

THE PERSECUTION OF THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE IN MYANMAR is being called genocide. Nur Hasim, founding member of the local group “Canadian Burmese Rohingya Support Organization” and himself a Rohingya refugee in Bangladesh for about 15 years before coming to Canada as a government-sponsored refugee 11 years ago, is the guest speaker at St. Michael Church in Waterloo on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish centre (directly across from Wilfrid Laurier University on University Ave. W.). Nur will talk about the history of the conflict between the authorities and the Rohingya and give some insight as to what is happening now both in Myanmar and in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. All are welcome. What you read in the media is not the whole story!

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 the 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!

SPAGHETTI DINNER: The Social Justice Committee of St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo, invites you and your family to a benefit event featuring Ennio’s spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 21 in our parish centre. Proceeds go to the Pura Vida Foundation which supports marginalized and exploited young girls in Peru. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available by calling our parish office at 519-885-4480 - adults \$20; children 6 to 12 years \$10; children under 6 free.

MARYHILL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER for Christine Drexler: Comedy night and dinner on October 21 at Bridgeport Rod and Gun (1229 Beitz Rd., RR #1, Breslau) Cost is \$35 per person, advance tickets only. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., show at 8:00 p.m. Dinner – chicken schnitzel, ham, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, bun, dessert, tea or coffee. Call Mike at 519-648-3952 or Tim at 519-648-3952. Christine is a paraplegic and needs a new wheelchair.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on November 3, please call 905-664-5212, email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



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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.

By appointment – please phone the parish office

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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 8 to 14, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	Luther Village.....	10:00 a.m.
		Adrien Rousseau – George & Ann Kittler
		7:00 p.m.
		Special intention of Ester Repchik – Marilyn Henderson
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Ted Hughes – Diesbourg Family
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Special intention – Betty Froese
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Joseph & Eva Schuster – Helmut Schuster & Family
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Ted Walraven – Wilhelmine Walraven

GOD UPHOLDS ME: I take for my sureties – the power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God so shelter me. (St. Patrick)

Offertory collection for Sunday, October 1, 2017: \$6,230.00

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

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.

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.



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 weekend's bulletin. The completed forms should be returned to the church and placed in the special box at each entrance to the church.

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.



COFFEE WEEKEND: Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments in the church hall after all Masses next weekend. Take advantage of this opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new parishioners.

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.

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.

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.

We Give Thanks

God, who gives us all good gifts and who is the source of every blessing we have, hear our prayer as we gather to give thanks for all that you have set before us. We are grateful not only for the food that graces our table in such abundance, but also for the bond of family and friends, strengthened by the meal we share, and by the warmth of your love that comes to us each day through your kind mercy. Help us to use wisely all the gracious gifts you have showered upon us for the benefit of ourselves, our family, and our nation. On this Thanksgiving Day, may we acknowledge that every good thing comes to us from you, and may your bounty never cease, so that we may share your blessings with those in need. Amen.

