

**JOIN US ON MAY 20** from 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Comboni Rectory Chapel, 148 Madison Ave. S., Kitchener as we pray together to adore, console and do reparation to Our Agonizing Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament for the Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. Bring your written petitions.

**AND JOIN US ALSO FOR GETHSEMANE HOUR** from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. every Thursday night at St. Mark's Adoration Chapel, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener. Everyone welcome.

**HAVE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS** about Canada's euthanasia and assisted suicide legislation? Come learn what the new legislation will mean for you and those you love. The Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Alex Schadenberg, will be speaking at Holy Family Catholic Church, New Hamburg, on Tuesday, May 17 with refreshments beginning at 7 p.m. and the talk beginning at 7:30 p.m. Invite a friend and come to hear about this important issue of concern and find out what we can do about it!

**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. LOUIS VACATION BIBLE / LEGO ROBOTICS CAMP:** July 25-29 at St. Louis Church in Waterloo (53 Allen St. E.) VBS is run in the mornings and Lego camp in the afternoons. Children ages 5 to 11 can be registered for either or both. VBS theme this year is "Circus of Stars – Spotlight on the Father". Early bird registration until May 21. Early bird fee for the entire week for full days is: \$100 per child or \$160 per family. After May 21 fee per child is \$110 and per family is \$185. o register or for more information contact Kelly Krause at St. Louis Parish at 519-743-4101 or [kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com).

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION:** St. Louis Parish in Waterloo and the Waterloo Knights of Columbus are holding a Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29 immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass to three outdoor altars. Duration about 30 minutes. We will process on the sidewalks in the St. Louis Church vicinity (53 Allen St. E., Waterloo).

**CARD PARTY FUNDRAISER FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** on Thursday, May 19 at 12:00 p.m., Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener. Tickets are \$25. Lots of great draws, light lunch (sandwiches & desserts). For tickets, contact Shirley Bourke at 519-746-8373.

### Jubilee Year of Mercy

Announcing the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis challenged us to proclaim God's mercy "to everyone without exception . . . again and again, with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). Pentecost proclaims that the door locked for fifty days is thrown open at last. No longer closed in on itself, the community speaks to crowds from different backgrounds, distant lands, exotic languages. Everyone hears their native language. The Spirit does not restore Babel's uniformity, but forges unity-in-diversity of language, race, nationality—embracing all without exception. During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pentecost's Spirit summons us afresh from mediocrity and isolation to share God's mercy with the world. "This is our mission!" Francis exclaims. We are "given the gift of the 'tongue' of the Gospel and the 'fire' of the Holy Spirit, so that while we proclaim Jesus risen, living and present in our midst, we may warm . . . the heart of the peoples, drawing near to Him, the way, the truth, and the life" (*Regina Coeli* address, Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015). Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Papal quotes Copyright © 2015, *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. Used with permission.



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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>	<b>Bette Honsinger</b> <b>Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	<b>Saturday 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Sunday 8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community</b> <b>Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.</b>
<b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:</b>	<b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>	<b>Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.</b> <b>Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon</b>
<b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>	<b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>
<b>BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:</b>	<b>Last Sunday of each month after all Masses</b>
<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:</b>	<b>Church door collections – last Sunday of each month</b>

### Announced Mass intentions for the week of May 15 to 21, 2016

Monday.....**NO MASS**  
 Tuesday .....**NO MASS**  
 Wednesday .....**NO MASS**  
 Thursday .....**NO MASS**  
 Friday .....**NO MASS**  
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. ....Egidio Volpini; Lloyd Mears

**Reminder: Next weekend Sunday Mass times change to 9 & 11 a.m.**

**Offertory collection for Sunday, May 8, 2016: \$6,782.00**

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

**VESSELS OF MERCY – THE MINISTER OF COMMUNION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST:** A retreat day for ministers of Holy Communion will take place at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph on Saturday, May 28, 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 email mcarreiro@hamiltondiocese.com.

**VOCATION SEEDS:** “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The church wakes up to an amazing message this morning. Look around and see who has been called. Listen to the voices of those who proclaim Jesus is Lord. You’ll find no race of people left out; you’ll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim the glory of God. We call Pentecost Sunday the “birthday of the church.” In many ways, the church is still being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today’s Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul assures us in today’s second reading that “all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.” When we look around us in the church we should see everyone. But we don’t. Not yet. What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit?

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**MESSAGE UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners:

After the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord, the Apostles had no roadmap. The Feast of Pentecost is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus “on the way” even if they did not know what was to happen next. The sudden and recent diagnosis of small cell prostate cancer that has spread to many areas of my body certainly has taken me off-guard. The immediate direction from the bishop to withdraw from pastoral ministry, though unexpected, is necessary to allow me to focus on God’s healing work through the treatments that have been prescribed. Presently I am still living in the rectory and am able to get out and about so you might see me around. But it has been made clear to me that I need to be careful of my strength right now. We don’t quite have the roadmap yet but we pray for the confidence to know the guidance of the Spirit. Thank you for the many promises of prayerful support, the cards and emails. I am overwhelmed at your kindness and generosity. And that is a reflection of the same Spirit that gave the Apostles courage, faith and strength even when they were confronted with their own humanity and limitations. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Peace and blessings,

Father Ted

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

Margaret Beaupre ..... May 8, 2016  
Roland Austrup ..... May 12, 2016

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH:** The marriage of Joel Calaco and Claudia Neumann will be celebrated on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

**Photo Directory Update**



There is just 1 photo day with available time slots – Friday, May 27. We will be investigating the possibility of adding a couple of more. Watch the bulletin for details.

To date we have **408 families and individuals** signed up. Please call Bette at the office 519-886-0342 to book your appointment OR go online at [www.ipcphoto.ca](http://www.ipcphoto.ca), select "Waterloo, Our Lady of Lourdes". Using the calendar on the left choose the date and pick an open time slot. Fill in the required information and "Finalize". Then get ready to say "CHEESE"! For your participation you will receive a FREE 8x10 portrait as well as a FREE copy of the directory.

**Catholic Women’s League Spring Event  
Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha  
Wednesday, May 25**



Our year-end Mass will be held at the Carmelite Monastery. This Mass is being offered for the deceased members of the Catholic Women’s League. All members and ladies of the parish are invited. The Grade 8 students of Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Lourdes Schools were invited to participate in an essay writing contest. The 3 winners will read their essays and receive their awards. We will then celebrate with a reception. As a gesture of gratitude to the Carmelite Sisters, we ask that you consider bringing a non-perishable canned or packaged food item. No meats please. For those ladies who need a ride to the monastery and back, please call Mel at 519-885-0955 by May 23. As this is our last meeting before the summer break, we look forward to seeing many of you at this event.

Until further notice, weekday Masses and Confessions will be cancelled. Links to documents containing local Mass and Confession times will be added to the parish website early next week. For those without internet access, contact Bette at the parish office for assistance.

The Diocese has arranged for coverage for our weekend liturgies. We welcome these priests to our parish and are grateful for their support at this time.