

**ON APRIL 26 JOIN THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON** in celebrating 50 years of service by men and women in consecrated life and priests of this diocese. Check <http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner> for details or contact Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682.

**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CAMBRIDGE:** Friday, February 5, Portuguese Oriental Club, 1054 Shellard Rd., Cambridge. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., dance and silent auction at 8:00 p.m. Dinner and dance tickets are \$100/couple or \$50/single (charitable receipt will be issued for portion of ticket price). All proceeds to support program within the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools. For more information or tickets, contact Mark Heinemann at 226-929-1078 or Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation at 519-578-3660 ext. 2373.

**WINTER GAMES NIGHT:** Wednesday, February 3 at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener. Join us for an evening of cards or bring your favourite board game! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission: \$8 (includes sandwiches, desserts and drinks). Cards will also be provided. PRIZES!!! Hosted by St. Mark's Parish Fundraising Committee.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL IS HOLDING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** on Monday, February 8 during the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:30-6:45 p.m. The following are required for registration: child's Roman Catholic baptismal certificate or one parent's RC baptismal certificate; proof of home address (utility bill, property tax assessment, tenant lease, etc.); child's health immunization record; child's proof of age and legal name (please provide one of the following documents: birth certificate, certified birth registration, adoption papers, certificate of Indian status, or passport). If you require additional information, please call the school at 519-886-4810.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** St. Clement's Parish, St. Clements, is looking for a qualified candidate to take a part-time position as a secretary/bookkeeper. Please email your resume or qualifications to [stclementsparish@sympatico.ca](mailto:stclementsparish@sympatico.ca) For further information, please contact the parish office at 519-699-4425 or Father Martin Mikulski at 226-868-0613.

**ENGAGED COUPLE BLESSING:** On Sunday, February 7 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass we will be offering a blessing to all couples who are engaged to be married in our parish or elsewhere. The celebration of an engagement is a wonderful opportunity to seek the support and prayers of the community of faith and to be a public sign of a couple's commitment to one another. If you are planning a wedding within the next two years, it is not too early to start preparing. We offer personalized preparation featuring "couple to couple" sessions facilitated by Fr. Ted and married couples from our own parish. This is available to all couples even if you haven't decided where your wedding will take place. The focus is on marriage and the relationship rather than on wedding planning. As the saying goes: "A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime". Please contact us if you would like more information.

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*God does not demand moral perfection before you can be of worthy service. God asks for a loving heart and a willingness to stick with your commitment.*



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- PASTOR:** Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes
- DEACON:** Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
- SEMINARIAN:** Christopher Tracey
- 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 8:00, 9:30 & 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 PENANCE:** Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon
- 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 24 to 30, 2016**

- Monday ..... 8:30 a.m. .... Iva Raos – Peter & Angela Granic
- Tuesday **Beechwood Manor** ..... 10:00 a.m. .... Agnes & Sydney Horton – Estate  
7:00 p.m. .... John Downey Sr. – Dennis & Mary Fedy
- Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. .... Sister Dolores Kuntz – Schmuck Family
- Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. .... George Sehl – Marie & Fred Kirvan
- Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. .... John & Eileen Russell – Judy & Brian Rozee
- Saturday ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Jim Diesbourg; Ann Firth & Carol Firth Richie

## Offertory collection for Sunday, January 17, 2016: \$5,273.75

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

**WEDDING AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:** The marriage of Nathan Deckert and Kate Barber will be celebrated on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

When he announced this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis highlighted today's Gospel episode, in which Jesus proclaims in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-anointed mission to fulfill the promises of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus' mission then, says Pope Francis, is our mission now as Jesus' disciples this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*: to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, a year of God's mercy. Pope Francis challenges us to translate Jesus' mission to contemporary needs: to console by word and deed those materially or spiritually poor, to liberate those bound by modern society's new forms of slavery, to open the eyes of those blinded by their own self-interest, and to restore human dignity to all those from whom it has been stolen. To act with mercy in a spirit of joy! Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

#### From Bishop Crosby . . .

Over 800 Missionaries of Mercy will be commissioned by Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday to carry the Good News of God's mercy and forgiveness throughout the world. Three priests from the Diocese of Hamilton are among the 800. Father Michael King, Father Bill Trusz, and Father Ted Hughes have been approved by the Vatican to provide this service during this Year of Mercy. They will travel to Rome early in February to learn from Pope Francis what his expectations are and to be sent out on this special mission. We offer our thanks, our congratulations, and our prayers.

#### From Father Ted . . .

It is an honour and a privilege to be chosen by Pope Francis as a Missionary of Mercy. Fathers Bill Trusz, Michael King and I will be in Rome the week of Ash Wednesday and will be meeting the Holy Father on Tuesday of that week. On that day he will inform us of our special duties and offer us his blessing. I will be sharing more with you after our time with the Holy Father. Some information on the Missionaries of Mercy can also be found at the Jubilee Website which is "www.im.va".

**SNOW DAYS:** When winter weather conditions are bad, you should consider not coming out to daily Mass. Fewer cars on the roads will help increase the safety of all. It is sometimes hard to keep up with the falling snow to ensure that sidewalks are clear. **Note:** When school buses are cancelled, morning Masses will also be cancelled.

**VOCATION SEEDS:** You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN:** The Discalced Carmelite Sisters from Mount Carmel in St. Agatha invite all women interested in religious life to join them for a day of prayer, teaching, and discernment on Saturday, January 30 at their monastery. For more information and registrations, please visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**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 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 9 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. We wish to thank Piller's for their support over the years. 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 Bob Kalbfleisch at 519-572-1112 or [bob.kalbfleisch@bell.net](mailto:bob.kalbfleisch@bell.net) or George Mayer at 519-741-6744 or [george.mayer.jr@gmail.com](mailto:george.mayer.jr@gmail.com).



### CWL JANUARY EVENT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

#### CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE AND OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

What better way to close the Year of Consecrated Life than with a video presentation by our very own Carmelite Sisters as to "why they dedicated their lives to Christ". Come and hear their stories.

To better understand "The Mercy of God" we will have a short movie on Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (approximately 35 minutes). It is the story of Saint Faustina, a young nun whose compassion and dedication sparked a great movement – Divine Mercy – that touched all generations. The film reflects an act of faith in God's mercy for humanity. This will be followed by recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Beautiful pamphlets and prayer cards will be shared with each person in attendance.

We hope you will save the date and join us in hearing the stories of these dedicated women.



**LOL PARISH COMPUTER SENDING OUT SPAM!** Some of you may have received emails from the parish this past week that just didn't seem quite right. You were right to be suspicious! The parish's computer was hit by some computer malware and it sent out an unknown number of emails. Please don't click on the link in the email even if the message seems to make sense to you (always a good practice when you receive an email you're not expecting). While this kind of malware is hard to detect we will do our best to prevent this from happening again.