

VOCATION SEEDS: “But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SOLIDARITY QUILT: As part of D & P’s 50th anniversary celebration, a giant solidarity quilt is being created in dioceses all across Canada by our members and partners in the Global South. Each diocese is creating a square, and a pilgrimage will take the pieces across the country from west to east and east to west. The quilt will be assembled in the centre of the country. The pieces of the quilt will be on display at St. Jerome’s University, Notre Dame Chapel, on March 23. Mass will be at 7 p.m. followed by a reception. On March 29, the quilt will be at St. Michael’s Parish, 240 Hemlock Str., Waterloo, beginning with evening prayer at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

NEW TO WATERLOO! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO THURSDAY NIGHTS: Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. 145 Dearborn Pl., Waterloo, Cash prizes, food and fun. AND K of C Fish Fry, Friday Nights at Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Pl., Waterloo. For reservations call 519-884-2060.

FISH FRY: The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 24 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. There will be two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Take out will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost is adults \$15.00; children (12 & under) \$8.00; and take out is \$15.00. Advance tickets are available until March 22. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Don’t miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charities.

ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP! Level 1 (Learning to Cope), Level 2 (Accepting the Situation) and Level 3 (Enhancing Self-Esteem) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons move forward from their divorce healthier and stronger. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), \$45 (Level 2) and \$40 (Level 3). Levels 1, 2 and 3 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks starting March 28 from 7-9 p.m. Levels 1 and 2 will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener); Level 3 will be held at St. Mark’s Parish (55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener). Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register (Level 1 & 2), or on line at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>.

RETRouvaille – A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES: So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and a loving relationship in their marriage. You are NOT alone. Please don’t wait. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, 2017, please call 905-664-5212, email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



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| ADMINISTRATOR: | Rev. Rafal Tomon |
| DEACON: | Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang |
| 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 March 19 to 25, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Nikolaus & Katharina Schuster – Kathy & Bill Steffler & Family
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Special intention of Roland Lobb – Iona, Rena, Pat & Rita
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	David Corke – Agnes Corke
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Living and deceased Vincentians
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Annemarie & Morena Schuster – Helmut Schuster & Family
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Dale Melchin; Alma Borys

Offertory collection for Sunday, March 12, 2017: \$5,515.00

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



GOOD FRIDAY: On Good Friday at 11:00 a.m. we will have a liturgy that is geared more towards families with children. In this spirit, we are looking for families to participate in the liturgy: carrying the large cross into the church, reading the voices of the passion with Deacon Phong, and reading the petitions. If your family would like to participate, please contact the office (519-886-0342) or Paula at lourdescatechist@rogers.com.



HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET: Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). *Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.*

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS): Our ushers and other women and men who would like to assist in welcoming the people on Good Friday (April 14), Easter Vigil (April 15) and Easter Sunday (April 16), are asked to contact the parish office to let us know at which liturgies you are able to help.

SHARE LENT - WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE – APRIL 2

For Lent 2017, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada has chosen to put women at the forefront to highlight the very special importance and role they have in every aspect of development, whether it be social, environmental or economic. This Lent, act in solidarity with and walk alongside women and men who advocate for an equal and inclusive society, one in which women can participate hand-in-hand with men in building the world of tomorrow.

Suggestion: consider putting aside at least one dollar a day to help Development and Peace put *women at the heart of change*. May the long-standing support of our parish and its concern for the poor continue to grow stronger in our community. Our motivation for almsgiving is rooted in sacred scripture where we are reminded that our good deeds go with us into eternity.

THIRSTING FOR UNITY

In today's gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of earth are travelers on this planet together, also thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one. Copyright J.S.Paluch Co.



Attention Students in Grades 1-3 !

You are warmly invited to four Tuesday evenings to consider the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We will listen to scripture, reflect and pray. This Paschal Mystery retreat will take place in the parish office from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on four Tuesdays in April: 4th & 11th (Lent), 18th & 25th (Easter). The retreat will use the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an approach to faith formation begun in Rome more than 60 years ago, that seeks to answer the child's silent request: "Help me come closer to God by myself." To inquire further or to register for the 4 evenings, please contact Paula (lourdescatechist@rogers.com).



THE DIOCESAN CHOIR IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS: The ability to read music and previous choral experience is an asset. The choir rehearses weekly on Monday evenings in Hamilton in preparation for major liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you are interested in singing in this choir, contact Sharon Fazari at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

TWILIGHT RETREAT: St. Teresa, Kitchener (44 Leonard St.) Catholic Women's League Annual Twilight Retreat will be held on Tuesday, March 28. Our speaker will be Father Brian Quigley MCCJ at 5:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. (ticket is required for dinner). Memorial Mass for CWL members and families starting at 8:00 p.m. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling Mary Helen at 519-570-4375.



All parishioners are invited to the CWL Lenten event on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 p. m. in the church hall.

The inspiring video "Stations of the Light" will be shown.

As well, Hart and Marilyn Bezner of the Catholic Missions will be presenting their incredible stories of the work they do at the missions in northern Canada.

Easter flowers will be given as door prizes.

All are welcome!!!

