

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASS INTENTIONS May 23 to May 29

Monday 8:30 a.m. +Angela Ianni  
 – Carmela Garasto  
 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Special Intention  
 – Wiecek Family  
 Wednesday 8:30 a.m. +Morris & Lily Martin  
 – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario  
 Thursday 7:00 p.m. +Gaetano Garasto  
 – Carmela Garasto  
 Friday 8:30 a.m. +Helen Stumpf  
 – Stumpf Family  
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. +Karla De Sousa  
 – Marjorie Anthony  
**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 15, 2022: \$6,248.00**  
 (Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.)  
**Building Fund .....\$365.00**  
**Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.....\$670.00**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - PLEASE SIGN UP**



**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](mailto:lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com)

**MORNING MASS CANCELLED:** Starting July 4, 2022, we will no longer have Monday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Gospel Reading**

John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.



**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

**THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH GUILD** invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel mass to be held **Sunday, July 17, 2022, at 2.00 pm** at St Agatha Catholic Church located at 1839 Notre Dame Dr. in St Agatha. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Rev. Bishop Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. BONIFACE CHURCH** in Maryhill for our traditional annual **Corpus Christi procession** to the two outdoor altar houses. The procession will take place immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 19th Everyone is welcome!

**JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL MAY 26, 2022, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** for our last screening of the season, He Named Me Malala. This documentary provides an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to register!

**ON-LINE LEARNING OFFERED THROUGH DAYTON UNIVERSITY (VLCFF)** - The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. *To Inform, Encourage and Heal* is a NEW four-week online seminar in which you will have opportunity to engage meaningfully in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Following the course texts and online discussions, you will gain a greater understanding of your role as a Catholic Christian in the work of reconciliation and solidarity in support of Indigenous communities. For more information or to register for the June 2022 session, visit <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or email [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

**WE ARE PLANNING A PARISH BBQ** on Sunday June 26, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. we are in need of a volunteer to make this a successful event. If you are able to assist in the planning of this event please email the parish office, and attend our brief meeting on Friday, June 3, at 12:30 p.m. at the parish office.



**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

This week let us pray for...

May 23	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
May 24	Rev. Piotr Golinski
May 25	School Sisters of Notre Dame
May 26	Rev. Andrew Czarny
May 27	Rev. Philip E. Cook
May 28	Rev. Peter Ciallella

**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.



**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.