

KW RIGHT TO LIFE CHARITY DINNER GALA: Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love’ with Jonathon Van Maren columnist, author, public speaker, and a testimony to Natural Family Planning on February 8 at Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener. Dinner at 6 p.m. Speakers begin at 7 p.m. Cash bar – silent auction. Tickets at \$40 are available at kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office, 519-746-5433.

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 Sunday, January 28. Call KW Right to Life 519.746.5433 for more information.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 7:30 P.M. for the next Lecture in Catholic Experience hosted by St. Jerome’s University, entitled “Communicating the Church in the Age of Francis.” Austen Ivereigh, writer, journalist, and commentator on Catholic and political affairs, will talk about how Pope Francis’ radical recontextualization of the Catholic message has left journalists and commentators grappling with vast new challenges. Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome’s University. Doors open at 6:45p.m. This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at www.sju.ca/lce.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION... IT IS POSSIBLE! Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. Project Rachel offers a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850 and let us help you through the healing process.

ADORATION FOR LIFE: “... a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world to God, the Creator and lover of life...” (Saint John Paul II) Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist, console his heart wounded by abortion and sins against the sanctity of life: Two locations: Tuesday, January 30, 7-8:15 p.m. at St. Teresa Church, 44 Leonard St. Kitchener, and Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m.-12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, 56 Duke St. W., Kitchener. Call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 for more information.

COME JOIN US TO FIND THE “KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS”: “Keys” is a nine-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 23, 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.

REEL JUSTICE – A JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church’s mission. There are so many issues of injustice all over our world, it is hard to know where to begin. Start by joining us for a movie and discussion evening at a parish near you! January screening: *Romero* at St. Michael Parish, 240 Hemlock St., Waterloo on January 26, 7:00- 9:00 p.m.



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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
	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 January 22 to 28, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.....	Frank Ciccarelli – Charmaine & Frank Volpini & Family
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.....	Dolores Doherty – Jack Doherty & Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.....	Living & deceased members of the CWL
Thursday	7:00 p.m.....	Brian Starrett – Rick & Vanessa Culham
Friday	8:30 a.m.....	Marcel & Pauline Crépeau – Paul Dion & Michele Daviau
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.....	Ante Granic – Peter & Angela Granic
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.....	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.....	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, January 14, 2018: \$4,471.00

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

MEDICALLY ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA IN CANADA: Where are we now? Where are we going? February 11, 2-4 p.m. at St. Michael Church 240 Hemlock St., Waterloo. Ever wonder what is happening in Canada with respect to medical assistance in dying (MAID) and euthanasia in Canada from a faith-based Christian perspective? And what does the medical community have to say about this newly adopted practice? How are we to respond and talk about medically assisted suicide and euthanasia since it has become legal in Canada just over a year ago? Find out the facts. This interactive workshop (lots of time for your questions and comments) will present the current laws and medical practices, as well as future proposed developments, so that we are able to understand better the issues at stake from a Christian faith-based perspective. Presenters: Father David B. Perrin, Ph.D. a Professor at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, who teaches courses in Christian ethics and spirituality, and Dr. Donna Ward, M.D., a physician with an expertise in palliative care and end-of-life medical issues.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Our Lady of Lourdes School will hold kindergarten registration for the 2018/19 school year on Tuesday, February 6, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:30-6:45 p.m. Children born in 2014 are eligible for junior kindergarten. Children born in 2013 are eligible for kindergarten. The following will be required: a birth certificate, a Roman Catholic baptismal certificate of the child or either parent, and proof of address. If you require additional information please call the school at 519-886-4810. If you are a non-Catholic family, but wish to explore a Catholic education for your child(ren) please review the WCDSB Admissions to Catholic Elementary Schools policy at https://www.wcdsb.ca/ap_memos/PDF/APA001.pdf.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS!! We have had a great beginning to our youth group so far, with many returning members, as well as many new members this year. We are excited to see the group change and grow. Our next FFF meeting is on Friday, January 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Please join us and help our group kick start 2018!!! For more information, please contact Tiffany at tscott1201@rogers.com.

VOCATION SEEDS: The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 x2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

SENIORS STUDY SESSION – AMORIS LAETITIA: This 5-week study session will give you an opportunity to study carefully Pope Francis' encyclical. The course consists of a series of well-made videos and discussions facilitated by Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life. Pope Francis invites us to study this document carefully when he says, "...I do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit... will come if each part is read patiently and carefully..." Join us as we explore this important text for adult faith formation. The course will be held at the Chancery Office, Mondays from 1:30-3:30 p.m., February 5, 12, 26, March 5, 12. Cost is \$35.00. To register contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

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, all decorator items, small electrical appliances, clean household items, books and current magazines, health and beauty products, jewellery of all kinds, crafts and art supplies, all 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 Streets at Heit Lane). The hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pickups are available for larger donations by calling 519-569-7566 ext. 1 to make an appointment.

SEEING THE WORD SESSION: On February 1 at the Chancery Office in 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. We will focus on a particular illumination from one of the volumes of the Saint John's Bible, giving participants an opportunity to experience the illumination through Visio Divina. We will be having one session a month until June, with a new illumination and theme every month. The sessions will be in the afternoon from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We ask that those interested please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office at adefeo@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2336 to register. All are welcome.



JANUARY 21-28

THE 2018 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Forest Hill Community Churches invite you to a faith celebration prepared by the churches of the Caribbean on Sunday, January 21 at 2 p.m., at St. George's Anglican Church, 321 Fischer-Hallman Rd., Kitchener. The theme for this year's prayer and musical event is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (Ex. 15:6) and focuses on God's power to end slavery of all kinds. A time of fellowship will follow in the parish upper and lower halls. All are invited to join us as we pray for unity and peace. Cash free-will offering will go to Nutrition for Learning. The afternoon includes members of these churches: St. George's Anglican, Calvin Presbyterian, Forest Hill United, Highland Baptist, Faith Lutheran, St. Stephen's Lutheran and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic. Please also join us for an ecumenical prayer service with Taizé songs on Sunday, January 28 at 7:30 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Rd. E., Kitchener.

CHANGE OUR LIVES

In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens out of their wits. It works! They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees "by their action: how they have turned from evil.

Then we hear Paul telling the Corinthians that "the world in its present form is passing away." He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them – rather mysteriously – to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" The apostles-to-be abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives. Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.