

ST. AGATHA PARISH CWL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY: Come out and bring a few friends! Door prizes, draws and a delicious beef stew luncheon. Admission: \$10/person includes stew, rolls, beverage & dessert squares. St. Agatha RC Church Hall Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. Cash draw & raffle draws during luncheon at 4:30 p.m. For more information, email stagathacwl@gmail.com.



Parish Games Afternoon (PGA): Join the tour! Our second PGA event will be held Saturday, February 25 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Parishioners ages 0-100 are welcome! A variety of board games and cards will be provided. We'll put on tea and coffee, and have water available too. Please bring a refillable mug or water bottle, and perhaps a snack to share. Chase those February blues away!

EXPLORING THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE: SEEING THE WORD – a senior adult workshop series, 6 Wednesday afternoons starting March 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m., at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Come and explore the history and making of the newly acquired St. John's Bible, the first handwritten, illuminated bible in 500 years! Using images from this work of art enter into the beauty of the scriptures by seeing the Word. This program will be facilitated by David Dayler, MTS. The cost will be \$35 and includes resources. Please register by February 21. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238, or check the website www.hamiltondiocese.com.

“FORGIVEN/FORGOTTEN”, A THEATRE OF THE BEAT PRODUCTION, is a fast paced, heart-wrenching drama that examines how our culture responds to those affected by crime. When a family finds out that an offender will be serving his parole in their community, they are forced to choose between closing their doors or reaching out to those in need. The play begins at 8:00 p.m. on February 23 in the St. Jerome's Vanstone Lecture Hall (SJ2 1004) and parking is provided. This event is sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee and admission is by donation, \$15 suggested. To learn more about the traveling troupe, “Theatre of the Beat”, and how they stage change visit Theatreofthebeat.ca

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira, on Saturday, March 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. To arrange drop off/pick up of items you would like to donate please email BTWalkKW@braintumour.ca or call 519-498-4632. Due to space limitations, please no books or clothing. There will be a 31 Independent Consultant and Holly's Homemade Cinnamon Buns on site as well!

“WORTH A SECOND LOOK” thrift shop located at the former location of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for donations. We are a charity that is a project of the Working Centre. Our goal is to provide low cost furniture and housewares to the community and help support many of our projects including “The Soup Kitchen”. Items requested are furniture, decorator items, small electrical appliances, clean household items, books and current magazines, health and beauty products, jewelry of all kinds, crafts and art supplies, collectibles, music and movies, toys, gardening and hardware items. Items can be dropped off at 97 Victoria St. N. (entrance off of Duke or Weber Sts. at Heit Lane). Pickups are available for larger donations by calling 519-569-7566 ext. 1 to make an appointment. Thanking you in advance for your help.



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PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:

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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 February 19 to 25, 2017

Monday..... 8:30 a.m.Paul Dunn – Barbara Dunn
 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.Anne & Herbert Steffler – Bill & Kathy Steffler & Family
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m.John Lutz – Dorothy Lutz & Girls
 Thursday 7:00 p.m.Special intention of Catherine Evans – Burns Family
 Friday 8:30 a.m.Loranna Chisholm – Margaret Girodat & Bonnie Edwards
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.Thomas Hughes; Wallace Collins

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20, for Family Day.

Offertory collection for Sunday, February 12, 2017: \$3,682.00

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



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED): The first orientation session in the use of our new AED is being held on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The training will take approximately 30 minutes followed by a question and answer period. Additional training opportunities will be held in the future. If you would like to know how the AED works, please join us on the 21st.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: On Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m., 63 children will receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation. May the Lord bless these children and their families as they continue the process of Christian initiation, and may they always remember that God is love and forgiveness.

THE SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph, March 11 to 19. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Saint Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOTTERY! 31 chances to win with each \$100 ticket purchased! The Catholic Community Foundation conducts The Catholic Charities Lottery to help Catholic causes in our schools, parishes and community. Up to 1000 tickets are available at \$100 each. There are bi-weekly draws for \$100 from May to September, with a final draw for \$1,500 on September 20. Five \$500 early bird draws on each of March 15 and April 19. Payments must be made in full by March 14 to qualify for early bird draws. For tickets and information call 519-747-5661 or visit www.ccfowr.org.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL IS HOSTING THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 3, 2017: It is our parish's privilege to welcome members of neighbouring Christian churches as host of this year's local World Day of Prayer celebration Friday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. Our prayer service, "Am I Being Unfair to You?" was prepared by women from the Philippines. Our pastor, Father Allen Varlaki, will preach as we join Christians around the world in prayer. We warmly invite all to join us in prayer.



FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS: Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Remember to bring your ideas about how we can make a difference at school, in the community, and in the world. Hope to see you then!

RECEPTION OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE LETTERS AND REVELATION: On February 26, the diocese will receive the third volume of the St. John's Bible – Volume 7: Letters and Revelation. His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, will be doing a talk entitled *The Book of Revelation as a Beacon for Christian Discipleship in the Modern Age*. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. All are welcome.

LARGE DISPLAY OF MONSIGNOR LUIGI GIUSSANI, founder of the Catholic Lay Movement, Communion and Liberation. Where: Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha, downstairs hall. When: February 25 & 26, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. both days.

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT – OPEN MEETING

This Wednesday evening (February 22) at 7:00 p.m. we will have an open parish meeting for a conversational presentation of the 2016 Parish Annual Report that you will have received this weekend. 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!

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 37th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 28 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 - \$22, adults - \$8, seniors - \$6, children under 12 - \$6. (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.



BE INSPIRED ENCOURAGED AND HEALED: Come celebrate the 25th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. Powerful witnesses of personal and family healing from David Patterson and Gemma MacDonald. The adult high Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth as there will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. plus bus cost (see below).

Tickets for the rally are \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth. The Catholic Women's League is organizing a bus for the rally. Cost for the bus is \$25 per person. Those interested in attending, please contact Mel Raos at 519-885-0955 or raosma63@gmail.com, or Rita Coelho at 519-886-0085.

For more information on the event itself check www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.

C.Y.O. CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER: On Thursday, March 2, the C.Y.O. will be celebrating our 32nd annual children's fundraiser. Proceeds from this annual event enable children with special needs and those in financial need the opportunity to attend our C.Y.O. Camp Marydale and Camp Brébeuf camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment – all for a great cause. Our evening's presentations include His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton, our 2017 Honourary Camper Family, the 2016 Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inductees presentation, and the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation. For more information please contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca. Thank you on behalf of all the children this fundraiser supports.