

Offertory collection for Sunday, November 19, 2017: \$3,937.00

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



A Christmas Remembrance for Our Parish Shut-ins

It's cookie time again! We would like to deliver to all our shut-ins a can filled with a variety of homemade cookies. Since this is the season for baking, we are asking you to share some of your homemade cookies with them. How special it will be to them when they receive their tin of homemade Christmas cookies! Thank you for embracing the joy of this holy season by remembering those who would dearly love to be with us but, due to declining health, are unable to do so.

Because of your generosity we have also been able to lift the spirits of the 30 men who reside at the Underhill Residence at Erb and Avondale by providing each with a container of cookies. To continue to do this, however, **WE NEED MORE COOKIES!** When you do your Christmas baking, please consider baking an extra dozen for the parish.



Please bring only cookies – other baking is very difficult to include in the tins for the shut-ins.



Your cookies should be brought to the parish office on Tuesday, December 12 between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Labelled containers will be returned to you.



When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a Christmas ornament, a small token of appreciation for your kindness.



Volunteers will be needed to deliver these tins of cookies to the shut-ins on Thursday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please call Bette at the parish

VOCATION SEEDS: “Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?” Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP’S OFFICE ABOUT THE ROHINGYA CRISIS: In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is working with Caritas Bangladesh to support a food distribution program along the border with Myanmar. Development and Peace is also assisting Bangladeshis with food and other emergency relief given the enormous strain that the refugee crisis is having on their own country’s very limited resources.

Visit the Development and Peace website www.devp.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund. **Until 28 November, 2017 the Government of Canada will match all donations made to Development and Peace or any other eligible Canadian charity.**



On the weekend of December 9/10

we will conclude our dual anniversary celebrations:

the 65th anniversary of the founding of the parish (December 14, 1952) and the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church itself (March 25, 1956).

Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the celebrant and homilist at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after all Masses.

Coincidentally on that weekend, we will be distributing our parish offering envelopes for 2018. The Finance Council would like to thank you for your ongoing support to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. As we’re heading into a new year and preparing the budget for 2018, we ask you to consider your donation to the parish. Just as your personal household expenses continue to increase, so do the expenses of the parish. The Property and Maintenance Committee is working to maintain the church building and grounds. This requires an ongoing investment. It would be appreciated if you would consider increasing your weekly/monthly contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for 2018.

On the weekend of December 9/10, members of the Parish Finance Council will be available to assist you as well as provide information about our pre-authorized giving (PAG) program. At the present time, 118 families have chosen PAG! In addition, the Diocese has produced an excellent resource, the “Catholic Estate Planning Guide”. Copies of this will be available on that weekend as well.

Please note: To fill in the gaps in the envelopes which have developed over the years and hence reduce the number of boxes we must purchase, all envelope users and PAG contributors will be receiving a new number for 2018. The envelopes will be in alphabetical order so it should be easy to find yours. At the end of December, it is essential that you discard all your previous envelopes so that donations can be properly recorded.



Ladies of the parish,
on November 29th, “come with bells on”
as our Catholic Women’s League
hosts the annual potluck supper.



All ladies are invited to a lovely evening starting at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring your favourite dish or yummy dessert.

There will be fun activities, a raffle draw, and some traditional happenings as well, such as a sing-a-long with Sister Barbara at the piano and Father Ted’s bell game.

We look forward to seeing you at this enjoyable event!!!

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

Jack Downey November 17, 2017