

**SEMINAR OF HOPE – HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR SONS, DAUGHTERS & LOVED ONES:**

As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this free live seminar by Vernon Robertson, as seen on EWTN, is for you. Friday, January 20, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel Church, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener. Bring a bag lunch for Saturday. Freewill offering will be taken. For more information or to register contact Pat or Rita at paddy@golden.net or 519-748-5548. View promo video at www.seminarofhope.org.

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20,** when Priscilla Solomon, an Ojibway of the Anishinabek Nation and a Sister of St. Joseph, will reflect on the TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada) calls to transformation and reconciliation. Drawing on years of work in the Faith and Justice Office of her congregation, especially its recent focus on indigenous rights, healing, and reconciliation between indigenous peoples and settler peoples, Sister Solomon will consider what is required for us to create a new reality of integration in our country. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome’s University. 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.) Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.

**EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED DYING – DR. MOIRA MCQUEEN PRESENTATION:** Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will offer a presentation and Q&A on the need for conscience rights protection for physicians, healthcare workers and Catholic institutions in light of the legalization of assisted dying and euthanasia. Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, January 29 at 12 Noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) for this presentation in McNally Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM:** You are invited to the Christian Life Program at St. John’s Church Hall, Thursday evenings, February 2 to March 23 6-9 p.m. (dinner will be provided). This program is offered to Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers and those who are separated or divorced. Come deepen your faith and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Begin to prepare yourself for Easter by living a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, food, fellowship and song. We also will be conducting a separate Christian Life program for children at that same time in the meeting room of the hall. This event is free and sponsored by Couples for Christ. To preregister or for more information, please contact Scott Piggott/Rita Rudolph at 519-581-1389 or kwclp3@gmail.com.

**KW RIGHT TO LIFE:** January 28, 1988 was the year Canada's abortion law was struck down leaving no protection for the preborn child up until delivery. There will be a candlelight prayer vigil in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) from 6-7 p.m. on Saturday January 28, 2017. We pray for the spiritual adoption of all preborn babies in danger of abortion. Call KW Right to Life 519.746.5433 for more information.

**COME JOIN US TO FIND THE “KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS”:** “Keys” is a 9-week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. starting January 24 at St. Mark’s Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



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- 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 January 15 to 21, 2017**

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m. ....Harold Schlueter – Ed & Carmel Kennedy
- Tuesday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Victor Motz – Catherine & Paul Motz
- Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Living and deceased members of Our Lady of Lourdes CWL
- Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Ana Jagas – Diane McInnis & Satish Rangaswamy & Family
- Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Frank Ciccarelli – Frank & Charmaine Volpini & Family
- Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. ....Mary Wagner; Johnny McQueen

## Offertory collection for Sunday, January 8, 2017: \$4,048.05

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



### PLEASE SAVE YOUR MILK BAGS!

The families of Our Lady of Lourdes School request the assistance of the parish to participate in Project Milk Bag. For the next 2 months, we ask for you to help in the collection of the colourful outer milk bags. They should be clean and flattened. They can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church in the box provided. The bags will be cut into strips, tied together, and then woven into mats for less fortunate individuals all over the world. It takes 400 milk bags to make an adult-sized mat. Not only is this a fantastic recycling initiative (the “lowly” milk bag takes 15 years to breakdown in landfill sites), but the bags become a useful resource when repurposed for people in need. These durable mats are utilized as a simple bed that is appreciated as alternative to sitting or sleeping on hard and often damp ground. The plastic is a deterrent for insects and spiders and the mats can be repeatedly washed, even in a river, and hung to dry for many years. Later this winter, the parents and students will have an opportunity to lend a hand to assemble the mats. In this manner we can celebrate how blessed we are, in a safe country, in health and happiness, and keep in our minds and hearts those who have so little.



**FIRST AIDERS:** A defibrillator will be installed in the lobby of the church in January.

Have you had a first aid course or CPR training and would you be interested in coming to an orientation session for the new defibrillator? We're looking for a group of parishioners who have had first aid training and would be interested in learning how to use the defibrillator. In the event of an emergency having several parishioners who have been oriented to the machine could save a life. The orientation session will occur in January (in the evening). If interested, please contact Bette at the parish office.

**ORNAMENTS FROM THE TREE OF LIFE:** Those who had a child baptized or a loved one called to Eternal Life (and buried from Lourdes) in 2016 may pick up their angel or cross after any weekend Mass in the work sacristy behind Our Lady of Lourdes' altar

**VOCATION SEEDS:** St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com), or visit [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com).

**CELEBRATING A YEAR WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE:** Join us on Tuesday, January 24, as St. Jerome's University welcomes two volumes of the Heritage Edition of the *Saint John's Bible*. From childhood, Donald Jackson, official calligrapher to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, dreamed of creating a handwritten, illuminated bible. An international team of calligraphers and artists created the original 1,165 page manuscript with its 160 major illuminations that reflect biblical themes of hospitality, conversion of life, and justice for God's people. Ecumenical Service in honour of Christian Unity Week at 4:30 p.m. followed. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University. Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.

**WATCH FOUND** before Christmas. Please contact the parish office to claim.

**ENGAGED COUPLE BLESSING:** On Sunday, February 12 at the 11 a.m. Mass we will be offering a blessing to all couples who are engaged to be married in our parish or elsewhere. Please join us. The celebration of your engagement is a wonderful opportunity to seek the support and prayers of the community of faith and to be a public sign of your commitment to one another. After Mass you are invited to join the parish community for refreshments in the parish hall. If you would like more information, please contact Bette at [lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com) or 519-886-0342.



*The CWL invites all members  
to a savoury soup tasting night!!!*



*On Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m., please join us as Sarah Smith, a nutritionist from Goodness Me, talks about healthy eating. After her presentation everyone will be able to taste our executive's wonderful homemade soups and take home delicious recipes. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any special soup recipes you would care to share please bring the printed recipe and we will copy and provide them to the membership that evening or email them the next day.*

### Pope Francis' January prayer intention: 'Christians serving humanity'

In today's world, many Christians from various churches work together to serve humanity in need, to defend human life and its dignity, to defend creation, and to combat injustice.

This desire to walk together, to collaborate in service and in solidarity with the weakest and with those who suffer, is a source of joy for us all.

Join your voice to mine in praying for all who contribute through prayer and fraternal charity to restoring full ecclesial communion in service of the challenges facing humanity.

### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – HERE COMES EVERYBODY

This popular way of describing the universality of our Church is a theme of today's readings. The prophet Isaiah tells of God's servant who will be the “light of the nations.” It will not be enough for this servant only to bring back the survivors of Israel's dispersion and captivity. God's salvation much reach to the ends of the earth.

Saint Paul writes to a local church of mainly Gentiles and presumably former sinners of all kinds in Corinth. He greets them and tells them that they are to take their place with “saints everywhere” in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading from John tells of Jesus' commissioning by the Father in the Holy Spirit to bring salvation to all, to take away the sins of the world. This Chosen One has come to baptized the world in God's Spirit. Everybody.

As you hear these words, consider your own task to bring the good news of salvation to everyone you will meet in the coming days, weeks, years. Copyright J. S. Paluch Co.