

RAIN GARDEN SEMINAR: Join us for a seminar on how you can use rain water at your house or business and help decrease urban runoff. Presented by REEP Green Solutions on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Sponsored by the CWL.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH: Our community has been blessed with the presence of the Carmelite Nuns for 65 years. They have devoted their lives to God and continuously provide us with unwavering moral and spiritual support. To help cover some of their large expenses, there is an annual fundraising dinner held in their honour. The 2017 reception will be held on Monday, October 23 at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. A minimum donation of \$250 covers two people. If you are interested in attending the reception or just making a donation, you may do so online at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/carmel-of-st-joseph, or contact Jane Malleck at 519-748-1225 or cjmalleck@sympatico.ca. Tax receipts will be issued by the Sisters. All support is greatly appreciated.

GIANT GARAGE SALE: St. Francis of Assisi, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener is having a giant garage sale on Saturday, October 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the parish hall. Proceeds for church renovations. Treasures for all ages.

ANIMAL BLESSING: Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with an animal blessing on Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the Peace Garden, in the rectory parking lot at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Francis of Assisi believed in proclaiming the Good News to all of God's creatures. Bring your pet to this beautiful celebration!

C.W.L. ANNUAL EUCHRE CARD PARTY on Friday, October 13 at St. Martin of Tours RC Church Hall, 12 Union St., Drayton. Doors open at 7 p.m. Euchre begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. There will be euchre prizes, penny table, and a lunch following the card play.

FALL HARVEST PEACH TEA: Saturday, October 14, 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall, 148 Madison Ave. S., Kitchener. Homemade "fall peach delight dessert" accompanied by a beverage. Penny table, large item raffles, fancy cake table and much more. Admission is free. Donations are greatly appreciated and will be accepted at the door. If you would like to contribute raffle prizes or baking, please contact Marie at mehocaliuk@gmail.com or call the church at 519-745-9302.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, FOR THE FIRST LECTURE in Catholic Experience of this year. Dr. Anton M. Koerkemoer, astrophysicist with the Hubble Space Telescope, will explore the relationship between science and faith, especially as that is manifested in the images from the Hubble Space Telescope that inspired illuminations in The Saint John's Bible. Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:45p.m.). Lectures available on a complimentary basis. Something new this year: please register at www.sju.ca/lce. Free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments.

BLESSING OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA GROTTTO: Please join us on Friday, October 13 at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener (55 Driftwood Dr.). on occasion of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, We will begin with Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by a procession, blessing of our new grotto and statue, Benediction and a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome!



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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 October 1 to 7, 2017

Monday..... 8:30 a.m.Donovan Norris-Lue – Eng Siew Tan & Family

Tuesday **Beechwood Manor**.. 10:00 a.m.Special intention

7:00 p.m.Eugane & Vincent – Bennett Biber

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.Tom Schmuck – Barbara Schmuck

Thursday 7:00 p.m.Doug Furlong – Patricia Snoddon

Friday 8:30 a.m.Albin Perko – Olga Perko

9:15 a.m.Holy Rosary School Opening Mass

The Westhill 10:00 a.m.Special intention

Saturday..... 10:00 a.m.Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mother

6:00 p.m.Holy Hour

7:00 p.m.Alex Dunleavy, Anthony Stevenson, Tom McKenna
 – Caroline & Kevin McKenna

Gerry Tighe – Joan & Jim O'Doherty

Offertory collection for Sunday, September 24, 2017: \$4,908.00

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

Monthly Budget Review as of September 30, 2017

Cumulative financial objective – 39 Weeks @ \$7,500		\$292,500.00	
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$194,781.60		
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>100,970.91</u>	<u>295,752.51</u>	
Over (under) objective		3,252.51	

SAVE THE DATE! Our 11:00 choir and choirs from Mount Zion and St. John's Lutheran Churches will present a concert of sacred music here at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, November 3 at 8:00 p.m. More details to follow.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: Please check your directory and make sure you have a page that has photos of all the priests who have served at Lourdes. If yours is missing, please contact the parish office.



THIS YEAR MARKED THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. We once again hear and heed the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima – the call to conversion and repentance for sins, the invitation to intense prayer, especially the Holy Rosary and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

To continue our celebration of this event here at Lourdes, a holy hour will be observed on each of the next five First Saturdays (October to February). We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. This will be followed by a time for private adoration and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The hour will conclude with Benediction beginning at 6:45 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY MASSES: Beginning with Saturday, October 7, and continuing until June, Holy Mass will be celebrated on the First Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to honour Mary, Mother of God.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY will begin the first day of October and continue to the last day of October. Each person who joins us will be assigned a specific decade and mystery of the rosary. He/she will pray the same decade and mystery each day for the entire month (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). There are no meetings – you pray individually anytime of the day at your own convenience.

Remember: If you are praying the first decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will also have to say the prayers that begin it: the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, three Hail Marys, the Glory Be to the Father. If you are praying the fifth decade of each mystery of the rosary, you will have to say the ending prayer: Hail, Holy Queen. At the end of each decade the following prayer is said: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins . . ."

On Our Lady of Lourdes altar, you will find slips of paper with little tear-off pieces. Please take the next one available on the sheet. This is your mystery and decade for the month. Also on the altar will be a notebook in which you can write your prayer intentions. Everyone who is praying the rosary is praying with all those intentions in mind. At the Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 10:00 a.m. on the First Saturday of each month until June, the Mass will be offered for those intentions as well.



BISHOP GARY GORDON'S VISIT

October 14 & 15, 2017

For over 100 years, Catholic Missions In Canada has provided support to Catholic missionaries serving throughout Canada. Their ministry? To extend the blessings of the Catholic faith to 24 mission dioceses in Canada that are too poor to support the work of the Church and its priests and sisters. The Most Rev. Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria, BC, will be visiting our parish to speak at Masses on the weekend of October 14 & 15. Please welcome him and listen to learn more about the missionary work being done in over 600 missions in our own country. To receive your free Catholic Missions In Canada magazine and 2018 calendar while supplies last, call 1-866-937-2642 or visit their website at www.cmic.info.

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

Luke Jagdhar	Chloe Violet Ivy MacDonald	Slater Stanley Niesen
Sloane Dorothy Niesen	Mason Antonio Palmer	Bennett Alexander Roy
Oliver Andres Rueda		

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The marriage of Brad Wilson and Rachel Corke will be celebrated on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

WHY@Breakfast PRESENTS "Saint Paul and Our Lives Today" on Saturday, October 21, here at Our Lady of Lourdes, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Our speaker, Dr. Tim Hegedus, taught New Testament at Wilfrid Laurier University for many years. He will explain how the teachings of Saint Paul are relevant to our modern world. Volume 7 *Letters & Revelation* of The Saint John's Bible will be on display during the event. See how the letters of Saint Paul come to life by the artistry of an international team of calligraphers and artists! Come and enjoy free light breakfast and nourish your soul at the same time. Doors open at 9 a.m. Interested? Please call 519-886-0342 or leave a note at whyatbreakfast@gmail.com.



PEOPLE WHO HAVE ORDERED PIES FROM THE CWL are asked to please pick them up between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7 in the church hall. If need be, please contact Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847. Thank you again from the CWL.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society depends on the support and generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to fund our various outreach programs. Our funds are running low, and we encourage you to make a donation to help all those who depend on us (tax receipt available).



Our food supply is also dwindling. On Thanksgiving weekend, October 7/8, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church and place them in the sanctuary. If possible, please bring your food donations to the church in a reusable cloth bag. These will be given to the families who come for assistance. Thank you for helping us help others.