

**REFUGEE SUPPORT FUNDRAISER:** You are invited to a dessert social on Saturday, October 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd. S., Waterloo. This Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership fundraiser is to support the new family of 7 recently arrived from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Admission to this “all you can eat” desserts and beverages event is \$7 per person, \$20 for family with all children under 12. Additional charitable donations welcome.

**Food donations would be appreciated** – finger or fork-friendly desserts (no spoon-type foods), squares, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, pastries, fruit cut into chunks for fruit platter display. Drop off at the upper parking lot door at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church on Friday, October 21, 3 to 5 p.m. or Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Containers which do not have to be returned preferred. Label only if made for non-dairy, nut-free, gluten-free or vegan.

**HOT HAM SUPPER:** St. Clements Church, St. Clements is hosting a hot ham supper on Sunday October 23 at St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street, St. Clements. Tickets are adults \$12.00; children aged 5-12 \$6.00, and children aged 4 and under are free. For tickets, please call Wayne or Marilyn at 519-206-0151.

**FALL CARD PARTY:** St. Anne’s Parish, 268 East Ave., Kitchener on Monday, October 24. Doors open at 6 p.m. Lunch served at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8. Great prizes, 2-\$50 cash prizes, quilts and so much more!

**FALL BAZAAR:** Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mark’s Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener). Drop in to shop from over 25 vendors! Save the date and don’t miss it!

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** New love spurs us on to spend as much time as possible with each other. Once we marry we can get so caught up in the demands of work, home and family that we can lose the sense of connection that pulled us toward each other at the start. Preparing and eating dinner together, sharing a walk, enjoying a good movie, attending Mass, or reading a book together are all great examples of ways to create a stronger couple connection. Building this connection is an important way to form a strong and lasting relationship. Spend time together and see where it takes you!

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN FERGUS** will have the pleasure of hosting a photographic exhibition of the appeals of Our Lady, apparitions and Marian shrines in the world from October 20-23. This is a Vatican-approved exhibition and everyone is invited.



**OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Our ladies have fashioned 148 beautiful shawls to date for ladies, men, children, babies and baptisms. There are rectangles, triangles, lap blankets, pocket inserts and ones especially for those in wheelchairs. The shawls are free to anyone who needs them for someone special. We have been very blessed with donations to cover the cost of our yarn and thank our parishioners from the bottom of our hearts for helping to make this ministry a prayerful and loving part of Our Lady of Lourdes Community. If any parishioner would like a shawl for a loved one please call Peggy Dietrich at 519-725-5847. We have 9 ladies who crochet or knit shawls and would be thrilled to have new people join us. We meet once a month and really enjoy our time together. Just call Peggy at the number above.



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| <b>PASTOR:</b>                        | <b>Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes</b>   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b>                 | <b>Rev. Rafal Tomon</b>   |
| <b>DEACON:</b>                        | <b>Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang</b>   |
| <b>PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:</b>        | <b>Paula Rush</b>   |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:</b>      | <b>Bette Honsinger</b><br><b>Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</b>                     |
| <b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>                 | <b>Saturday 7:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Sunday 9:00 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community</b><br><b>Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.</b> |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:</b>          | <b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>    | <b>Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon</b><br><b>Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:</b>         | <b>By appointment – please phone the parish office</b>  |
| <b>BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:</b> | <b>Last Sunday of each month after all Masses</b>   |
| <b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:</b>           | <b>Church door collections – last Sunday of each month</b>  |

**Announced Mass intentions for the week of October 16 to 22, 2016**

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| Monday.....     | 8:30 a.m.....  | Marion Granic – Peter & Angela Granic     |
| Tuesday .....   | 7:00 p.m. .... | In Thanksgiving – Maria Smit              |
| Wednesday ..... | 8:30 a.m.....  | In Thanksgiving – Mary & Bob McCargar     |
| Thursday .....  | 7:00 p.m. .... | Patrick McGrinder – Angela & Peter Granic |
| Friday .....    | 8:30 a.m.....  | Christopher Norris-Lue – Family           |
| Saturday.....   | 7:00 p.m. .... | Jeanette Achi, Dale Melchin               |

**Offertory collection for Sunday, October 9, 2016: \$6,749.10**

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

**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 are included in this bulletin. The completed forms should be returned to the church next weekend. A special box for the page will be at each entrance to the church.



**WHY @ Breakfast** ?

**FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION:** The Reformation from the Catholic Perspective and 50 years of Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue. Father Tim Hingston, the Ecumenical/Interfaith Officer of our Hamilton

Diocese will be coming to Our Lady of Lourdes. He will speak on the new understanding of the events since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses and how Catholics may commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Reformation next year with Christians all over the world. Join us on Saturday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Doors open at 9 a.m. and light breakfast is available. Bring a friend! Interested? Please send a note to [whyatbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:whyatbreakfast@gmail.com) or leave message with OLOL parish office at 519-886-0342. For more info, see [whyatbreakfast.com](http://whyatbreakfast.com).

**VOCATION SEEDS:** God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**HAITI EMERGENCY!** We have all seen the pictures of the devastation in Haiti caused by hurricane Matthew, a category 4 storm. The need for immediate assistance is great. There are significant risks of an increase in cholera following damage to water infrastructure. Over a million people do not have access to drinking water. Temporary shelters are needed for the large number of displaced people. Food and non-food items are urgently needed. Given the large scope of the emergency Bishop Crosby is encouraging parishes to organize a special collection to support our Haitian brothers and sisters who are again affected by a major natural disaster. Special disaster relief envelopes will be available next weekend for those who wish to donate. Or use one of your own clearly marked "Haiti". All funds collected will be forwarded to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. *(Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.)*

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

Sheila Bryson ..... October 11, 2016



**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** invites all parishioners to an informative evening to bring this Year of Mercy to a close. On Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall Margot Vanderlaan and Connie Dwyer from Innisfree/Lisaard House will be talking about the palliative care services they offer. As death is a normal part of life their focus is on "Making Moments Matter" and helping people to die with dignity. You will learn about the loving support they give individuals and their families at the end of life's journey.

Bring your decorating skills and creative ideas for the second portion of the evening as we will be having fun fashioning "Sparkling Pumpkins" while enjoying delicious treats and refreshments.



Dear Parishioners:

The Thanksgiving holiday and our Oktoberfest celebrations remind us that we are called to joyfully reflect upon our many blessings that come our way over the course of our lives. But sometimes things come our way that aren't obvious as blessings. But as our psalm proclaims this weekend: "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth".

Many of you have witnessed how emotional I was when the Holy Father mandated me and two other priests of our diocese as Missionaries of Mercy for the Jubilee Year. When in Rome for the commissioning on Ash Wednesday I experienced a profound awareness that this Year of Mercy was going to change my life. Little did I know what it would entail. For the first few months I had the opportunity to carry out that mandate by ministering to others. After my cancer diagnosis in May I have been on the receiving end of that ministry by the compassion, prayer, care and support of others. I could not have asked for more from parishioners, family and friends and the medical professionals who have provided excellent care and direction over the past few months.

The most significant treatment has been the chemotherapy. As many who have been touched by cancer either directly or indirectly are aware, chemotherapy is a balancing act of trying to diminish or eliminate the cancer without having too many side effects on the healthy cells. I was able to complete five cycles of chemo before my body said "Enough!" An assessment of my present situation shows that the cancer in the lungs, lymph nodes and prostate is presently "in hiding", and the spread of the cancer to the bone has remained the same or shows slight improvement. While there continues to be some pain, it is being managed well. Fatigue, both physical and emotional, continue to be present but not as profound as when I was receiving chemo.

You will see me out and about and I will be present in some ministry when I am able. I would ask your continued prayers that I may continue to recognize "the help of the Lord, who made heaven and earth". Thank you again for your faith-filled support and prayers

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Ted