



**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.

**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.

**NOVENA TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** From September 25 to October 3 join us in praying the Novena to St. Francis of Assisi. Francis is such a valuable saint for us to follow. He was a wealthy young man distracted by the temptations of the world, who, thanks to the grace of God, experienced a major conversion, and eventually became a shining example of the Christian life for us today. Visit the St. Francis of Assisi Parish website, www.stfranciskw.ca, every day from September 25 to October 3 to pray the novena, learn about St. Francis, and you may experience conversion and renewal of faith as he did.

**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. It helps spouses reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful saving marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 14, 2016, please call 905-664-5212, email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

**WATERLOO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CARD PARTY:** October 6 at Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (sausage and sauerkraut on a bun, coffee, tea and dessert). \$12.00 tax included at the door.



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- PASTOR:** Rev. Edward (Ted) Hughes
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- 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 25 to October 1, 2016**

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m. ....Maria de'Rozario – Nevelle & Naomi de'Rozario
- Tuesday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Dorothy Freiburger – Brian & Lily Freiburger & Family
- Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Doris Groce – Mary Louise Oates & Nancy Collins
- Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Clara Pocatererra – Fernando Santiago
- Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Deceased members of Frey-Mahnke Family  
 – Carmen Cuevas-Frey & Family
- Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. ....Cyril Murray; Lorraine Gleiser

**Offertory collection for Sunday, September 18, 2016: \$4,499.50**

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



**LAST CALL FOR OUR PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Saturday, October 1

To sign up for an appointment visit [ipcphoto.ca](http://ipcphoto.ca) or call the parish office. Remember just for participating you will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory!



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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



**VOCATION SEEDS:** Pray to those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, sisters, deacons, or brothers. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com).

**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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) (look under upcoming events) or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



**YOUTH GROUP:** Attention youth in grades 5 to 8 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish: The Fantastic Faith Finders Youth Group will be having their first meeting on Friday, September 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Come out and meet some new friends, socialize, and grow in faith at the same time. If you are able to join us, please confirm by emailing [tscott1201@rogers.com](mailto:tscott1201@rogers.com). Hope to see you there.

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

Mary Lu Horlor ..... September 6, 2016

# Sunday

Appreciation Evening for Sister Barbara  
Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> - 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

*Best wishes only please.*



**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.

**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.



**THANK YOU!** Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with our participation in Doors Open Waterloo Region. Our church, which was one of 48 points of interest throughout the region, was visited by 160 people.

**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!