

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS May 16 to May 22

- Monday 8:30 a.m. +Egidio Volpini
– Charmaine & Frank Volpini
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. +Rita & Ronald Hickey
– Joan Cassidy
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m. +Robert Reid
– Marie Reid
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. +Maciej Szymanowski
– Bozena & Czeslaw Kowalonek
- Friday 8:30 a.m. +Lorraine Gleiser
– Cliche Family
- Saturday 7:00 p.m. +Ferenc Wagner
– Wagner Family
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Living & deceased
- Livestream Mass members of our parish
- Sunday 11:00 a.m. Special intention

Offertory Collection for Sunday, May 1, 2022: \$3,680.00
 (Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)
Easter collection\$22,319.00
Building Fund\$3,328.00

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, we honour you O Mary, our dear Mother, how much I love thee! And yet in reality how little! Teach me what I ought to know, for what Jesus is to me and what I ought to be for Jesus. Dearly beloved Mother, how close to God you are, and how utterly filled with Him! We invite you to pray the rosary daily, with the litany to Our Lady of Loreto.



CALLING ALL WOMEN of Our Lady of Lourdes parish for a night of fun, laughter, and renewal of friendships. Let's celebrate together *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, on Tuesday **May 31, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** Mass followed by potluck in the parish hall. Please RSVP to lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com, by letting us know which dish you are able to bring with you, for example: hors d'oeuvres, salad, dessert, fruit.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2022 REGISTRATION
 - The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.



Domestic Church

Domestic Church Family Retreat

When: June 24 – 26, 2022. Friday evening to Sunday evening.

Where: St. John Paul II Retreat Centre, Port Burwell

Topic: Engaged and sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together and want to learn more about the Domestic Church.

Highlights: Sports and activities for children and youth. Food and lodging included. Time with your spouse to encounter God. Time for prayer and adoration. Fun for the whole family.

Cost: \$400 per family.

Contact: Marta & Jacek, 519 896 8979, domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is proud to participate in the **baby bottle campaign** in



support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place provides a safe home for women between the ages of sixteen to twenty-five who are pregnant, or who have a child in their care, or who are attempting to regain care of their child. Women who come to Marillac Place receive 24-hour guidance and support, continue their education and are enabled with the life-skills they need to care for themselves and their child. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to keep its doors open. Next weekend baby bottles will be available at the entrances to the church. Please support this important cause by filling it with your spare change (bills and cheques are never refused) and returning it on the Father's Day weekend. You may request a receipt for income tax purposes for your donation. Thank you for your support.



SPRING CHURCH PROPERTY CLEAN UP:

We would like to have 6 to 10 parish volunteers to help with our church spring clean up on **Friday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.** If you have a garden claw, gloves, or other garden tool to help turn the beds, pick out weeds, please bring them with you. With 6 or 10 people the time commitment will only be about 2 hours. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in the parish office. Please email our parish office if you are available, at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com

**When at night you cannot sleep,
 talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.**
 (Anonymous)

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-33a,34-35

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND: A special envelope for this collection was distributed in our parish on the last weekend with the collection taking place on May 14 & 15. All donations are eligible for charitable receipts which will be issued by the parish. Cheques can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, listing Indigenous Reconciliation Fund in the memo field. For more information, please contact the Stewardship and Development Office at (905) 528-7988 or give@hamiltondiocese.com

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

GRIEF RELIEF - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering a four-week online grief program on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. May 17, 24 & 31, and June 7, 14 & 21st. Find out more on the Diocesan website and register to receive the zoom link at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

AGING WITH WISDOM AND GRACE is the fifth talk for the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series. Using her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries, Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley will explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we face as we age. The presentation will be interactive, challenging participants to reflect on their own aging journey. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken of the importance of the elderly in our society, so join us to embrace this important stage of every person's life. Dr. Bookser Barkley, Ph.D., is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the author of four books, including Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed, and numerous other feature articles. She is married, the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of seven. Join us Wednesday, May 18 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information on the series and to register. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

THE IGNATIUS JESUIT CENTRE will be hosting an 8-Day Retreat on Listening to Indigenous Voices May 18 @ 7:30 pm - May 26 @ 1:00 pm. Facilitated by Shasha Sky and Dave Skene from White Owl Native Ancestry Assoc. in collaboration with Victoria Blanco, Mark Hathaway, and Trevor Scott, SJ, from the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice. The group gathers to acknowledge Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action #60 and educate on the ways we can honour and respect Indigenous spirituality and the history of residential schools in Canada. Cost and accommodation information can be found at www.ignatiusguelph.ca.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week let us pray for...

- May 16 Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D
- May 17 Rev. Mark Sullivan
- May 18 Seminarians
- May 19 Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
- May 20 Rev. Stephen Gilbert
- May 21 Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.



THE POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS FOR 2022

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.