

LENTEN RETREAT: Everyone is invited to a lenten retreat on Wednesday, March 8, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Ruthann Fisher, pastoral assistant, will draw from 26 years of ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and Certificates in Pastoral and Youth Ministry, as well as a three-month sabbatical at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, as she leads us in a retreat entitled “The Word Became Flesh, and Dwelt Among Us.” This Lent, explore how you allow the Word of God to influence your life. We begin with the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. followed by the retreat. Hosted by the Catholic Women’s League. Please bring your bible.

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.

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.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10, for a lecture by Fr. Michael Patella, a Benedictine monk of Saint John’s Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Fr. Patella was the chair of the Committee on Illumination and Text for the Saint John’s Bible — the first handwritten and illuminated bible in over 500 years. He will explore the meaning of the visual leitmotifs that run through the bible, connecting one book and story to another. You will also have an opportunity to see three heritage volumes of this beautiful sacred text. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome’s University at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:45p.m.). Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments.

THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES: Pope Francis wrote a beautiful and rich exhortation called *Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love*. This document evolved from the Synods on the Family of the past few years, and offers a clear description of the challenges for families today, as well as a wealth of suggestions for how we can find and enjoy the love in our own families. Join us for a 4-part Lenten series led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. on Thursday afternoons: March 9, 23, 30 and April 6. We begin with Mass at 1p.m., series talk at 1:30pm. There will be a break with refreshments, group discussion and Q and A. You do not have to read the exhortation before coming to the series, but if you wish to you can access it online at www.vatican.va.



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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
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 26 to March 4, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Margret Fisher & Omar Martin – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Pasqualino Niccoli – Niccoli Family
ASH WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	Albin Perko – Olga Perko
	7:00 p.m.	Armand Guyon – Alberte Guyon
Thursday.....	7:00 p.m.	Florence Perrotta – Carlo & Marg Perrotta & Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Special intention of Schmidt Family – Carmel Evans Martin
The Westhill	10:00 a.m.	John Gillies – Ed & Carmel Kennedy
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour
	7:00 p.m.	Gerhard Hundt; Loretta Thompson

Offertory collection for Sunday, February 19, 2017: \$5,123.00

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



FIRST SATURDAY HOLY HOUR on March 4 will begin at 6:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. This will be followed by a time for private adoration and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The hour will conclude with Benediction beginning at 6:45 p.m.

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 N0B 2L0.

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.

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 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.

Ash Wednesday, March 1 – Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lent 2017 – 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	In "Living Lent with Love", readers can gain a greater appreciation of God's love for all of us. Each day the wisdom and insight of Pope Francis is presented along with a prayer. This booklet will serve as a powerfully engaging spiritual tool that will help you to discover more of the "freshness of the Gospel."
Fast & Abstinence	We are reminded that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat. Many of our Catholic practices are both for our spiritual growth and ultimately for the greater glory of God.
Almsgiving Share Lent Sunday April 2	<p style="text-align: center;">WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE</p> <p>DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE was founded 50 years ago to support the poorest and most vulnerable people in the Global South. To achieve its mission, Development and Peace supports local organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East in their work to promote justice and peace, and mobilizes Canadians to take action and create change. Development and Peace is a dynamic movement thanks to people just like you. You are Development and Peace!</p> <p>For Lent 2017, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada has chosen to put women at the forefront to highlight the very special importance and role they have in every aspect of development, whether it be social, environmental or economic. This Lent, act in solidarity with and walk alongside women and men who advocate for an equal and inclusive society, one in which women can participate hand-in-hand with men in building the world of tomorrow.</p> <p>Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace put <i>women at the heart of change</i>. May the long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Our motivation for almsgiving is rooted in sacred scripture where we are reminded that our good deeds go with us into eternity.</p>
Canadian Food for Children	LENTILS FOR LENT! This year we will be collecting <u>lentils and other dried beans</u> (not canned) for Canadian Food for Children throughout the season of Lent. These are staple foods in many countries and are very nutritious. 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 (April 9).

