

THE KITCHENER AND WATERLOO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (KWCF): The parish is fortunate to be the recipient of grants from the Jim and Sandy Beingessner and Family Fund of The KWCF. We are very grateful for these funds which have been used for various purposes. The KWCF helps make a lasting difference in our community. It is a charity for charities. Although they don't provide charitable services, they do help community organizations make a difference by providing them with funds for new programs, capital needs, student awards and much more. When a donation or gift is made to The KWCF, it is invested into a permanent endowment fund – reserved trusts. The original gift is not spent. It generates income that is then distributed through grants to support a wide range of charitable causes within our community. It is through these grants that they help people make that lasting difference.

FISH FRY: The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 are hosting a FISH FRY on Friday, October 14 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. There will be two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Takeout will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost is adults \$15.00; children (12 & under) \$8.00; and takeout is \$15.00. Advanced tickets are available until October 12. Purchase your tickets from the 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 new roof at St. Teresa's Church.

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 ANNUAL RECEPTION for the Committee of the Carmelite Nuns will be held at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr., Kitchener, on Monday, October 24 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Cash bar. The purpose of the reception is to bring together supporters of the Carmelite Nuns. Each of these supporters contributes \$250 or more each year to help defray the annual living expenses of the monastery. If you care to donate to this worthy cause, please make your cheque payable to The Carmel of St. Joseph and send it to Committee for the Carmelite Nuns, c/o Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R. R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

A RECIPE FOR FAITH, CHOOSING AND USING THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS: Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton, will speak at St. Teresa of Avila Church's (Kitchener) CWL general meeting on Tuesday, October 11 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. In the season of thanksgiving for the harvest, we'll consider what is fresh, fragrant and abundant for our own recipe for faith and how to pass that on to others. Following her talk we will have refreshments and dessert. To end the evening we will have a short meeting. Please join us – all are welcome.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, FOR THE FIRST LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE of this year. Dr. Julie Hanlon Rubio, professor of Christian Ethics at St. Louis University, will explore how the powerful vision of Pope Francis regarding social justice is connected to his concerns about families. Location: Academic Centre (#1004), St. Jerome's University. Time: 7:30 p.m. – doors open at 6:45 p.m. Free of charge, free parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.



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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 9 to 15, 2016

Monday..... 8:30 a.m..... In Thanksgiving
 Tuesday **Luther Village**.....10:00 a.m..... Angelo Madappuli – Diane & Martin Jones
 7:00 p.m. Bob Skinner – Richard & Diane Brenner
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m..... Intentions of the residents at University Gates – Barbara Braman
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Joseph & Eva Schuster – Helmut Schuster & Family
 Friday 8:30 a.m..... Anthony Reginauld Corteling – Rohan, Jacintha, Ranil, Kishanie
 & Miriam Jayasundera
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. Richard Biber; Deceased members of Bleskie & Pilbeam families

Offertory collection for Sunday, October 2, 2016: \$9,277.75

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

Monthly Budget Review as of September 30, 2016

Cumulative financial objective – 39 Weeks @ \$7,500		\$292,500.00	
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$214,168.95		
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>93,641.91</u>	<u>307,810.86</u>	
Over (under) objective		15,310.86	



OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY has reached a milestone!!! As of the weekend that Father Rafal blessed the shawls at the front of the church we have now given away 100 shawls to those who need comfort in some way.

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.

AMORIS LAETITIA – THE JOY OF LOVE: Love is a word used to describe many things. In his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis engages us in a genuine perspective on how to understand love from the perspective of both the Church teachings and the family. He presents both the goodness and challenges of the family and, with keen insights, points out some of the issues faced by families in the world today. Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish CWL, Kitchener, on Wednesday, October 19, from 7-9 p.m. to hear more about love and the family as Pope Francis sees them. Our presenter is Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. All our welcome, so come out and bring a friend!

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.

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

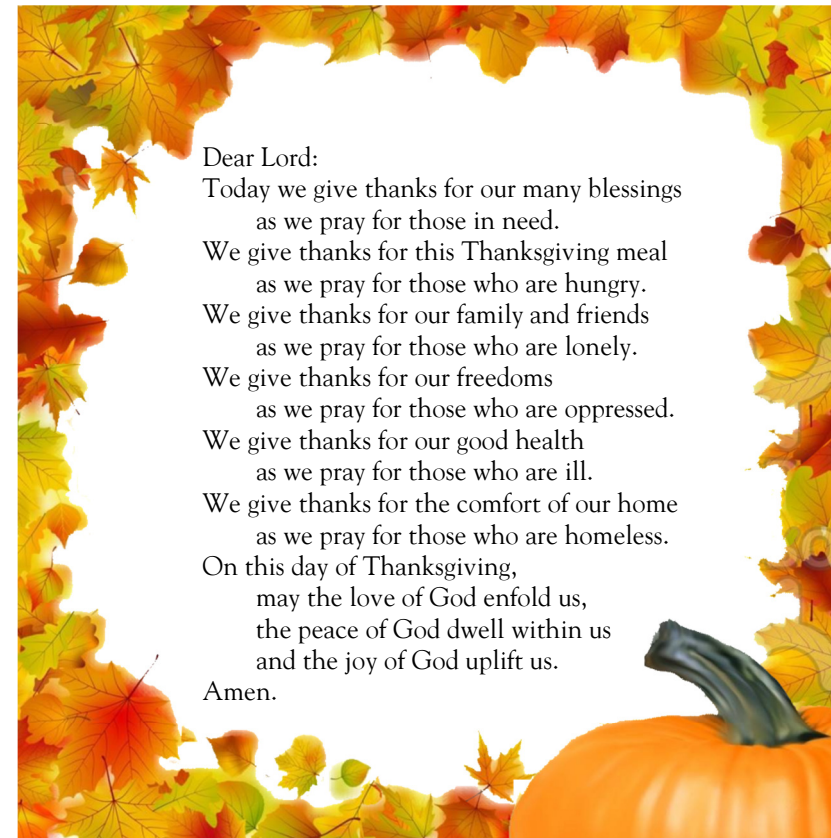
Bill Reinhardt October 1, 2016

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.



Dear Lord:
 Today we give thanks for our many blessings
 as we pray for those in need.
 We give thanks for this Thanksgiving meal
 as we pray for those who are hungry.
 We give thanks for our family and friends
 as we pray for those who are lonely.
 We give thanks for our freedoms
 as we pray for those who are oppressed.
 We give thanks for our good health
 as we pray for those who are ill.
 We give thanks for the comfort of our home
 as we pray for those who are homeless.
 On this day of Thanksgiving,
 may the love of God enfold us,
 the peace of God dwell within us
 and the joy of God uplift us.
 Amen.

BAPTISMS

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

- Olivia Briar Hickey
- Theodore Miko Syed Bajac
- Benjamin Fox Kieswetter
- Liliana Nella Sheila Sarrecchia

VOCATION SEEDS

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? In gratitude, ask him how he would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow him as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon? If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit

www.HamiltonVocations.com