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At 12 weeks the baby’s face is well
formed. The liver is making red blood
cells. The arms and legs are recognizable
limbs. Genitals appear to differentiate the
sex of the baby, now able to make a little
fist. Feels pain. The head makes up about
half of its body size and the baby will close
its eyes until 28 weeks. Nine in 10
abortions occur in the first 12 weeks.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIM SUNDAY: All are welcome to come to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, for a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage and pass through the Doors of Mercy on Sunday, October 16. The Doors of Mercy will open at 2:00 p.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 p.m., the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will begin at 3:00 p.m. Pilgrims are welcome to stay for the 4:00 p.m. Mass that day.

THE FALL EDUCATION AND ACTION CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will be held at St. Michael’s Church hall, 240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo on October 6 from 7-9 p.m. The theme for Development and Peace’s 50th anniversary campaign is “At the Heart of the Action” to coincide with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the organization’s 50th anniversary celebrations. The aim of the campaign is to inform Canadians of small family farming as a solution to climate change, while presenting D & P’s rich history and the impact of its mobilization campaigns in Canada and elsewhere in the world since 1967. If you are interested in learning more about the work of Development and Peace, please plan to attend.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: Parents can help their children develop emotional and mental well-being by assisting them to develop strategies and skills for coping with stress. Parents can do so by allowing their children to experience a little stress, so they will learn to cope with bigger stresses. Teach them how to handle stress: breathe deeply, talk in a self-calming way, discuss their feelings with friends and family, actively work at problem solving, talk to God and listen in their heart for his response. With their parents help, children can learn the skills needed to ensure resiliency in the inevitable ups and downs of life. (Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

ANIMAL BLESSING: Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with an animal blessing on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peace Garden, in the rectory parking lot at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener (in case of rain we will go into the church). Francis of Assisi believed in proclaiming the Good News to all of God’s creatures. Bring your pet to this beautiful celebration!



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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 2 to 8, 2016

Monday..... 8:30 a.m..... Special Intention of Sister Rosalie Reitzel
– Rosemarie Craven

Tuesday **Beechwood Manor**..... 10:00 a.m..... Agnes & Sydney Horton – Estate
7:00 p.m..... Roland Austrup – Joe, Mike & Marg Bayer

Wednesday 8:30 a.m..... In Thanksgiving – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario

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

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

Saturday..... 7:00 p.m..... Bill Bruce; Patricia Neuer

Offertory collection for Sunday, September 25, 2016: \$3,595.00

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

JUBILEE OF FAMILIES: Pope Francis has called on Diocese around the world to celebrate special groups during this the Year of Mercy. Join us for the Jubilee of Families on Saturday, October 15. Speakers include Bishop Daniel Miehm who will celebrate Mass at 5 p.m. Participants will have a chance to see the new Saint John's Bible and enter the Cathedral Basilica through the Holy Doors. Come and celebrate family since this Jubilee is intended for all people of faith as the Church is a family of families! Parent or not, single or married, young and old, plan to attend – there will be a program for children and a special workshop for grandparents. Come as a family, come on your own, all are welcome. For more information and to register see the diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com (look under upcoming events) or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



ALL ARE WELCOME!!! Come out for Our Lady of Lourdes PGA (Parish Games Afternoon). Although we can't all meet on the golf course, we can certainly show our community spirit by attending Our Lady of Lourdes first ever games event. It will take place Saturday, November 5 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Parishioners of all ages are welcome! There will be a variety of games to play (board games, cards), snacks to share and loads of opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners. Feel free to bring your own refillable water/travel mug. Water, coffee and tea will be provided.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR SYRIA, sponsored by Development and Peace, is this Tuesday, October 4. Please keep the people of Syria in your prayers today.

A SPECIAL MASS FOR PEOPLE DEALING WITH CANCER OR OTHER AILMENTS, their families and caregivers, and for cancer survivors will be celebrated on Saturday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener. The church is wheelchair accessible. Celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Emeritus Matthew F. Ustrzycki of Hamilton Diocese. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered by the Bishop and priests who will be present. Reception in the church foyer after the Mass. For more information please contact Estelle at 519-745-1936.

Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday, I was overwhelmed and humbled by your outpouring of love and affection. Words seem inadequate to express my appreciation. My thanks to all who prepared the beautiful liturgy and the wonderful reception that followed. I hope to use the generous parish retirement gift for a trip in the near future. I will treasure the memory of this occasion for years to come. God bless you all!

Sister Barbara

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society depends on the support of the Waterloo Region Food Bank and the generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for their grocery needs. On Thanksgiving weekend, October 8/9, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church and place them in the sanctuary. Please bring your food donations to the church in reusable cloth bags if possible. These will be given to the families who come for assistance. Thank you for your kindness to those in need.

COLLECTION FOR CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN – OCTOBER 15/16

Dr. Andrew Simone and his wife Joan were the founding members of Canadian Food for Children in 1985. After these many years of dedication to helping the poor, they are retiring. But Canadian Food for Children is in good hands and its work will continue.

So . . . 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 15/16 for your donations. Everything will be taken to the Canadian Food for Children warehouse in Mississauga for sorting and distribution.

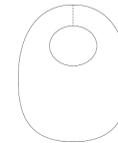
A special request: if you are able, please bring some bars of soap to the truck. Soap is essential in preventing diarrhea, pneumonia, Ebola, respiratory infections, skin infections, trachoma and cholera.



COATS FOR KIDS



As the winter season approaches, once again the Kitchener Knights of Columbus want to help by providing warm winter coats to children through our Coats for Kids program. Many families with young children are financially challenged today and you can help by supporting this K of C program to meet their needs. A box will be in the lobby of the church on the weekends of October 29/30 and November 5/6 for your gently used or new coats. The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools will be contacted to aid the Knights to ensure those youngsters will be warm this winter. If you are a family in need, please call the K of C at 519-893-1504. We hope our gift will bring warmth to the bodies, hearts and souls of these precious young people.



ONE OF THE SYMBOLS OF BAPTISM IS THE “WHITE GARMENT”. After we are anointed with chrism, we are clothed in a white garment. White is a symbol of purity and cleanliness. Our white baptismal garment shows that we are a “new creation”, a new member of Christ's Body, the Church. We are looking for someone who could make for us some baptismal bibs which are placed on the child at the time of baptism and then given to the family. The design is simple and only a half dozen or so are needed each month. These bibs are best sewn on a serger. If you have such a machine and are interested in taking on this small project, please contact the parish office.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION: Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday October 16th that will take place at St. John the Baptist Church in Guelph. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.