

**RELIGION AND THE MEDIA:** Join us on Friday, February 10, when Mary Hynes, the host of Tapestry, CBC-Radio's program about spirituality and the search for meaning, will reflect on the relationship between religion and the media. Drawing on 14 years with Tapestry, Ms. Hynes will talk about how the religion beat can be the most rewarding — and the most frustrating — subject matter in journalism. The conversations can be profound, provocative, hilarious, heartbreaking. But how do you write headlines for the inexpressible? Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Lecture starts at 7:30 p.m. Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.

**VALENTINE CARD PARTY:** The CWL at Blessed Sacrament Parish, (305 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener) will be hosting their annual valentine card party in the parish centre on Monday, February 13. The cost is \$10. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. There will be a supper of salad and buns, selection of chili and chowders, and other "comfort foods", desserts, coffee/tea. Treats served throughout the evening. There will be door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 draw. Tickets available at the office or by calling 519-742-5061. Bring your own cards or other games.

**VALENTINE DINNER:** Rolled rib dinner, February 11, with two sitting – 5 & 7 p.m. at the Maryhill Heritage Community Centre Complex. Cost \$17.50 per person, children 7-12 \$10, 6 years and under free. Sponsored by the Maryhill Knights of Columbus and the St. Boniface C.W.L. For tickets please contact Mary Campagnaro at 519-822-928752 or Doug Zinger at 519-648-2939. Please note: when you call for tickets please tell the time you would like to attend. Advance tickets only!!

**STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 24, 2017, please call 905-664-5212, email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

### Development and Peace in Action in Syria!

Since the siege in East Aleppo ended last month, the cold weather has taken a severe toll on the estimated 50,000 Syrians remaining in East Aleppo, who sought refuge in temporary shelters or severely damaged buildings, and who do not have access to clean water, adequate food and electricity.

With the help of its long-time partner, the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), Development and Peace was able to provide 10,000 Syrians displaced from East Aleppo with supplies that will help them endure harsh winter conditions.

JRS provided displaced people in Hanano district with survival kits, including winter underwear and socks, hygiene kits to purify water and prevent disease, small gas cookers, and important food items, such as powdered milk to enhance children's nutrition and help prevent malnutrition.



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| <b>PASTOR:</b>                        | <b>Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes</b>   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b>                 | <b>Rev. Rafal Tomon</b>   |
| <b>DEACON:</b>                        | <b>Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang</b>   |
| <b>PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:</b>        | <b>Paula Rush</b>   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>      | <b>Bette Honsinger</b><br><b>Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</b>                     |
| <b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>                 | <b>Saturday 7:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Sunday 9:00 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community</b><br><b>Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.</b> |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:</b>          | <b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>    | <b>Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon</b><br><b>Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>         | <b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>  |
| <b>BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:</b> | <b>Last Sunday of each month after all Masses</b>   |
| <b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:</b>           | <b>Church door collections – last Sunday of each month</b>  |

### Announced Mass intentions for the week of February 5 to 11, 2017

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| Monday.....                          | 8:30 a.m. ....         | Deceased members of Brzozowski & Brent Families<br>– John & Maria Brzozowski |
| Tuesday <b>Beechwood Manor</b> ..... | 10:00 a.m. ....        | Special intention  |
|                                      | 7:00 p.m. ....         | In Thanksgiving – Suja Biber   |
| Wednesday .....                      | 8:30 a.m. ....         | Special intention – Bill & Chris Belleth                                     |
| Thursday .....                       | 7:00 p.m. ....         | Donna Lanca – Ed & Carmel Kennedy  |
| Friday .....                         | <b>8:45 a.m.</b> ..... | Parish Mass with Our Lady of Lourdes School                                  |
| Saturday.....                        | 7:00 p.m. ....         | Living & deceased members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish                      |

*Note: Mass on Friday will begin at 8:45 a.m.*

**Offertory collection for Sunday, January 29, 2017: \$3,584.00**

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

**Monthly Budget Review as of January 31, 2017**

Cumulative financial objective – 5 Weeks @ \$7,500 .....		\$37,500.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$24,683.25	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>11,145.99</u>	<u>35,829.24</u>
Over (under) objective .....		(\$1,670.76)



**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 21<sup>st</sup>.

**VOCATION SEEDS:** “You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.

**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 2017? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a wedding anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the side entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

**A SPECIAL PROGRAM ON THE SAINT JOHN’S BIBLE** “Insects in the Bible – An Intertextual Approach” will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on Saturday March 11, from 2-4 p.m. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, and Sabrina Hall who will consider some of the insects featured in The Saint John's Bible. Cost \$30. Pre-register by March 1 at www.rbg.ca or 1-800-694-4769.

*Our Lady of Lourdes School Mass – Friday, February 10 at 8:45 a.m.*

*On Friday, February 10 we will celebrate our morning Mass beginning at 8:45 a.m., welcoming the students from Our Lady of Lourdes School as they mark the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes.*

**We mourn those who have gone before us in death and continue with us in the Communion of Saints.**

Sally Bauer .....January 29, 2017



**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!

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**THE YEAR 2017 WILL MARK THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. The centenary will be celebrated by the Church around the world. It is a privileged moment in which we should hear and heed once again the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima – the call to conversion and repentance for sins, the invitation to intense prayer, especially the Holy Rosary and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

To celebrate this event here at Lourdes, a holy hour will be observed on five First Saturdays (February to June). We 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.

**BLESSING OF ENGAGEMENTS & PARISH COFFEE SOCIALS  
FEBRUARY 11/12, 2017**

**BLESSING OF ENGAGEMENTS:** At the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 12, couples who will celebrate their marriage in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in 2016, 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.



**COFFEE SOCIALS:** 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 11:00 a.m. Mass, the couples whose engagements were blessed that day.