

ECUMENICAL WELCOMING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE: It's been over a year since Shinga, Esperance and their 5 children dropped into our lives and our official responsibilities are completed. The members of the EWP are happy about where the family sits in "Month 13" and beyond. Shinga has found full time employment and Esperance has also started part time work. With the child tax benefit and other incentives the family is financially self-supporting. Young Blaise started kindergarten and Yves started high school and all of the children seem to have settled well in school. They are managing their busy lives in Canada. They say they are relieved of worry here. They don't worry about being hungry, or sick or safe.

It has been a year of joy and challenges with many people of each of our congregations stepping up when needed to help out. The committee is very thankful for the gifts of time, talents and, indeed, money provided by the congregations. We raised around \$40,000 and have spent most of it supporting the family for the first 12 months, as we have struggled to get approval for the child tax benefit. What remains will be given to the family to help pay their travel loan from the Canadian government which started at \$10,000. We are winding up and no longer accepting donations.

The committee is left with warm memories filled with laughter and the friendships created with each other and with this charming family. We hope for the continuation of these personal relationships and also the willingness of our congregations to work together in future ecumenical projects.

FISH FRY: The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a fish fry on Friday, October 27, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Cost is adults \$16.00; children (12 & under) \$8.00; and take out \$16.00. Advanced tickets are available until October 25. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charities.

THE CARMELITE NUNS IN ST. AGATHA will be celebrating their 65th anniversary of foundation (1952-2017). You are all welcome to join the nuns in a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the main celebrant. See www.thecarmel.ca for details.



IN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION: In our Catholic tradition, November is set aside as a month dedicated to the souls in purgatory. It is a time for us to reflect on our lives as a pilgrim journey to the Lord, as well as an opportunity to prayerfully remember our loved ones and friends who have gone before us. As a parish, we will highlight this month of grace by preparing a book entitled "In Hope of the Resurrection" into which will be placed the names of our departed family members and friends. Special sheets on which to record the names of those you wish to remember were included in last

weekend's bulletin. Additional forms plus a box to return your completed form are at the entrances to the church.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the young diocese in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. An envelope has been included in your box of offering envelopes for this purpose. Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to the church.



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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 15 to 21, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Louis Paesano – Patricia Everhard
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Marian Granic – Peter & Angela Granic
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Special intention of Rosanna & Glenn Davis – Seah Family
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Special intention of Rita & Caroline Tighe – Joan & Jim O'Doherty & Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Rienzi Crusz – Miriam Jayasundera & Family
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Alan Young – Kathleen & William Henderson

VOCATION SEEDS: How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask him how he would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow him 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 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.

Offertory collection for Sunday, October 8, 2017: \$7,787.00

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH LIVING ROSARY is continuing and you can still participate. 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. Pray the same decade and mystery each day in October (Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father . . .). 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 . . ."



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.

COLLECTION FOR CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN – OCTOBER 28/29

It's that time again to go through your closets and pull out all the items of clothing you no longer wear. There are families in need all around the world who can use them. Please bring items in wearable condition – washed and in good repair. A truck will be here after all Masses on the weekend of October 28/29 for your donations. Everything will be taken to the Canadian Food for Children warehouse in Mississauga for sorting and distribution.



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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING REMINDER: We are having our second youth group meeting on Thursday, October 19, starting with Mass at 7:00 p.m. We will then head to the church hall at 7:30 p.m. for prayers, activities and discussions. All high school youth are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Jocelyn Hoang at jocelynmhoang@gmail.com.

WE REMEMBER: The Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus in concert with John McDermott is presenting a Remembrance Day Concert to honour our veterans on Sunday, November 5 at 3:30 p.m. The concert will be held at Grandview Baptist Church, 250 Old Chicopee Rd., Kitchener. Tickets (\$35.00) are available through Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus members or by calling 519-885-4697.

CONCERT: On Friday, November 3 at 8 p.m., our 11:00 choir and choirs from Mount Zion and St. John's Lutheran Churches will present a concert of sacred and classical music here at Our Lady of Lourdes. The concert will feature a performance of the Fauré Requiem, dedicated to Father Ted. Admission is by a freewill offering.

Catholic Women's League Membership Form

(For women of the parish ages 16+)



It's time to JOIN the Catholic Women's League (CWL) or to RENEW your membership.

Catholic women today possess immense potential to serve church, community and the world. The unique strength of Catholic women is the faith that binds us together. We pray for each other, care for the less fortunate, and support our parish and community. Our monthly events are informative, prayerful and fun-loving.

Please PRINT the information required below, and along with the membership fee of \$25.00, place it in an envelope marked "CWL" and place it in the collection basket by November 30.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(if you wish to receive notifications of upcoming events)

Payment (please check one): cash _____ cheque _____ (payable to the Our Lady of Lourdes CWL)



CWL Event October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies' Night Skincare/Makeovers

An evening of pampering with facials and makeup.



Lisa Collins and Sarah Davidson will be sharing skincare tips on how to make you feel as beautiful on the outside as you are on the inside! And watch for a Fairy Princess to bring some special treats for your enjoyment. See you then.



and **WHY@Breakfast** ?

Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

on **Saturday, October 21st**

From 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the parish hall, WHY@Breakfast presents **Saint Paul and Our Lives Today** with speaker Dr. Tim Hegedus, retired WLU professor of the New Testament and active member of Inter-faith dialogues. Light breakfast is available. Doors open at 9 a.m. Interested? Please call the parish office at 519-886-0342 or leave a note at whyatbreakfast@gmail.com. *Enrich your soul with food and words!* Volume 7, **Letters & Revelation of The Saint John's Bible**, will be on display in the parish hall during the break of the WHY@Breakfast presentation and after the talk until noon. Come and see how the letters of Saint Paul come to life by the artistry of an international team of calligraphers and artists! Each page took a calligrapher 8 to 12 hours to transcribe!

On the same day at 2:30 p.m., our Bishop Crosby and Rev. Dr. Pryse, bishop of the Eastern Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, will jointly preside at a service commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kitchener. This is a historical milestone that will be televised. *Join us!*