

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>.

THE BISHOP FARRELL LIBRARY NOW OFFERS EBOOKS! The Bishop Farrell Library is located on the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. It has expanded its collection to include eBooks. These resources include titles on family & relationships, scripture & bible study, social justice, prayer, sacraments, and saints. The Bishop Farrell Library is open to the public. Anyone with a patron account can make use of our resources. To get started enjoying eBooks visit the library webpage at <http://hamiltondiocese.com/chancellor/library/highlights.php>. For more information or to sign up for a library account, contact library staff at library@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone at 905-528-7988 ext. 2270.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE DESSERT & COFFEE EVENING on June 9 at 6 p.m. at Club Willowells 40 Blue Springs Dr. Waterloo (behind East Side Marios). Street parking. A PowerPoint presentation, “Contraception: Cracking the Myths” by Prof. Janet Smith will be shown (in part) and is available free of charge to any teacher, instructor, group leader or anyone interested in changing the contraceptive culture to one that is healthy and loving, creating solid relationships. Our Annual General Report (AGM) will be distributed and all our Volunteers will be honoured. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend, call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

PRAYER VIGIL AT FREEPORT HOSPITAL (3570 King St. E., Kitchener) on Thursday, June 2, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. All are welcome and urged to come out to pray and to be a witness for God’s unborn babies being aborted! Their silent screams cry out to be heard. Will you be their witness today? Please pray to end abortion, and pray for the conversion of hearts. Parking available at Schneider Park across the road. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour praying? For more information email kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call Cathy at 519-742-9025.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: Before a couple begins to parent, they first have a relationship with each other. We know that the best gift parents can give their children is a strong and healthy relationship. Time together as a couple is an excellent way to strengthen your bond – it ensures that love continues to flourish, that you don’t lose your connection to each other as husband and wife, and shows your children that you love spending time together. Make spending time as a couple a priority and you will soon see the value it has in your lives. (Diocesan Family Ministry Office)



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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 May 29 to June 4, 2016

- Monday.....**NO MASS**
 Tuesday**NO MASS**
 Wednesday**NO MASS**
 Thursday**NO MASS**
 Friday**NO MASS**
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.Robert Haas; Patricia Neuert

Offertory collection for Sunday, May 22, 2016: \$4,891.80

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The marriage of Brian Streeter and Alyssa Bender will be celebrated on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

VOCATION SEEDS: Jesus has given us his body to eat and his blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated Christians. If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

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.



‘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 in the parish hall at 7:30 p.m. on May 31, June 21 and July 12 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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: All children, especially young children, thrive when parents set boundaries and expectations. Knowing what is and is not acceptable, understanding the limits of what is tolerable and sensing their parents are in charge provides children with a sense of confidence and higher self-esteem. When parents take on a leadership role their children are calmer and the family flourishes. (Diocesan Family Ministry Office)

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.

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

Lorraine Gleiser..... May 24, 2016

Gaetano Garasto May 25, 2016

Parish 60th-65th Anniversary Photo Directory Update



Extra dates . . . by popular demand – June 20, 21 & 22! Let's fill them up!!! We have **418** 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. If you require assistance with booking an appointment, call Bette at the parish office (519-886-0342).

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.

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you again for your kind and prayerful best wishes since my cancer diagnosis. I was able to be on the annual diocesan priests’ retreat recently which provided a much needed spiritual reflection time. This past week I began chemotherapy treatments to address the symptoms that I have been experiencing over the past few months. I am still at the rectory and am gently working “behind the scenes” as I am able. I am grateful for both parish pastoral staff and parishioners who continue the ministry and activities of our faith community. The bishop and I have spoken of the plan to assign a priest here near the end of June. Over the next few weeks, in consultation with those providing for my medical care and those who are my mentors right now, I will look at the possibility of some limited ministry, but, as always, everything is in God’s hands. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. Ted