

VOCATION SEEDS: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Listen to what Jesus says: “When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” What is the ‘truth’ of your life? How can you best serve God? If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

8TH 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. To register or for more information contact Kelly Krause at St. Louis Parish at 519-743-4101 or kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI STREET PROCESSION, sponsored by St. Joseph’s Church, Kitchener with the approval of Bishop Douglas Crosby, will be held Sunday, May 29 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church, corner of Courtland and Madison. People are asked to assemble at the side entrance of the church by 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE DAYS – FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS (June through October): St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown invites you to come and participate in their Marian Pilgrimage Days. This is to fulfill the request of Our Lady of Fatima to pray in a special way on the First Saturday of the month and in union with Our Lady we will invoke God’s blessings and graces for our families, Church and world. Each month, one of our bishops will be here to celebrate the Mass and preach the homily. All are welcome to join us from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for these days of prayer and devotion! Please bring your own lunch. The dates are as follows: June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3 and October 1. A Year of Mercy indulgence will be granted to all who attend.

THE EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION, Living with Dignity and the Physicians Alliance Against Euthanasia have organized a rally against euthanasia and assisted suicide on parliament hill on Wednesday June 1 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. You are encouraged to consider attending in order to voice your concerns. Follow this link for more information: <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2016/05/june-1-rally-on-parliament-hill.html>.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The word *mercy*, Pope Francis declared in his announcement of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, “reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 2). For *mercy* is how God comes to meet us; *mercy* is the fundamental law helping us recognize everyone as brothers and sisters; *mercy* is the bridge connecting God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. God’s self-revelation as a life-giving, love-sharing Trinity of Persons draws us closer to God in friendship and communion. Both Judaism and Islam consider *mercy* one of God’s most important attributes. Israel unceasingly proclaims God boundless in mercy. Islam addresses the Creator as “Merciful and Kind,” believing divine mercy limitless, its doors always open. May this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis prays, open us to more fervent dialogue, deepen our mutual understanding, eliminate all closed-minded disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Papal quotes

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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 May 22 to 28, 2016

Monday.....NO MASS
 TuesdayNO MASS
 WednesdayNO MASS
 Thursday.....NO MASS
 FridayNO MASS
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.Lloyd Mears; Eileen Raby

Offertory collection for Sunday, May 15, 2016: \$4,771.00

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



YOUTH GROUP: The Fantastic Faith Finders will be meeting Friday, May 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Because of a conflict with the church hall, please enter through the office doors located behind the church as we will be meeting in an alternate room. Hope to see you there!!

Catholic Women's League Spring Event Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.



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.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Two training sessions are booked for the following Saturdays: 1) June 4 at 9 a.m. and 2) 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 at one of the session days, or if possible at both days to further perfect and reinforce your training for this important role. God bless. See you soon. - Chris.



'CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER' SESSIONS: 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 in three 1-hour Tuesday night sessions at 7:30 p.m. on May 31, June 21 and July 12 followed by light refreshments. 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.

Latest on Our Parish 60th-65th Anniversary Photo Directory!

Please note photography locations
May – parish hall June – parish office

To date we have **415** families/couples/individuals signed up. Thank you! Upon request, we have added a few more dates for photo shoots. The students will be home for the summer – what a wonderful opportunity to have a family portrait ready in time for Christmas!

The new dates are June 20, 21 and 22. Appointments will be every 15 minutes from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Booking online is easy: visit www.ipcphoto.ca, select "Appointments" from the menu on the top then select "Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo". Using the calendar on the left, select the date that you are interested in and then select an open time slot. Complete the required information and click "Finalize". If you require assistance with booking an appointment, call Bette at the parish office (519-886-0342). Note: there are still a few openings on Friday, May 27.

We want EVERYONE to be part of this memorable anniversary photo directory. For your participation in the photo directory, you will receive a FREE 8x10 portrait as well as a FREE copy of the directory. Those of you who have had your pictures taken, please spread the word to parishioners who may not have heard of this initiative. Please encourage them to sign-up. We want them in the directory as well.



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.)

Also, to celebrate **World Refugee Day**, on Wednesday, June 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. come to The Museum, 10 King St. W. in Kitchener for an event called "**Waterloo Region Celebrates Refugees**". This is the launch of a month long emphasis on welcoming refugees. This June 1st gathering will feature a key note speaker, local dignitaries, Crossing Borders youth performers, an art exhibition and refreshments. For more detail, visit worldrefugeedaywr.com.



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

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.