



## THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS FOR 2018

### Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**VOCATION SEEDS:** Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018. Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord?” If you think God is calling you to be a priest, **contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988.**



**CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTE:** During the Holy Season of Christmas, it is a fitting gesture to dedicate floral tributes to be placed in the church in memory of deceased relatives and friends. These tributes are a sign of remembrance and an expression of faith in Christ’s promise of eternal life. Forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to make such a tribute. The floral tribute sheets will be placed in the sanctuary in a gift-wrapped box. Those loved ones named will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season.

**TRANSPORTATION TEAM:** The Tree of Life “Tree Cutters” need some volunteers to help lift the tree onto the truck at 481 Cabot Trail, Waterloo, on Saturday, December 15 at 2 p.m. Come experience this parish tradition! *The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to handle this task, so if you can spare an hour, please contact Patrycja at 519-886-0342 or email at: lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.*



**CHURCH SETUP:** On Sunday, December 16, at 12:00 p.m. volunteers will be required to help with church preparations, including erecting the above-mentioned tree and the manger scene. Christmas cheer to follow in the parish hall.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS):** Men and women of the parish are invited to serve as ministers of hospitality (ushers) on Christmas Eve (5:00 and 7:00 p.m.) and at midnight Mass as we welcome one and all to our parish for Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BEARERS:** Volunteers are needed to serve as gift bearers at our Christmas Masses: 5:00 p.m. (Pageant) and 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, midnight Mass and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. You are also welcome to volunteer as gift bearers for New Year’s Eve/Day.

### CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CHOIRS



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHOIRS!** Once again, we are offering you an opportunity to help us with Christmas music by joining one of our special Christmas Choirs. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 5:00 Family Mass and Pageant, please sign up on the music stand in the church vestibule. There will be a rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 22 in the Choir Loft from 1:00-2:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping at the Christmas Eve 7:00 or the

Christmas Day 9:00 Mass, please sign up on the list on the music stand in the vestibule. The rehearsal for these Masses will be on Sat., Dec 22 from 10:00 a.m.- Noon. Refreshments will be provided! Thank-you for helping make Christmas at Our Lady of Lourdes very special!



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**PASTOR:**

Rev. Rafal Tomon

**DEACON:**

Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

Mrs. Patrycja Wiecek

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 2:00 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

Twenty minutes before weekday Masses or by appointment

**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 December 10 to December 16, 2018

Monday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....+Pearl Misersky – Olga Perko

Tuesday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....+Hans Klein – Earnest Biber

Luther Village ..... 10:00 a.m. ....+Adrien Rousseau – Claudette Rousseau

Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....+Steve Maloney – Regina Maloney

Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. ....+Margaretta & John Egler – Kathy & Bill Steffler & Family

Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. ....+Deceased members of Earnest & Biber Family – Earnest

.....Biber & Family

Saturday ..... 7:00 p.m. .... +Jim Diesbourg – Family

Sunday ..... 9:00 a.m. .... Living & deceased members of our parish

11:00 a.m. .... Special intention

## Offertory collection for Sunday, December 2, 2018: \$5820.50

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

*Volunteers needed! Things to sign up for during this Christmas season . . .*

- Christmas Eve Family Choirs (all ages)
- Pageant (grades 1 to 8)
- Minister of Hospitality (Usher)
- "Tree of Life" tree-cutter
- Christmas/New Year's gift bearer
- Deliverer of cookies to our shut-ins



**IT'S COOKIE TIME!**  
A Christmas Remembrance for Our Parish Shut-ins  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



This year we have 74 tins of cookies to fill plus (hopefully) 26 containers for the men who live at Underhill Residence on Erb St. We will need lots of cookies to successfully carry out this annual parish Christmas project.

Please bring your cookies to the parish office on Tuesday, December 11 between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Labelled containers will be returned to you. When you drop off your cookies, be sure to pick up a small token of appreciation for your kindness.



**HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH OUR BOWING ANGEL:** A long-standing tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is the presence of the bowing angel by the manger scene, who graciously bows her head after an offering is made. Again this year, all donations received from the bowing angel will be sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Children's Project in Kenya who work with children whose parents have died of HIV-AIDS. Since the bowing angel cannot digest paper, a plate will be by the angel to accept paper offerings. (Cheques should be made payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes Church".)

**TREE OF LIFE:** It is a tradition here at Our Lady of Lourdes to call the large tree in the sanctuary the "*Tree of Life*" for the decorations on it reflect two of the great Christian mysteries: *birth and death*. On the tree, there will be *63 angels* each inscribed with the name of a child baptized in the parish since last Christmas, and *22 crosses* in memory of those born to eternal life. When the Christmas season is over, these personalized ornaments will be available as mementos to family members. Parents with children baptized this year are encouraged to have a photo taken with the child by the tree and to keep this with the ornament.

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign* to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [oneheartonesoul.ca](http://oneheartonesoul.ca).

**What kinds of things does the Diocese do for Parishes and others already?** The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people:

- Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life.
- Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life.
- Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry.
- Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation.
- Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees.
- Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized.
- Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers.
- Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development.

**Does the Diocese help organizations outside of it?** Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake there in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations who support the poor and marginalized, like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd and several others; health care initiatives, including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children's Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need who do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter's Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada.

**Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese?** There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter's Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter's has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter's, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary's staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter's to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.

**DIOCESAN BOOKKEEPING POLICY:** As we approach year end, parishioners frequently wish to make contributions to the church that will be credited to their tax receipt for the current year. Diocesan bookkeeping policy requires that parish books close on December 31. Contributions made in January cannot be applied to 2018 offerings.