room, beginning Thursday March 1. To register or if you have any questions, contact Yvonne 519-570-9029.

LEVEL 1 (LEARNING TO COPE) AND LEVEL 2 (ACCEPTING THE SITUATION) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35.00 (Level 1), and \$45.00 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 to register, or do so at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php. If you know of someone who might be assisted by these programs, please pass this information on.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY! Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada, the 26th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally! The theme of this year's rally is "Fire on the Earth" (Luke 12:49). Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield. The adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. The youth Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth. For additional info, visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca, or contact us at 905-270-2510.

THE VOCATION OFFICE'S NEW ISSUE OF THE REFLECTION SERIES IS OUT! This issue features a message from our Vocation Director, Father Michael King, and a message from 24 of our 25 seminarians. Please visit the vocation website, www.HamiltonVocations.com, to view it.



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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
	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 February 12 to 18, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Margret Fisher & Omar Martin – Nevelle & Naomi de'Rozario
Tuesday	Luther Village	10:00 a.m. Hannah Perera – Angela Madappuli
		7:00 p.m. Michael Tangney – Stephen & Ger Dowling
Ash Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Ted Hughes – Carole Rason
		7:00 p.m. Jack Downey – John & Maryann Fedy & Family
Thursday.....	7:00 p.m.	Doug Furlong – Pat Snoddon
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Alphonse Meagher – Joe & Marg Bayer
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Bernie Quesnelle – Greg & Laurie Henderson
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, February 4, 2018: \$4,334.00

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

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT – OPEN MEETING

Next weekend, the Spiritual and Financial Report for 2017 will be distributed. On Tuesday, February 27 after evening Mass, you are invited to an open parish meeting for a conversational presentation of the report. Members of the Parish Finance Council and the Property and Maintenance Committee will be present to offer information and to field any questions you might have. Come and enjoy refreshments, dialogue and friendship!



TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2017 are being prepared and will be mailed this week. If anyone has had a change of address that we don't know about, a phone call to the parish office on Monday morning would be appreciated.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: In February we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, but love is an action word, needed every day of every month. This year try something different for Valentine's Day – make a commitment to tell each other on the 14th of every month what it is you love about each other. An attitude of gratitude, recognizing the good in the other and making a point of telling each other why you are in love is a great way to put love into action and it helps you to never take your love for granted.

VOCATION SEEDS: Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when he saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 x2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



**10TH WATERLOO SCOUT GROUP & THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH
PRESENT THE 38TH ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**



The youth, leaders and parents of the Scouting and St. Vincent de Paul Youth invite you to join us for a parish tradition. The 38th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 13 in the parish hall. As always, the supper will feature the popular *all-you-can-eat* pancakes and ham. Dessert and beverages are included. Once again the ham is generously supplied by Piller's Fine Foods and we wish to thank them for their continuing support of our event.

Serving time is from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available only at the door on a first-come first-served basis. The ticket prices for this year's event are family - \$25, adults - \$10, seniors - \$7, children under 12 - \$7. (A family is considered to be parents and their children, 12 years of age and younger, with a maximum of five people)

We look forward to serving returning patrons and to welcoming new friends. For further information, please contact Bob Kalbfleisch at 519-572-1112 or bob.kalbfleisch@bell.net, or George Mayer at 519-741-6744 or george.mayer.jr@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lent 2018 – 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving	
Daily Lenten Mass	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each week a different meditation of the Stations will be used. Everyone is encouraged to make an effort to attend the Stations at least one of the six Friday evenings during Lent.
Daily Reflection	Rediscover Jesus is a profound invitation to seek deeply personal answers to our deeply personal questions. Each page seems to effortlessly reach deep into our lives, providing spiritual wisdom and practical insights that help us get to know both Jesus and ourselves in a new way. Some books find us at just the right time, and those books change our lives forever. <i>Rediscover Jesus</i> is one of those books.
Fast & Abstinence	Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Catholics from age 18-59 fast on those days, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.
Almsgiving Share Lent Sunday March 18	<p style="text-align: center;">TOGETHER FOR PEACE</p> <p>During Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to take part in their new Share Lent campaign: Together for Peace. This campaign calls on us to reflect on the profound meaning of peace by discovering the importance of dialogue as a means for reconciliation and for the construction of peace. Together, let us continue to believe that peace, human dignity and justice can triumph.</p> <p>Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict; yes to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation; yes to sincerity and no to duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes strength and tenacity. (Pope Francis, June 8/14)</p> <p>Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace. May the long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Scripture reminds us that our good deeds go with us into eternity.</p>
 Canadian Food for Children	This year we are collecting skim milk powder and iodized salt . Milk holds huge potential to improve nutrition for hundreds of millions of poor people around the world. It is too expensive, however, for the poorest families to buy. A deficiency in salt can lead to death from heat stroke, or an enlarged thyroid gland which decreases energy and strength. As well, pregnant mothers lacking iodized salt in their diets put their babies at risk of mental disability. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (March 25).

