

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE WITH THE SAINT JOHN’S BIBLE: On Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish in Fergus, we will be having a Prayer in the Style of Taize with The Saint John’s Bible. This will be an opportunity to see the Word of God as we sing meditative songs inspired by the illuminations in The Saint John’s Bible. This is open to anyone who is interested in a time of meditative prayer.

CONFERRING OF PAPAL HONOURS: On Sunday, March 4, Papal Honours will be conferred upon 16 recipients by Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada. The honours will be conferred at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton within a Liturgy of the Word celebration. All are welcome to attend.

CITY OF WATERLOO SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD: Please consider nominating someone in our community for this prestigious award. The nominee must be 65 years of age or older, and be someone who has contributed on a voluntary basis to the enhancement of life in the City of Waterloo. Award recipients will be recognized at a special ceremony at City Hall in June, 2018. Nominee’s volunteer activities may have been in fields such as the arts, community service, education, environment, humanitarian activities, sports or other areas where they have had an impact on life in Waterloo. Nominations must be submitted by the end of March, 2018. Help the City of Waterloo to recognize its deserving older adult volunteers. For more information and nomination forms, please visit www.waterloo.ca/agefriendly.

BUS TO 26th ANNUAL “LIFT JESUS HIGHER” RALLY: Saturday, March 3rd, bus leaves the parking lot of St. Mark’s Catholic Church at 6:50 a.m. (55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener) to head to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Bus tickets are \$15/person (includes snacks and driver gratuity). For bus tickets please call Anna at 519-577-8519. For rally tickets or info, visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.

ST. AGATHA PARISH CWL PRESENTS ST. PATRICK’S DAY CARD PARTY on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. Come out and bring a few friends! Door prizes, draws and a delicious beef stew luncheon. Admission \$10/person includes stew, rolls, beverage and dessert squares. Cash draw and raffle draws during luncheon at 4:30 p.m. For more info, email stagathahcwl@gmail.com.

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED: 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. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7– 9pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register, or do so at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php.

#RallyUp 2018 “BE” REGISTRATION IS LIVE: Don’t miss out on the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally taking place at Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood, on Saturday, May 26. Registration is live at hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally. BE there!



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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 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 26 to March 4, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	John Lutz – Marlene Hickson & Family
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Marc Verreault – Adèle Verreault
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Clayt Reidel – Joyce Reidel
Friday	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart – Brenden Biber
	The Westhill	10:00 a.m. Agnes & Sydney Horton - Estate
		7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....	10:00 a.m.	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mother
		7:00 p.m. Dawn Kirvan – Kathleen Sehl
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
		11:00 a.m. Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, February 18, 2018: \$4,573.05

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

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT – OPEN MEETING

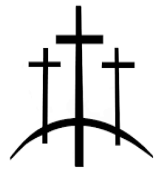
On Tuesday, February 27 after evening Mass, you are invited to an open parish meeting for a conversational presentation of the report. Members of the Parish Finance Council and the Property and Maintenance Committee will be present to offer information and to field any questions you might have. Come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

PRAYER VIGIL – Thursday, March 1, 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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Lent is a time of preparation which allows us to fully celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and reflect on the gift of salvation. Help your children, no matter their ages, to understand that Lent is more than just “giving something up”. Lent is a time for prayerful reflection which allows us to properly celebrate and understand the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life given to us through Christ’s passion, death and resurrection. Pray as a family, talk about what these gifts mean and teach about the symbols of Lent, since all of these lead us to the joy of Easter. Instead of dreading Lent, you can help our children rejoice in its ability to bring us closer to God.

SEEING THE WORD SESSION: On March 8 at the Chancery Office (700 King St. W., Hamilton), the Liturgy Office will be hosting a Seeing the Word session for those who may be interested in delving a little deeper into God’s Word through the illuminations of the Saint John’s Bible. In preparation for the Easter Triduum, our Visio Divina will focus on the image of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah. The session will be in the afternoon from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All who are interested may contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2336. All are welcome.

VOCATION SEEDS: If you need examples of persons responding to God’s call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God’s call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Joint Lenten Retreat with Waterloo Catholic Women’s Leagues

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall

March 3 at 8:45 a.m. (arrive 8:15 to 8:45) to 11:30 a.m.

Come listen to a wonderful speaker, Anne Jamieson from the Hamilton Diocesan Office, talk about “The Rhythm of Lent”.

Then Mass at 10:00 a.m. and delicious refreshments after.

Share Lent 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Once again it is Lent, that sacred time of year when Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites us to live out a new Share Lent campaign, Together for Peace. Indeed, we are called to reflect on the profound meaning of peace by discovering the importance of dialogue within the context of reconciliation and peace-building. In these troubled times, often characterized by fear of others, hatred and violence, it is our duty to find the path to unity. But where to start? Which path to follow? How do we build a better world? A short time ago, Pope Francis reminded us that:

If there is one word that we should never tire of repeating, it is this: dialogue. [...] The culture of dialogue entails a true apprenticeship and a discipline that enables us to view others as valid dialogue partners, to respect the foreigner, the immigrant and people from different cultures as worthy of being listened to. [...] Peace will be lasting in the measure that we arm our children with the weapons of dialogue, that we teach them to fight the good fight of encounter and negotiation. In this way, we will bequeath to them a culture capable of devising strategies of life, not death, and of inclusion, not exclusion. — Pope Francis, address during the conferral of the Charlemagne Prize, May 6, 2016

We see that dialogue, be it interreligious, interdenominational, or intercommunal, is a path towards peace and a necessary condition for peace to prevail in the world. Together, let us take this path by focusing on what unites us rather than what divides us. Together, let us answer the call of our Lord Jesus Christ who prayed to the Father “that all of them may be one” (John 17:21), and in the power of the Spirit, let us seek out others, reach out to them, and recognize that they are our sisters and brothers. For Lent this year, let us join Development and Peace, the international solidarity organization of our Church here in Canada, and commit to being Together for Peace. Let us support this campaign that touches each and every one of us, as well as our global community, at the very core of our being. Let us learn about the impact of actions for peace being carried out by courageous groups in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Let us pray for peace. Let us reflect together on how this campaign enables us to spread the Good News of Christ and be peacemakers. Peace is being built today and every day, in every community, village, and country, all together and inside each and every one of us. And thanks to your solidarity and generosity, we have been building peace together for more than 50 years. Together, peace is possible!

Fraternally,

Most Rev. Lionel Gendron, P.S.S.

Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil

President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

