

**PROCLAIMING THE YEAR OF MERCY**, a retreat day for parish lectors, will be held at St. Anne Parish, Kitchener on Saturday, May 14 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost \$5.00 (to be reimbursed by the parish). Advanced registration is required by phone 905-528-7988 ext. 2243 or e-mail mcarreiro@hamiltondiocese.com.

**MASS TIME CHANGES BEGIN THE LONG WEEKEND IN MAY (21/22):** A long-standing tradition has been an adjusted Mass schedule only during the summer months. Our parish church has a seating capacity of over 425. Our average weekend attendance at all four Masses last year was 734 parishioners. Beginning the weekend of May 21/22 our weekend Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak with Fr. Ted or email your comments to lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.

**VOCATION SEEDS:** Jesus said: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.” How do I respond to that love? If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING:** Tuesday, May 10, 1-3:30 p.m. (doors open at noon) for all who are involved in prayer shawl ministry or would like to learn about it. Hosted by the St. Michael’s Prayer Shawl Ministry, at St. Michael’s Church, corner of 240 Hemlock St. and University Ave. Bring your shawls to display. There will be a free-will offering. Prayer Shawl knitting and crochet books will be available for sale. Please register by Friday, May 6 by contacting Linda at 519-888-6954 or [prayershawlgathering@gmail.com](mailto:prayershawlgathering@gmail.com)

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY.** The next Pilgrimage Sunday at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will take place on Sunday, May 15. The cathedral will open to pilgrims at 2:00 p.m. The Door of Mercy can be accessed through the doors adjacent to the cathedral rectory. At 2:30 p.m. prayer in the style of Taize – scripture and meditative chants – will be offered. You are welcome to join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Monsignor Earl Talbot will preside and preach. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful who enter through the Door of Mercy. In order to gain the indulgence pilgrims enter the door, make a profession of faith and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. They should also receive Holy Communion and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the pilgrimage.

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**

In formal documents, presentations, and homilies outlining the purpose of this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis explains that compassion and understanding for those in difficult situations is not only our individual responsibility, but something the whole Church officially needs to manifest. Today’s Acts of the Apostles reading presents a moving example of the early church doing precisely that. Prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit assures the assembly that they have not acted alone in discerning the correct resolution: “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us.” And they have chosen the compassionate response: “not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities” (Acts 15:28). Exactly the grace Pope Francis prays this Jubilee Year will renew in today’s Church! —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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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 RECONCILIATION** 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 May 1 to 7, 2016**

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m. ....Bob Fritz – Don & Pat Oberholzer
- Tuesday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Rosa Hoswitschka – Mike Bayer
- Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Frank Modrowski – Cletus & Joyce Reidel
- Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Sister M. Ignatius – Teresa & Rob Donelson
- Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Jim Diesbourg – Jean McKay
- Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. ....Sadie Leeming; Eileen Raby

**Offertory collection for Sunday, April 24, 2016: \$6,396.00**

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

**Monthly Budget Review as of April 30, 2016**

Cumulative financial objective – 17 Weeks @ \$7,500 .....		\$127,500.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$104,662.10	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>39,874.06</u>	144,537.06
Over (under) objective .....		17,037.06



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE  
WEDNESDAY MAY 4, 2016**

The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to join us on Wednesday May 4. This day of prayer will take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week, as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. It has become an urgent priority in the face of impending legislation for euthanasia/assisted suicide in Canada. Janet Willard from Lisaard and Innisfree Palliative Care Houses will be in the lobby of the church between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to answer any questions regarding palliative care and what a beautiful experience it can be.

The prayer activity schedule follows. Please join us in solidarity.

- 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.....Mass followed by the Rosary, quiet/personal time
- 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.....Stations of the Cross/ quiet/personal reflection time
- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ....Silent prayer/reflection for family and friends who are ill
- 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. ....Prayers of the Faithful – prayers and reflections as provided by the National Catholic Women's League
- 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. ....Personal prayer/reflection time
- 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. ....Divine Mercy Chaplet . . . quiet/reflection time
- 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. ....Stations of the Cross . . . quiet/reflection time
- 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. ....Prayers of the Faithful – prayers and reflections as provided by the National Catholic Women's League

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
96<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAMILTON DIOCESAN CONVENTION  
"ONE HEART – ONE VOICE – ONE MISSION"**

The convention is being held in Kitchener-Waterloo from Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15. The opening Mass for the convention will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. The celebrant will be Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Tonnos. We invite all parishioners to join us, especially all members of the Catholic Women's League, to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Official opening ceremonies and reception to follow.

On Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 4, Bette, our administrative assistant, will be out of the office. As a result, the parish office will be closed on those two days. Email and phone messages will continue to be checked regularly.

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

Margaret Knox ..... April 26, 2016

**Photo Directory Update**



Time is running out and so are open time slots! Wouldn't it be great if you were a new parishioner, or this was the year you or a family member was baptized, received First Communion or Confirmation, or was married here and you had your picture in our anniversary directory!

Photo dates  
May 9-12  
May 26-28

To date **287** families/couples/singles have signed up! Photo shoots commenced last Monday and all we heard from the parishioners was that the photographer is good and knows what she's doing – they are very pleased with their photos. Now, you don't want to miss out! Just for participating, you will receive a FREE 8x10 portrait plus a copy of the directory! You may sign up online at [www.ipcphoto.ca](http://www.ipcphoto.ca), select "appointments" from the menu at the top, then select "Our Lady of Lourdes". Using the calendar on the left choose the date, pick an open time slot. Fill in the required information and "Finalize". Then get ready to say "CHEESE"! (If you need assistance in booking an appointment, please call Bette at the parish office.)

**Early bird draw:** The winner of the fourth and final \$25 restaurant gift certificate is Christopher C. A \$20 gift certificate towards a portrait purchase was won by Joseph A. as well as Ada H.

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

Akua Afriyie Ameh	Kate Ohemaa Amoakowaa Ameh	Samuel Ohene Amoako Ameh
Hayden Arthur Bruce Bisch	Zachary Jason Eric Bisch	Jack Fynn Cichorzewski
Emma Lisa Knox	Lana Marguerite Knox	Callum James McCulloch
Ariel Sandra Parasram-Durand	Alexander Joseph Parasram	Kaitlyn Sara Peck
Brady David Allan Young	Cameron David Allan Young	Preston David Allan Young
Brody Miles Wilson		

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES 'SACRISTY TEAM':** Our parish is hoping to establish a 'Sacristy Team', people who would maintain and setup the various items and details for weekend Mass (i.e. filling candles with oil, moving week-old flowers to the working sacristy, cleaning and filling vessels and cruets etc.) and for day-to-day use (i.e. cleaning and filling the holy water fonts). We are hoping enough people volunteer so duties can be shared, perhaps via a monthly schedule. At most, it should only require a half-hour. This might appeal to those attending Friday morning Mass, since weekend setup can be done immediately after the Eucharist, although the afternoon or Saturday are also options. This important contribution to our Lord's Holy Eucharist and the parish we love will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, please contact: Chris Tracey at 519-886-0342 ext. 5 or [ctracey@hotmail.com](mailto:ctracey@hotmail.com). A training date and time will be set up accordingly. Thank you for your interest.