

SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP

THE SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP will resume its weekly get-togethers on Tuesday, September 13 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Activities include playing cards and board games. Refreshments will be served. All seniors of the parish are welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES: All parents of children in grade 2 or higher who would like their children to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2017 are invited to a meeting in the parish hall on **Wednesday, September 21 at 7 p.m.** If your child is **not** in grade 2 at Holy Rosary School or Our Lady of Lourdes School, and you would like them to receive the sacraments, please call the office at 519-886-0342 to register and receive further information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM: Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin in October and will be offered at the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Children in grades 1-3 are invited down to the church hall with a volunteer catechist following the Opening Prayer of the Mass, and return to their families at the Offertory. The experience is a great asset to them in their Christian formation. They become familiar with the rhythm of the Liturgy of the Word: 1st reading, psalm, (we omit the 2nd reading), Gospel acclamation and Gospel, (interactive) homily, Apostles Creed, prayers of the faithful. Catechists have a workbook to help them prepare for each Sunday. High school students can volunteer just for the "assistant catechist" if they wish. For more information and/or to offer your time and talent, please contact Bette at the parish office at 519-886-0342 or Paula at lourdescatechist@rogers.com.

THANKS! A NEW HOME FOR OUR SPONSORED FAMILY: On the Labour Day weekend Shinga and Esperance, with their children Yves, Redard, Agape, Uwera and Blaise, moved into their new home on Roslin Ave. and they are very happy! The Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership (EWP) Planning Committee is very grateful for all the gifts of furniture and household essentials that have been donated by church members and friends. The house is wonderfully equipped. Some continuing on-site support for the family is needed and volunteers are now being asked for an additional commitment of time and energy. It has also been a very expensive first month and we encourage ongoing financial donations. A dessert social fundraiser to be held at Mount Zion church on Saturday, October 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES: Programs are available for children from kindergarten through high school for students not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic schools is also available. Families work through the programs at home. They are supported by our parish catechists who review the students' assignments. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information and registration forms. *If your child will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please also contact the parish office immediately so that important information regarding the reception of the sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes can be sent to you. Thank you.*

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, September 14, so that our parish administrative assistant can attend the parish secretaries annual retreat day in Hamilton.



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- PASTOR:** Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes
- ADMINISTRATOR:** Rev. Rafal Tomon
- DEACON:** Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
- PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:** Paula Rush
- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Bette Honsinger
 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 September 11 to 17, 2016

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Bill Bruce – Len & Dianne Flood
Tuesday	Luther Village	10:00 a.m. Angelo Madappuli – Angela Madappuli
		7:00 p.m. Patrick McGrinder – Peter & Angela Granic
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	August Sherban – Rosemary & Jack Peterson
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Joe Stumpf – Family
Friday	8:45 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Brendan Biber
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Anna & John Miller; Elaine Poth; Richard Biber

The students of Our Lady of Lourdes School will be joining us for Mass on Friday. To accommodate their school schedule, Mass will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Offertory collection for Sunday, September 4, 2016: 7,914.85

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

Dear Fr. Rafal and the Christians of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Thank you so much for welcoming me to your parish. It was a wonderful experience. Thank you too for your support over the years. You have made a great change full of hope to the orphans. May Our Lord continue to bless you.

Sister Rose Ngacha



**Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of our Church
with Doors Open Waterloo Region
Saturday September 17th**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Lady of Lourdes Church is special and unique! Our church is a ‘mid-century’ (1950’s) building that has since been renovated with care given to maintaining the unique architecture of the day.

In addition, our stained glass windows have special meaning for all Christian religions. And the installation of our new pipe organ marked the successful completion of the church renovation program.

On Saturday September 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., we are proud and pleased to open our doors and invite the citizens of Kitchener-Waterloo and our surrounding communities to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our church through the annual ‘Doors Open Waterloo Region’ program. Learn more about ‘Doors Open’ by visiting <http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/doorsopen>.

We are thrilled that Monsignor Ed will be with us to conduct a special tour featuring the stained glass windows at 10:30 a.m. We will also be featuring pipe organ recitals throughout the day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The success of our 60th anniversary celebration and the open house event will depend on the volunteer participation of you, the parishioners, to assist as greeters and guest guides. If you can be available for a few hours on September 17 that would be terrific. There will be a short meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in the parish office to familiarize volunteers with the expectations of the open house and provide resource material. Please consider participating. For more information and to volunteer, call Bob Kalbfleisch at 519-572-1112 or email bob.kalbfleisch@bell.net.

Because the church is open to the public on September 17th, Confessions will be cancelled that day. Confessions will be available by appointment – contact the parish office.

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

Dr. John Biggs..... August 24, 2016

Joan Howald..... September 7, 2016

**Appreciation Evening for Sister Barbara
Sunday, September 25th - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Evening Prayer* followed by an open house will be held on the evening of Sunday, September 25 to honour and show our appreciation to Sister Barbara for the many, many contributions that she has made (and continues to make) to our parish community!

7:00 p.m.

**Evening Prayer in the church
with Msgr. Edward Sheridan as homilist**

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Open house in the parish hall

*As daylight begins to fade, the Christian community is invited to come together to praise and thank God for the gifts of the day. The Church offers its evening sacrifice of prayer in union with Christ’s sacrifice on the cross and prays for the needs of the world. It is fitting for the community to come together to celebrate at the close of the day.

Best wishes only please.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As many of our families return to the “school year” schedule, it has been my prayer that this past summer has provided a time of refreshment and time for you and your family. Today's Coffee Sunday is a time to acknowledge our parish family's return to regular ministry, new programs and an openness to recognize God's work among us.

This summer my routine included time with family and friends in the midst of five cycles of chemotherapy that have focussed on keeping the cancer in my body under control. I was even able to spend a week out west with Bishop Gary relaxing and fishing (mostly relaxing since the fish were great at hiding). As many of you may be aware, cancer treatment can be a challenge since it affects not only the cancer cells but also the healthy cells in the body. If my blood work will allow, this upcoming week will involve a sixth cycle of treatment. After that there will be an assessment of how successful the treatments have been in reducing the cancer that is present in the prostate, bones, lungs and lymph system. I am grateful to those in the health profession who care for those with serious illness and for God's assurance of mercy and presence during this challenging time.

I am also grateful for your ongoing prayerful support during this time and for those who have stepped up in ministry in our parish. May Our Blessed Mother continue to care for our parish and its ministries in our “new year”.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Ted