

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA'S 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY** will be held on Friday, June 17 at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. Enjoy our community BBQ in the hall from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with sausages, hamburgers, hot dogs on a bun, french fries, sauerkraut, fried onions including condiments and a healthy option of salad and veggies and dip as well as hot and cold beverages. There will also be an outdoor snack booth with chips, soft drinks, fresh made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old – bingo, penny table, silent auction, bouncies, tombola, video games, inside and outside activities, play area for children 5 and under and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Fun starts at 5:00 p.m. and ends with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**GOSPEL OF LUKE STUDY SERIES:** Wednesday June 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. The Gospel of Luke study series continues with Sr. Bernadette Caron's presentation "Perseverance in Prayer". Please consider joining us for this very special evening. There is no cost to attend. Supplemental reading resources will be available for purchase for \$5. Please bring exact change. For further information, future dates and to register, please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238, or check the website www.hamiltondiocese.com.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Our annual general meeting will be held Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. Guest speakers will be Christina Mines (youth ministry) and Sarah Ginta (Justice and Peace) from the Diocese of Hamilton. They will speak about how Development and Peace and the diocese can collaborate to raise awareness of the connection of faith to justice and action. Join us at Duff's Presbyterian Church, 319 Brock Rd., Guelph (just off the 401 at the 6 South exit).

**SPECIAL EDUCATION CHOIR** of the Waterloo Region District School Board presents its 12<sup>th</sup> Spring Gala. 120 students and alumni from WRDSB schools will be singing songs of joy, love, hopes and dreams. Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Huron Heights Secondary School, 1825 Strasburg Rd., Kitchener. For more information about this choir, visit teachers.wrdsb.ca/specedchoir.

**A JOURNEY TO MERCY** – Hamilton Diocesan Catholic Women's League Day of Spirituality: Saturday, June 25, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius Centre, Deemerton (Sideroad 20N Mildmay). Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Speaker will be Olga Protz. RSVP by June 12 to Joyce at 519-843-6387 or jbcotter@hotmail.com.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Half the liturgical year 2016 is completed after six months of *extraordinary* celebrations. The Incarnation mystery: Jesus' advent, nativity, epiphany. The Paschal mystery: Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, Pentecost's Holy Spirit. The solemnities of Holy Trinity and Jesus' Body and Blood. Today the Church resumes Sundays in Ordinary Time, but with a Gospel of *extraordinary* mercy: Jesus raises a dead man to life. Yet the one who benefits most from his *extraordinary* mercy is not the dead son but his widowed mother. With her husband and only son deceased, this woman's material support, in that patriarchal society, had vanished. So had her emotional support, leaving her helpless, abandoned, on society's "peripheries." One of Pope Francis' hopes in calling this *Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy* is to transform us into more *extraordinary* Christians, by making our caring outreach to just such vulnerable people, and our practical self-sacrificing love for them, our *ordinary*, daily, Christian way of life!

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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 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** No Confessions until further notice
- 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 June 5 to 11, 2016**

- Monday.....NO MASS
- Tuesday .....NO MASS
- Wednesday .....NO MASS
- Thursday .....NO MASS
- Friday .....NO MASS
- Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. ....Mary Clifford; Vic Motz

## Offertory collection for Sunday, May 29, 2016: \$4,221.05

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

### Monthly Budget Review as of May 31, 2016

Cumulative financial objective – 22 Weeks @ \$7,500 .....		\$165,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$130,210.45	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>50,464.95</u>	<u>180,675.40</u>
Over (under) objective .....		15,675.40

**ORDINATION MASS TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE:** On Friday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 715 Centre Rd., Waterdown, Paul Jamroz, David Avila, Kevin D’Sousa and Ross Campbell will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Daniel Miehm. The transitional diaconate is generally the last step before ordination to the priesthood. All are welcome to attend this special Mass.



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** A training session is booked for Saturday, June 11 at 9 a.m. Sessions will be followed by refreshments at 10:30 a.m. in the parish office conference room. This training is for students who are now completing grade three or higher and wish to become altar servers. Our current servers are encouraged to attend to learn new skills or refresh their current ones. In particular, this would be of interest to acolytes who wish to train as cross bearers. Please contact the office via Bette ext. 3 or Chris at ext. 5 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com to confirm your attendance.



**‘CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER’ SESSIONS CONTINUE:** Saints and mystics say ‘*Contemplative Prayer*’ is key to building relationship with God. St. Teresa of Avila said “Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us.” Come join seminarian Chris Tracey in exploring the meaning, method, people and history behind this divine prayer practice at 7:30 p.m. on June 21 and July 12 in the parish hall. The session will be followed by coffee, tea and cookies. Expect a fun and relaxed, diverse presentation of sight, sound, word and sharing. For further info, please contact Chris Tracey at 519-886-0342 ext. 5 or ctracey@hotmail.com.

**INVITATION TO ALL GRADE EIGHT STUDENTS IN OUR PARISH:** On Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will celebrate a Mass to ask for grace and blessings upon our young people who are graduating from grade eight. All graduates from our parish who attend Our Lady of Lourdes School, Holy Rosary School or any other Catholic or public school are welcome to attend with their families and friends. We will focus on the theme of thanksgiving to God for gifts received, the inspiration of the Spirit as they prepare to enter high school, and celebrating the achievements of their lives. A reception will follow the Mass in the church hall.

**UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL:** Exciting things are happening at Our Lady of Lourdes School! This summer construction will be extensive as the church side wall of the school is being replaced. For us this means a new outdoor wall, new windows, blinds and countertops. This construction will refresh the appearance of our building and is anticipated to be complete prior to September start up. This construction will impact on the parking along the side of the church and possibly the use of the driveway on that side.

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

Marion Guenther ..... June 2, 2016

**BAPTISM:** The following children became members of God’s family in the sacrament of Baptism during the month of April:

Liam Ryoma Bester

Evan Connor Donofrio

Wyatt Gerry Fedy

Parker Brian Michael Gray

Madeline Agatha Milner

Marcus Noel Milner

Martin George Milner

Dominic Joshua Roach

Lillian Maryanne Zettel

**VOCATION SEEDS:** “O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it.” If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

### EWP – Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership

The **EWP** welcomes you to consider contributing to our sponsoring a refugee family. A substantial sum of money will be needed to support the family we are hoping to sponsor. As one of the congregations in the *Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership* (also *Mount Zion Lutheran* and *Church of the Good Shepherd*) we have committed to 6 months of financial support for a newcomer family, the Canadian government paying the other 6 months. You can give your gift by placing it in any envelope and marking it “refugee support”. Please see flyers at entrances of church for further details. (A tax receipt will be issued for your donation.)

For further information, contact your EWP parish representatives: Chris Tracey at 519-886-0342 ext. 5 or [ctracey@hotmail.com](mailto:ctracey@hotmail.com), or Maria Nelly Carvajal Grajales at 519-954-3041 or [mncarvajal676@hotmail.com](mailto:mncarvajal676@hotmail.com).

**CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:** Programs are 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. 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.



### Parish 60th-65th Anniversary Photo Directory Update

Extra dates . . . by popular demand – June 20, 21 & 22! Let's fill them up!!! We have

**416** individuals/couples/families signed up so far. We would like to see everyone in our parish family participate in the 60-65th Anniversary Directory. What a lovely keepsake that will be. Sign up SOON - don't be disappointed!

Booking online is easy at [www.ipcphoto.ca](http://www.ipcphoto.ca). If you require assistance with booking an appointment, call Bette at the parish office (519-886-0342).