

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The death of someone we love is one of the most difficult experiences of life. At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener, we offer a bereavement support group made up of people who have experienced the pain of significant loss and truly understand the struggles of finding a new way of life and what this means. Open to anyone, the program begins Monday, November 6, 1:00-2:30 p.m. and runs for approximately 12 weeks. We invite you to our first meeting to see if this program can help you on your grief journey. For more information or to register contact Barbara Diemert at 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday, November 11, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Children's activities, pies galore, baking, crafts, games, draws, tea room. Santa is visiting at 10:30 a.m. For information, call 519-745-7301. Sponsored by St. Francis Catholic Women's League.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: St. Joseph's C.W.L., Listowel, is hosting its Christmas bazaar on Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Ave. N., Listowel. Free admission. Bake sale, lunch, main draw, evergreen arrangements, and grocery hamper draw. Everyone welcome.

CWL BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION: St. Michael Church, Waterloo, after all Masses on the weekend of November 25/26 (Mass is at 5 p.m. Saturday; 9 & 11 a.m. Sunday).

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, for the next Lecture in Catholic Experience hosted by St. Jerome's University. Lisa Fagin Davis, Executive Director of the Medieval Academy of America, will help us to understand the tradition of writing the bible by hand that reaches back two thousand years to the earliest fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and forward to the contemporary Saint John's Bible. And visit the medieval manuscripts from the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies (PIMS) that will be on exhibit in the Atrium November 13-17. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:45p.m.). This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at www.sju.ca/lce.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY UPDATE – IMPROVING THE PATIENT JOURNEY: Shorter stay. Faster recovery. Better experience. Hear how St. Mary's is implementing innovative approaches to improve the patient journey. The Lackner Award for Medical Excellence will be presented to Dr. Ronald Pace. Speakers: Don Shilton, President, St. Mary's General Hospital; Lisa Roszel, Manager, Medicine and Geriatrics; Dr. Mike Sehl, Hospitalist; Dr. Paul Chiasson, Thoracic Surgeon; Susan Dusick, President, St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation. Thursday, November 16, 7-9 p.m. at Heasley Hall, St. Mary's Hospital, 911 Queens Blvd, Kitchener. RSVP required: supportstmarys.ca/acu or 519-749-6536. Free parking located in the visitor lot. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

DAVID WELLS IS COMING TO GUELPH! *Reluctance, Resilience, and Rejoicing: Focus on the Family and Faith.* David Wells is an internationally known speaker and author and a gifted story teller. Basilica of Our Lady – 28 Norfolk St., Guelph – November 22 at 7 p.m. Reception to follow in the church hall. There is no need to register and no cost to attend. Parents, grandparents, teachers and pastors – all are welcome! David Wells' book – *The Reluctant Disciple* – will be for sale following the talk along with a number of faith resources from Novalis Publishing.



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ADMINISTRATOR:	Rev. Rafal Tomon
DEACON:	Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
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:	Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
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 November 5 to 11, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Richard Biber – Bennett Biber
Tuesday	Beechwood Manor. 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Ted Hughes – Beechwood Manor Community
	7:00 p.m.	Deceased members of Schuster-Nemeth Family – Helmut Schuster & Family
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Special intention of Fr. John Weber – Jack & Joan Cassidy
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	George & Anna Michal – George & Marg Stec
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Marcel & Pauline Crépeau – Paul Dion & Michele Daviau
Saturday	Remembrance Day 7:00 p.m.	For those who have died in war

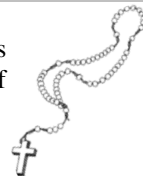
Offertory collection for Sunday, October 29, 2017: \$4,791.50

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

Monthly Budget Review as of October 31, 2017

Cumulative financial objective – 44 Weeks @ \$7,500		\$330,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$225,756.10	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>112,163.90</u>	<u>337,920.00</u>
Over (under) objective		\$7,920.00

LIVING ROSARY: Thank you very much to those who took part in Our Lady of Lourdes living rosary. We had about 60 decades of the rosary prayed every day during the month of October for all of our intentions. We will continue to pray for these intentions at our First Saturday Masses (10:00 a.m.) until June. *Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! As part of our celebrations marking the 65th anniversary of the founding of our parish we are having a volunteer appreciation dinner. If you have not received an invitation via mail or email about this from us (perhaps we didn't have your correct email address or it ended up as spam or in cyberspace), please contact Bette in the parish office (lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com or 519-886-0342 ext. 3). Our volunteers are very important to the life of our parish and we don't want to miss any of you.

BISHOP GARY GORDON: Before becoming the bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, Bishop Gary was the bishop of Whitehorse Diocese in the Yukon for 8 years, 2006 to 2014. As a follow up to his visit with us and his interesting and enthusiastic talk about the Catholic Missions in Canada, he has sent a link to his YouTube video "Apostle of the North" which was produced in 2009. It shows and explains beautifully our Northern Missions. It also shows some of the roads that Fr. Ted drove a few times when he helped out as a visiting missionary. To see the video, go to www.youtube.com and search for "Apostle of the North".

THE MYSTERY OF GOD, WHO GOD IS AND WHY HE MATTERS – a 6-part DVD program by Bishop Robert Barron starts on Monday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Louis Church in the Large Hall (53 Allen St. E.), Waterloo – enter through the elevator side door). Bishop Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us how to respond to the rise in New Atheism, which attracted millions of young people. Using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Benedict XVI, he uncovers a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by "God." To sign up (free), or order workbook (\$25), please call St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 WILL BE DISTRUTED SOON. If you are not currently using offertory envelopes but would like to begin, then please complete the following form and place it in the collection basket next weekend.

Name: _____

Address: _____
 Apt. No No. & Street Postal Code

Phone No.: _____ **Email:** _____

BAPTISMS: During the month of October, the following children became members of God's family in the sacrament of baptism:

Brayden Stanton Duane Craddock	Victoria Bella Filipowicz	Brayden Amos Hardacre
Evan-Augustin Christ-Anoughle N'Dri	Nash Michael Setchell	Norah Heyden Setchell
Luke Thaddeus Sonnenberg		

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION (CWLF) is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about the CWLF, the Leadership Program, and to complete an application form, visit <http://cwlfcanda.ca>.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE: Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton, Sunday, December 3, 1:30-3:00 p.m. The event is free of charge. Please call to reserve a seat: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

YOU ARE INVITED TO A HEALING MASS FOR THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A CHILD: Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to all those trying to cope with such grief, is planned at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth or who have had a still birth, are invited to this Mass celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby. God is close to those who mourn: come and experience his healing presence. Registration is preferred, but not necessary, as it will assist us in knowing how many spaces to reserve and to ensure we have enough of the small memento each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

LET'S TALK: On November 25, the Family Ministry Office and the Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting a day long workshop focusing on young people and mental health. The morning will consist of a speaker from Canadian Mental Health Association and the afternoon will consist of safeTALK training for suicide awareness and alertness. All are welcome to attend. The cost of the day is \$40.00 and this includes the workshop, safeTALK training, and lunch. Spaces for this workshop are limited! For more information regarding this day please contact Christina Mines in the Office of Youth ministry: 905-528-7988 ext. 2239.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF THE PENTATEUCH VOLUME of The Saint John's Bible. Visit the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives (698 King St. West, Hamilton) to learn about the Bible and engage with this beautiful work of sacred art. The library will be open November 21, 22, 23, and 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/> Come and see!

VOCATION SEEDS: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.

SUNDAY MISSAL – LIVING WITH CHRIST (2017-2018): The new Sunday Missal that begins with the first Sunday of Advent (December 3) are now available. The price per missal is \$4.00. Limited quantity so don't delay in picking yours up. **New this year – larger print!** *Please write your name in your missal so that it can be returned to you in the event it is left in church.*