

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Refer to the poster on the church bulletin board or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**VOCATION SEEDS:** Jesus created much excitement in his day through his preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. 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.

**VALENTINE DINNER:** Rolled rib dinner, February 10 with two sittings – 5 & 7 p.m. at the Maryhill Heritage Community Centre Complex. Cost is \$20 per person; \$10 for children aged 7-12; no charge for children 6 years. Sponsored by the Maryhill Knights of Columbus and the St. Boniface C.W.L. For tickets please contact Mike Runstedler at 519 648-3394 or Doug Zinger 519-648-2939. Please note: when you call for tickets please state the time you would like to attend. Advance tickets only!!

**VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY:** Monday, February 12 in the parish centre at St. Aloysius Church, 11 Traynor Ave., Kitchener. Doors open at noon. Lunch served at 12:30 p.m. with choice of chicken 'potpie' soup or chili, roll, salad, desserts. Cost is \$15 (advance tickets only). For tickets, call Bev at 519-576-1171.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A VALENTINE'S DANCE!** Campus Ministry at St. Jerome's University is hosting a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 10 from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. This dance is in support of the renovations to Notre Dame Chapel. The evening will include music provided by Michael Kelly alternating with DJing from Dennis Wallace. It promises to be a fun evening! A light lunch will be provided. The cost of tickets is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. For tickets please contact Martha Fauteux, Director of Campus Ministry at [mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca) or at 519-884-8111 ext 28215. We hope you can make it!

**HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be celebrated on Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo. Plan now to bring your family members or friends who may benefit by the blessing. Refreshments to follow.

**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/](http://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/), [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com), or 1-888-522-2070.

**WE ARE HIRING:** The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently receiving applications for the following opportunities: occasional teachers, uncertified early childhood assistants, lunch hour supervisors. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria – [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca).

**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



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**ADMINISTRATOR:**

**Rev. Rafal Tomon**

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**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 5 to 11, 2018**

Monday.....	8:30 a.m. ....	Mike & Joe Kassee – Elizabeth Kassee
Tuesday <b>Beechwood Manor</b> .....	10:00 a.m. ....	Fr. Ted Hughes – Beechwood Manor Community
	7:00 p.m. ....	Bruce Fricker – Gilda Stante
Wednesday .....	8:30 a.m. ....	Special intention of Charlene & Bob Ashmore – Dianne & Jim Schnarr
Thursday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	Barbara Blackmere – Foran Family
Friday .....	8:30 a.m. ....	Kathleen Logel – Bernie & Wanda Logel
	9:15 a.m. ....	Our Lady of Lourdes School Mass
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	Victor & Jonathan Froese – Betty Froese
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m. ....	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m. ....	Special intention

## Offertory collection for Sunday, January 28, 2018: \$5,035.00

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

### Monthly Budget Review as of January 31, 2018

Cumulative financial objective – 4Weeks @ \$7,500.....		\$30,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$19,572.00	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>11,371.99</u>	<u>30,943.99</u>
Over (under) objective .....		\$ 943.99

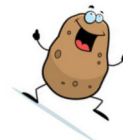


### YOU CAN FEED HUNGRY NEIGHBOURS by

participating in House of Friendship's February Potato Blitz. Volunteers are needed to collect donations of cash and spuds

at area grocery stores on Saturday, February 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (2-hour shifts).

Please sign up no later than Tuesday, February 5. For more information, or to sign up, contact Dawn at [specialevents@houseoffriendship.org](mailto:specialevents@houseoffriendship.org) or 519-742-8327 ext. 119.



**JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE:** The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016 legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all health care workers. Visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and to find out to whom you should address your letter (click "more about Ontario"). You can then modify the letter provided on the website if you wish and send it directly from there. Alternatively, write your own letter (samples are available at the entrances to the church) to your Provincial Member of Parliament. Consider adding your email address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between February 6 and March 31.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

### BLESSING OF ENGAGEMENTS

### PARISH COFFEE SOCIALS

**FEBRUARY 10/11, 2018**

Next weekend, we will be joined by Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki as we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day. February 11 is also World Day of the Sick, an observation started in 1993 by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and their caregivers. After each Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available for anyone in the church who wishes to receive it. Should you know of anyone at home who would like to receive this sacrament, please call the parish office to arrange for a home visit.

At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 11, couples who will celebrate their marriage in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in 2018, will have their engagement blessed. As these men and women prepare to speak words that will change their lives, it is our joy and responsibility to pray for them that once they have exchanged their marriage vows, they will be living signs of God's faithful love.



Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments in the church hall after all Masses next weekend. Take advantage of this opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new parishioners and, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the couples whose engagements will be blessed that day.

**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](http://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.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Parents often ask their children what they would like to be when they grow up, but the better question to reflect on is 'who' you want to be when you grow up. Lessons learned in childhood, along with the modelling from significant adults in their lives set a foundation for the adults our children become. Do you expect respect, the use of manners, that your children treat others with caring and compassion? Are you modelling the traits of a good parent and spouse? Do you help them to see how God can and does support them as they grow to develop the gifts they have been given to use in our world? Good people are happier and healthier people, so help your child develop the 'who' part of themselves and what they will be will take care of itself!

**ARE YOU TICKED ✓?** You may have changed address – but your Catholic school tax support didn't! Even if you have been a Catholic school supporter in the past, the designation does not follow you when you relocate. Every time you move, it is essential that you re-declare as a Catholic school supporter. It is important to do this for three key reasons:

1. The number of officially registered Catholic ratepayers determines the number of WCDSB trustees, as well as who is and isn't entitled to vote for Catholic trustees.
2. An accurate tally of Catholic school supporters is vital for planning purposes (new schools, boundaries, etc.).
3. A declining number of Catholic ratepayers can be used by opponents of Catholic education to argue for one school system.

So, get ticked – and keep our Catholic schools #WCDBAwesome! Visit [www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/register-for-school/school-tax-support/](http://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/register-for-school/school-tax-support/) for more information.

**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](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca), or contact us at 905-270-2510.

### Pope Francis' prayer intention for February: Say "No" to Corruption

Pope Francis recently released a video message accompanying his monthly prayer intention. The text of the message is "What is at the root of slavery, unemployment, and disregard for nature and goods held in common? Corruption, a process of death that feeds the culture of death. Because the thirst for power and possessions knows no limits. Corruption is not countered with silence. We must speak about it, denounce its evils, and try to understand it to as to show our resolve to make mercy reign over meanness, beauty over nothingness. *Let us pray that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.*"