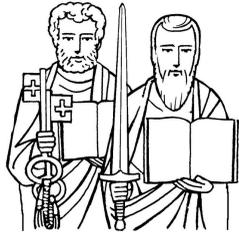


**CANADA DAY CELEBRATION AT THE EDWARD HALTER HOME, MARYHILL:** Saturday, July 1 at 1338 B Maryhill Rd. 11 a.m. – raising of the flag and O Canada; Welcome Remarks from Local Dignitaries. 11:15 a.m. – honouring our Veterans from New Germany (Maryhill). 11:30 a.m. – planting of Canada 150 Maple Tree. 12:00-1:00 p.m. – refreshments [barbecued hotdogs & hamburgers, bottled water] sponsored by Maryhill Knights Council 6024. Freewill offering. In the afternoon, there will be children’s crafts and music by Melody Train, tours of the community, church and old walled cemetery, and Halter House; antique and community displays. Mass of Thanksgiving on Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday at 5:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP:** July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Mark’s Parish (55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener) for children ages 5 to 10. Cost is \$30/child, or \$25 each for 2 or more children per family. For information, please contact Barb Denomme at 519-884-3389 or barbdenomme@gmail.com.

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY HOLIDAY INC/CAMP KUMUNTOME:** There are still 5 spots available for the summer. If you haven’t booked your week yet, or know someone who would benefit from a week at camp, email: kumuntome@gmail.com for more information. We would love to have another full summer. Information on how to register can be found at <http://www.campkumuntome.ca/registration/>. Don’t let finances deter you and your family from a fun-filled relaxing family retreat: all families deserve a vacation together! Available weeks: August 6-11 and August 27-September 2. **Summer Staff at Camp Kumuntome:** We are still searching for an aquatics director for the summer. If you or someone you know has a minimum of Bronze Cross and would enjoy a summer at a faith-based camp, please have them contact Barbara Daly for more information at 519-635-2604 or bmdaly@me.com.

### Apostles Peter and Paul



One of the oldest saints’ days in Rome, June 29 was dedicated to the memory of the apostles Peter and Paul as early as the fourth century. This day the church remembers two disciples who differed greatly in style and background, but who shared a tireless energy in spreading the gospel.

Rough-hewn and impulsive Peter left his fishing nets immediately to answer Jesus’ call. Later, during the passion of Jesus, Peter made his denials just as impulsively, though he had pledged his loyalty to Jesus only that evening. Receiving Christ’s gracious forgiveness after the

resurrection, Peter went on to become the rock-steady and faithful leader of the disciples. Imprisoned three or four times, he eventually was crucified during the reign of Nero. Legend has it that he was hung on the cross head down because he told the soldiers that he was not worthy to die in the same manner as Christ.

Once Paul, who had been a rigid and violent persecutor of Christians, experienced the love of Christ, he grew meek – though never shy. He founded many churches and was able to affirm the fledgling communities of believers even while he was admonishing them. Paul’s writings are the first Christian scriptures; they are older than the gospels. After many imprisonments, Paul was executed during the reign of Nero. Since he was a Roman citizen, he was beheaded instead of crucified.

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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>	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.
<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	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.
<b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:</b>	By appointment – please phone the parish office
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>	By appointment – please phone the parish office
<b>BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:</b>	Last Sunday of each month after all Masses
<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:</b>	Church door collections – last Sunday of each month

### Announced Mass intentions for the week of June 25 to July 1, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m. ....	Iva Raos – Angela & Peter Granic
Tuesday .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Stephanie Reinhardt – Family
Wednesday .....	8:30 a.m. ....	Edna Wagner – Frieda Cole
Thursday .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Greg Walton – Fred & Marie Kirvan
Friday .....	8:30 a.m. ....	In thanksgiving – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	In thanksgiving – Canada 150!

## Offertory collection for Sunday, June 18, 2017: \$4,258.00

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

**CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:** Programs available for children from kindergarten through to high school not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home and our parish catechists assist. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online. *If your child will be preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, please contact the parish office as well.*

**THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH GUILD** invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held Sunday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the monastery. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Most Rev. Anthony F. Tonnos, D.D.

**WHAT SUPPORTS DO FAMILIES NEED FROM THE CHURCH?** What are the pressures they face in their day to day lives? What are the challenges, joys, highs and lows in families today? Where do they seek support when it is needed? Where do they see the role of the Church in their lives and in helping them cope with everyday life issues and events? The Diocese of Hamilton, through the Family Ministry Office, wants to hear from you on these topics. You can do this in two ways: (1) Attend our Symposium for Families being held on September 23 beginning with Bishop Crosby saying Mass at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. (2) Fill in the online survey posted on the website at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/symposium-on-family> beginning June 28. The more people who engage in both these events the greater the knowledge we will gather. Family matters. Help us discover how the Diocese can help you in the most important role of family. For more information call 905-528-7988 and ask for Teresa (ext. 2250) or Wendy (ext. 2241).

**PRAYER VIGIL:** Thursday, July 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own! Parking across the road at Schneider Park. For more information, please contact Cathy at [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

**VOCATION SEEDS:** "Have no Fear." Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com)



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the parish office will be closed the weeks of July 16 and 24 and August 28 as Bette, our administrative assistant, will be on holidays. Phone messages and emails will be checked regularly.

## FAMINE RELIEF FUND

In February 2017, the new UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, declared 20 million people to be at risk of death in the next six months in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Nigeria. This particular humanitarian crisis stems from a conjunction of events that include armed conflicts coupled with severe droughts brought about by climate change. Many have fled their homes and land to escape the violence of armed conflict and are continually displaced. These issues make transportation and access to food extremely difficult.

Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, together with other Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Baha'i faith communities launched a national appeal to address the famines in South Sudan and the extreme food shortages in Yemen, Northeast Nigeria and Somalia. Parishioners are encouraged to support this initiative by making contributions directly to one of the agencies listed below. Donations before June 30, 2017 will be matched by the Government of Canada. Donations after June 30 will also be welcome.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace  
[www.dev.org/en/famine-relief-fund](http://www.dev.org/en/famine-relief-fund) 1-888-664-3387

Aid to the Church in Need Canada  
[www.acn-aed-ca.org/iamstarving](http://www.acn-aed-ca.org/iamstarving) 1-800-585-6333

Canadian Jesuits International  
[www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/2017/06/05/famine-relief-appeal/](http://www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca/2017/06/05/famine-relief-appeal/) 1-800-448-2148

For more information about the relief work being done in the above-named countries, please see the diocesan website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). Thank you for whatever support you are able to give to this urgent appeal.

**MILK BAGS:** Thank you to everyone who brought their milk bags to the church so that the students from Our Lady of Lourdes School could weave them into sleeping mats for those less fortunate around the world. The collection of the bags at the church is being suspended for the summer while the students are out of school. Watch the bulletin in the fall for further information on this ongoing project.

**FOSTERING FAITH IN AND THROUGH GRANDPARENTS: SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for a celebration of the faith of grandparents in time for National Grandparents Day. The event will take place at Basilica of Our Lady Parish in Guelph (28 Norfolk St. on Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. followed by light refreshments. Then sit back and enjoy two reflections from David Dayler and Anne Jamieson on the importance of our faith lives for our own sake and for the good of generations to come! There is no charge for this event. Your RSVP allows us to plan for the hospitality but walk-ins the day of are most welcome. Please note that we will have faith resources for sale at the event. Register by contacting Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238, or at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com).

**GREAT MONTH OF JULY NOVENA** for the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ: July 1-9 in honour of the 9 Choirs of Angels; July 13-15 in honour of the Holy Trinity; July 20-31 for the New Israel. Begins with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 3-7 pm (weekdays); 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday) at St. Joseph Church Rectory Chapel, Kitchener.