



PRAY TO END ABORTION: Abortion is a major problem all over the world, with millions of lives being terminated every year. This is especially a tragic problem in Canada as there are no abortion laws whatsoever, which means a child's life can be taken away even days before birth! From September 28 to November 6 we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life™ saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a peaceful vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, (where abortions take place every week), for an allocated hour between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., 7 days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider signing up for an hour a week which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign. This would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies.

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION OF THE NEW HERITAGE EDITION OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE: The Diocese of Hamilton is happy to announce the acquisition of a copy of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible. To commemorate the arrival of the first volume, Gospel and Acts, we invite you to an informal evening to come, see, learn and explore this work of art that unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium. Tuesday, September 27, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Dr., Kitchener.

YOUNG PEOPLE BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays from 7- 9 p.m. in the St. Louis Parish Large Hall. Although this bible study started on September 13 there is still time to join. Open to 16 to 30 year olds. The group will study the Gospel of Matthew based on video program from the Great Adventure series developed by Jeff Cavin. Everyone is welcome. Come when you can. (57 Allen St. East, Waterloo, side entrance via elevator). For more information call 519-743-4101.

GIANT GARAGE SALE: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Saturday, September 24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many treasures! Proceeds for parish renovations. Everyone welcome! Sponsored by St. Francis C.W.L. Call 519 745-7301 for information or bdiemert@rogers.com.

FISH FRY: Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, 58 St. Charles St., E., Maryhill. Friday, September 23, 12:00 to 6:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. No reservations. Service in order of arrival. Fresh cut fries with haddock fish served with coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 piece dinner - \$13; 2 pc. dinner - \$15. Dessert, bar & refreshments available. Cash only! For takeout order of 4 or more, call before September 22 - 519-648-2939.

FEAST DAY OF ST. ANNE: St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener will be celebrating their feast day of St. Anne and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, September 25. All are welcome to come and enjoy the Marian procession, Holy Eucharist, followed by lunch. Advance tickets for the lunch must be purchased by Monday, September 19 by calling the parish office at 519-745-5302.

*Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love,
a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.
Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



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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 September 18 to 24, 2016

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m.Alf Dietrich – Veronica Zettel
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.Special intention of Gerry & Marie Pelkey – Jeanette & Jerry Yantz
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.Marcel & Pauline Crépeau – Paul Dion & Michele Daviau
Thursday 7:00 p.m.Edna Therese Snaveley – Jean & John Jarvis & Family
Friday 8:30 a.m.Flora Niccoli – Niccoli Family
Saturday 7:00 p.m.Dale Melchin; Ruth & Ray O'Brien

Offertory collection for Sunday, September 11, 2016: 4,709.50

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

Parish Photo Directory



A church is more than bricks and mortar. The Church is the living Body of Christ of which all of us are members. To build a sense of community, people need to get to know each other. How frequently we come together and see the same faces, although they remain nameless!

Signups continue for the final two days of photography – Thursday, September 29 and Saturday, October 1 – for our anniversary parish photo directory. To sign up for an appointment visit ipcphoto.ca or call the parish office. Remember just for participating you will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory! You are not going to want to miss out on this.



THE WATERLOO REGION MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE is in need of a couple who can give a talk on natural family planning. The talk, complete with PowerPoint presentation, has already been created. We are seeking a couple to present it. Requirements: have some experience using NFP and accept the Catholic Church's teachings on sexuality and family planning as explained in *Humanae Vitae*. The course is also in need of married volunteer facilitator couples. You will gain more by sharing your experience than you give. Sharing your story is a great way to reconnect with your spouse. Please consider joining the Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation team. Time commitment: help out as often as you can commit – the course runs 8 times a year (approximately once a month with summers off). Anyone interested please contact: Kathy Fahey at marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com.

A SWEET invitation . . .



To roll in the new 2016-2017 year for the Catholic Women's League all ladies of our parish are invited to join us for "A Fancy Fall Dessert Evening". This will be held on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. For a fun evening we ask all ladies attending to wear something fancy – maybe a lovely hat or fascinator. Please come and enjoy a fun-filled evening with a special tribute to Saint Mother Teresa, door prizes, games and, of course, wonderful desserts served by your new CWL executive.



On Wednesday, September 21, Bette, our administrative assistant, will be attending a diocesan workshop regarding the rollout of a new software package across the diocese. Parish Data Systems will be key in helping to maintain our parishioner data base. The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, September 21.

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

Evening Prayer* followed by a wine and cheese 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.

Wine & Cheese 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.

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.

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.*