

Dessert Social Fundraising Event for our Refugee Family

Provide desserts and they will come. Simplistic yet inspired by a far greater cause. The Dessert Social was the vehicle through which people came together to celebrate the arrival and settling in of our family from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Shinga and Esperance, and their children Yves, Redard, Agape, Uwera and Blaise, were the star attraction.

This event became the impetus for an amazing web of communication, sharing, and connections in the name of fundraising for our family. Members of the four sponsoring churches comprising the Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership – Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and Church of the Good Shepherd, Swedenborgian – were the centre of the web. We also invited the residents of the two neighbourhoods where the family has lived, Young St. and Roslin St., and Our Lady of Lourdes School community.

Each person then had the opportunity to share mini invitations, posters and email invitations with their family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. The necessity to donate desserts was also imperative for this event to succeed. Musicians donated their time to provide entertainment as well. We enjoyed performances by a student from the Mt. Zion neighbourhood, three musicians from WLU and a professional pianist from our Chinese rental community.

The result was a network that spanned Kitchener and Waterloo. Desserts poured in such that every surface in the Mt. Zion kitchen was covered in containers. Over 200 people attended the event and \$3,626 in donations was raised. A translator helped Shinga and Esperance share their feelings of gratitude and happiness, and thankfulness for God's blessings on their family. They were effusive in thanking the many people who have helped them experience a safe and exciting start in their new home and country.

The most inspiring part of this journey has been the community connections we have experienced. Four churches, two neighbourhoods, one school and two cities' residents have converged in support of one specific cause. Yes, it does *take a village to raise a child*, or in this case, to support a family!

The Service Committee is appreciative of the support shown for this exciting event.

Ginny Ehrlich
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo

MARYHILL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VEGAS NIGHT: Saturday, November 19 at Bridgeport Road & Gun Club, 1229 Beitz Rd., RR #1, Breslau. Doors open at 7 p.m. with fun beginning at 8 p.m. Free admission. Fast food available. Many beautiful, generous prizes on the Big Wheel – grocery hampers, turkeys, hams, steaks, etc. Penny table and other games of chance. For more information contact Tim Vegh at 519-648-3952. All proceeds are given to charity and announced that evening.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The Marian Retirement Residence Home located at 640 Hillview Road, Cambridge, is having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 12 from 1- 6:00 pm. Donations for the bazaar would be appreciated. They can be brought to the residence November 8 to 11.



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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 6 to 12, 2016

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Deceased members of Schuster & Nemeth Families – Helmut Schuster & Family
Tuesday	Luther Village... 10:00 a.m.	Angelo Madappuli – Jerry & Elaine Prail
	7:00 p.m.	Marcel & Pauline Crépeau – Paul Dion & Michele Daviau
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Deceased members of Verreault Family – Adèle Verreault
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Paul Kakkssery – Bennett Biber
Friday	Remembrance Day ...	8:30 a.m. For those who have died in war
Saturday	7:00 p.m. Patricia Neuert; Agnes & Sydney Horton

Offertory collection for Sunday, October 30, 2016: \$7,198.00

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

Monthly Budget Review as of October 31, 2016

Cumulative financial objective – 44 Weeks @ \$7,500		\$330,000.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$247,715.80	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>104,398.90</u>	<u>352,114.70</u>
Over (under) objective		\$22,114.70

HAITI EMERGENCY! Reminder: donations to the special Haiti disaster relief fund can be made up until November 13. (Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.)

YEAR OF MERCY CLOSING CELEBRATIONS – DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

The conclusion of the Year of Mercy will be celebrated with an Evening Prayer celebration on Friday, November 18 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina will offer a reflective talk on the Year of Mercy following Evening Prayer.

On Sunday, November 20, Bishop Crosby will preach at the Masses on the Feast of Christ the King at the Cathedral Basilica. All those attending will enter the church through the Doors of Mercy. Masses at the Cathedral Basilica are Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

A SERVICE OF LIGHT AND REMEMBRANCE for children who have died in utero or after birth regardless of circumstances. This service for their parents and all whose lives they have touched will be on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church, 240 Hemlock St., Waterloo. Please join us for this special vigil. Refreshments will be served following the vigil.



Ladies of the parish - save the date! The CWL Christmas potluck is on **November 30!** Watch the bulletin for more details to come!

Living Scripture



Once again this year, students from grades one to eight are invited to proclaim the Word of God through movement at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Parent volunteers are most welcome and needed! Registration forms are available at the church entrances for those who wish to become involved. Deadline to register for the Living Scripture is **Monday, December 5 at 12 noon.**

THREE LIVING SCRIPTURE REHEARSALS

Tuesdays, December 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Children and parent volunteers are asked to meet in the church hall on the above dates in preparation for the rehearsal that will take place in the church.

“Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” –attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Advent Retreat for Primary Students

Children in Grades 1-3 are warmly invited to four Thursday evenings away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations to listen to scripture, to pray and to sing. Together we will consider some of the Messianic prophecies and infancy narratives, and we will contemplate “Who is this Jesus we celebrate?” The retreat follows the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an approach to faith formation that seeks to answer the child’s silent request: “Help me come closer to God by myself.” Children who have attended previously will delve deeper into scripture and be shown new passages. We will meet in the parish office from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on December 1, 8, 15 and 22. To inquire further or to register please contact Paula (lourdesCatechist@rogers.com).

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, November 27 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. 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 online at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

SERRA CLUB OF KITCHENER WATERLOO – A 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Thursday, November 24, beginning with Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Teresa Church, Kitchener, followed by reception and dinner at Golf’s Steak House, Kitchener. Dynamic guest speaker is Bishop Gary Gordon, Episcopal Advisor to Serra Canada. Advance tickets only. Price is \$60.00 per person and will be available until November 21. Please contact Betty Martin at 226-647-5750 or email marbet67@gmail.com.

BRANCHES OF THE WORD will be hosting a fall conference on November 19 at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls. Regenerate(d) 2016 will feature dynamic talks from Catholic speakers including Tim Francis, Msgr. Florian Kolfaus, Gus Lloyd, and Roberta Plantic. The conference will begin with an address by Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines and this year’s main celebrant and homilist. The theme of this year’s conference is The Eucharist: The Source & Summit, with the conference challenge being “Do You Believe in Miracles?” Cost to attend is \$45 with an optional lunch fee of \$30. For full details, visit <http://go2branches.com/events/regenerated-2016/> and scroll down to “click here to view the event website”. If you plan to go and might be interested in carpooling, call Peggy at 519-725-5847.

VOCATION SEEDS: How will you share God’s life with others? If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

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

Harrison Ellis Agla

Clementine Anita-Jane Finnerty

Elena Ester Iwinski

Please note: The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, November 9 as our parish administrative assistant will be attending a workshop sponsored by the diocese. This workshop will deal with the yearend financial reporting requirements of the diocese.