



Dear Friends of Marillac Place,

This year's Baby Bottle Campaign raised \$61,000 to date with some donations still coming in. Marillac Place receives less than half of its revenue through government funding and the remainder is received through community donations and fundraising efforts. The Baby Bottle Campaign is our most significant fundraising event. Our Lady of Lourdes raised \$2,341.66. We extend a warm thanks to everyone in your church who kindly and generously contributed to this significant amount. We could not continue to do this great work of housing and supporting young mothers and babies at-risk in our community without all of you!

With heartfelt thanks,  
The board, staff and residents of Marillac Place

**FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM 2017-18** is a course designed to offer lay Catholics the opportunity to learn more about the foundations of our Catholic faith: Church history, scripture, morality, sacraments and prayer. This foundation is useful to parishioners who serve in a variety of ministries. The course will be offered in Hamilton starting Thursday, September 14.

**PATHS TO PRAYER – A SENIOR ADULT WORKSHOP SERIES:** 6 Tuesday afternoons, starting September 19, 1:30- 3:30 .p.m. at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. This 6- part workshop/study session will explore the ten major Catholic spiritual traditions. Each chapter of the book *Paths to Prayer* by Pat Fosarelli gives a brief history of the tradition's founder, highlights its main characteristics, and provides a customary prayer or spiritual exercise. Each session will include time for input, discussion, reflection and faith-sharing. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text. Please register by September 5!

**GRANDPARENTS DAY:** Are you a grandparent or a senior who wants to learn more about your faith and how to pass it on to the younger generations? Join us for a special celebration in time for National Grandparents Day. Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Basilica of Our Lady Parish in Guelph (28 Norfolk St.). We will begin with Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. followed by light refreshments. Then sit back and enjoy reflections from David Dayler and Anne Jamieson on the importance of our faith lives for our own sake and for the good of generations to come! There is no charge for this event. Your RSVP allows us to plan for the hospitality but walk-ins the day of are most welcome. There will be faith resources for sale at the event.

*For further information about the above programs or to register, please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.*

**GRANDCHILDREN GROW UP – BEYOND TOYS TO REAL LIFE ISSUES:** We live in a rapidly changing world where children are experiencing and hearing about issues often beyond what we as adults know! Let's talk about some of them, including same-sex attraction, gender identity, healthy sexuality and how to help our grandchildren navigate the "stuff" of their lives. Present or future grandparents, as well as other interested people are welcome to attend. This informative presentation will be given by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton, on Tuesday, September 12 from 1-3 p.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 175 Emma St., Guelph in the "Our Lady of the Rosary" Community Room (free admittance; registration not required). This event is sponsored by The Holy Rosary chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!



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- 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 3 to 9, 2017**

- Monday..... 8:30 a.m. ....Fr. Ted Hughes – Fred & Marie Kirvan
- Tuesday **Beechwood Manor**.... 10:00 a.m. ....Special intention  
7:00 p.m. ....Emilie Totzke – Vivian Rickert
- Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Marcel & Pauline Crépeau – Paul Dion & Michele Daviau
- Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....Claude Vincent – Frank & Charmaine Volpini & Family
- Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....Bob Ervin – Ken Jessop
- Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. ....Louis Kanalec – Wadel Family

## Offertory collection for Sunday, August 20, 2017: \$3,317.00

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

**BAPTISM:** During the month of August, the following children became members of God's family in the sacrament of baptism:

Mason Cole Duquette  
Emma Lynne Morin

Gemma Marie Kutt  
Bronwyn Elizabeth Varey



### SEPTEMBER 9/10 – COFFEE WEEKEND PLUS!

On the weekend of September 9/10, you are invited to our first coffee weekend since before the summer. Plan to attend – there will be a lot going on!

- First of all, we are hoping that our long-awaited photo directory will be available for distribution! Your patience with this anniversary project has been greatly appreciated.
- Secondly, you will have an opportunity to learn about various volunteer opportunities and parish groups in the parish. Parishioners will be available to answer all your questions about . . .
  - the music ministry (choirs at the 9 and 11 Sunday Masses, funeral choir, serving as cantor at Mass)
  - the St. Vincent de Paul Society
  - children's Liturgy of the Word
  - hospitality ministry (parish coffee Sundays, funeral luncheons, ushers)
  - prayer shawl ministry
  - Fabulous Faith Finders (grades 5-8 youth group)
  - Alpha Film Series
  - and, just for the ladies, you will be able to speak with members of the Catholic Women's League executive to learn about the CWL's mission and membership advantages.



Please prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talents with the parish. Many volunteer positions have a minimal time commitment. Volunteering is very rewarding and the satisfaction that you get from helping out is well worth the effort! So, next weekend, enjoy some refreshments and be open to the Spirit and the possibility of volunteering.



**APPLE PIES FOR CANADA'S 150TH THANKSGIVING:** Also on the September 9/10<sup>th</sup> weekend your CWL is taking advance orders for delicious apple pies that will be ready just in time to enjoy at your Thanksgiving dinner!



*Bishop Gary Gordon's homily at Fr. Ted's funeral is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJ39S7sUyLI>*

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

Anthony Palach ..... August 8, 2017



### AN INVITATION TO THE NEW ALPHA FILM SERIES

Are you feeling stuck in your faith? Do you have questions? Do you think there must be more to life than this? If your response to any of these questions is yes, come see what Alpha is all about. Do you have a friend or relative with questions? Bring them along.

The New Alpha Film Series formerly known as the Alpha Course begins at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday, September 25. It is a 10-week, practical exploration into the Christian faith and it focuses on beliefs that unite the Christian Communities. The weekly topics include the following. Who is Jesus and why did he die? How can I be sure of my faith? How does God guide us? Who is the Holy Spirit and what does the Holy Spirit do? How can I resist evil? What about the Church? How can I make the most of the rest of my life? Alpha includes a weekend retreat as an integral part of the course. The details of the retreat will be provided when you register.

The schedule for each weekly Monday evening includes a home-cooked meal in a small group setting, an informative DVD lesson which is followed by an opportunity to meet again with your supper group to discuss the information presented in the DVD. Group discussions also provide the time to build lasting friendships.

***In 2016, 3,760 people attended an Alpha Course in a church in Canada. A total of 75,000 guests attended various venues, and of them, 26,000 people's faith was restored or they began a personal relationship with Jesus. To date, 755,000 have taken Alpha in 169 countries and 112 languages.***

There is no cost to participate in the course, however a freewill offering to offset the cost of the groceries for the weekly meal is appreciated. You must register to attend Alpha by September 18. Call Rita Rittenhouse at 519-578-8239 to register. Registration is limited to 40 participants. No Alpha on Thanksgiving Monday!



**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 their website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://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.*

### SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP

**THE SENIORS' SOCIAL GROUP** will resume its weekly get-togethers on Tuesday, September 12 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.