

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 20

No Mass

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 p.m. Jimmy Park
Maria Eduarda Teixeira
Ann Lindsay
Frank Vandervoort
Intention of Tim Kreze

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Virginia Jans

Friday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Intention of Kathy Fach

Saturday, March 25

5:00 p.m. Mary Otto
Larry Voisin
Anna Kim Vo
Mathilde Chinkel
Mabel and Edgar Harnack

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass

Monday, March 20

7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 p.m. Forgiven Series
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, March 23

7:30 p.m. Communal Reconciliation
7:30 p.m. Sunday Choir

Saturday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Cursillo
10:00 a.m. Forgiven Series
1:00 p.m. Alpha Youth Retreat

Sunday, March 26

5:00 p.m. St. Paul Chung Mass
12:30 p.m. Baptisms

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 19, 2017



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Wednesday of this past week our First Reading at Mass chronicled the machinations of the enemies of the Prophet Jeremiah: "Come," they said "let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah. Let us destroy him by his own tongue; let us carefully note his every word." It's hard not to think of our current shepherd, Pope Francis, when we consider a scene like this. I find it sad that even Catholics are falling into the trap of being misled and manipulated by soundbites and misinformation, leading some to uncharitably question or even oppose the Holy Father. I found a moving quote in an article this week that I think might help those struggling to trust in the leadership God has chosen for His Church:

Maybe we need less worry about the pope and more worry about our needy neighbor. Maybe we should read our Bibles more than the internet gossip about the pope, bishops and cardinals. Maybe there should be less paranoia and more prayer. Finally, for those who would cry "Not my Pope!" the stark question arises, "If this is not your pope, who is?"

(Father Dwight Longenecker)

BISHOP MIEHM

Our parish family joins the entire Diocese of Hamilton in congratulating Bishop Miehm, who was recently appointed by Pope Francis to serve as Bishop of Peterborough. His Excellency, a son of our very own parish, will be missed in his home diocese, but I'm sure he will be welcomed warmly and enthusiastically in his new see. If you haven't already, please write a message in the book of congratulations located in the main narthex of the Church.

ALPHA YOUTH RETREAT

Our Alpha Youth programme continues with a half-day retreat on Saturday, March 25th beginning at 1:00 p.m. The retreat, which focuses on how we identify, listen to, and follow the voice of God in our lives is an excellent way for our young people to prepare themselves for Easter. The retreat is open to all youth in Grades 7-12, even those who have been unable to join us for our monthly meetings on Tuesday evenings. The retreat will conclude with 5:00 p.m. Mass followed by supper. Please let us know if you plan to attend to help us prepare the day.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Ilija Petkovic
Tuesday Reverend Monsignor Ivan Vuksic
Wednesday Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)
Thursday Very Reverend Cornelius O'Mahony
Friday Reverend Felix Nwatu
Saturday Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, D.D.

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or [email mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com)

ANNUAL CARD PARTY

The annual CWL Card Party will take place in the Parish Life Centre on Wednesday, April 26th. Tickets are available at the parish office for \$15.00 each during office hours or by calling Joan Schurter at 519-893-7429. **Tickets are going fast** so purchase yours soon. Thank you.



RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and a loving relationship in their marriage. You are NOT alone. Please don't wait. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 24, 2017**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

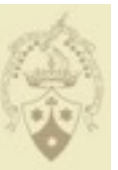
ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP



LEVEL 1 (Learning to Cope), LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) and LEVEL 3 (Enhancing Self Esteem) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons move forward from their divorce healthier and stronger. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), \$45 (Level 2) and \$40 (Level 3). Level 1 & 2 & 3 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 28, 2017 from 7pm – 9pm. Level 1 & 2 will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount), Kitchener; Level 3 will be held at St. Mark's Parish (55 Driftwood Dr.), Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register (Level 1 & 2), or on line at: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>

MINI-RETREAT & GROCERY SHOWER

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend the Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower (No Meat) to be held Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Monastery in St. Agatha. Mass will be celebrated, preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master will be Reverend Ron Voisin.



CALLING ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS



This year's theme is *Maker Fun Factory- Created by God, Built for a Purpose*. Camp will run July 10th -14th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon daily.

There will be a meeting for all interested ADULT volunteers on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room. Any YOUTH who are planning on volunteering at this year's camp do not need to attend this meeting, but please email Julie Weiler at jandpweiler@hotmail.com indicating your plans to help this summer. We look forward to another wonderful week filled with faith and fun. **NB: additional adult volunteers are needed!**

14TH ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE DINNER



The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the 14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on Thursday, May 11th. For details call Margaret at 905-628-5682, refer to celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner or email celebrationprl@gmail.com



COME AND SEE RETREAT

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to a *Come and See Retreat* at:

•St. Peter's Seminary in London on the weekend of March 24th – 27th.

This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details at

www.HamiltonVocations.com.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **Sunday, June 25, 2017**, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2017. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). **To register** for the celebration, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board in the church foyer, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS - CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



This year Development and Peace celebrates 50 years of working to overcome the root causes of poverty and injustice. In 1968 we supported projects in 32 countries. Today, thanks to your generous donations, we support 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world. To help us celebrate our 50th anniversary, we invite you to attend our anniversary Mass on March 25th at 5:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Miehm at St. Joseph's Parish in Hamilton (260 Herkimer Street at Locke Street). Join us after Mass for refreshments. On display is our Solidarity Quilt, made up of squares that reflect each Diocese in Canada. More information is available on the Anniversary from the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace at our website: devp.org.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH



Lent is the perfect time to focus on our faith journey. Help your children look beyond giving something up, to the deeper meaning of Lent. Remind them that Lent is about looking forward to Christ's Resurrection, which opens us to the joy of eternity. During Lent help your children reflect on what Christ's coming meant for us - he taught us how to live good and holy lives; he showed us what it means to be faithful to a promise; he gave us the gift of Salvation and the hope of eternity; he reminded us that God has a plan for each of us. Pray together, attend the Stations of the Cross, read the Bible, commit to fasting as a family (perhaps from arguing with siblings, or speaking back to parents), give alms as a family unit. When you take your task of helping your children understand Lent and its purpose to heart, everyone benefits!



We are blessed to be able to continue offering opportunities to join other Christians to pray for Christian Unity and worldwide needs. The next service will be Sunday, March 26th at

7:30 p.m., hosted by the Church of the Good Shepherd, 116 Queen Street North, Kitchener, phone # 519-743-3845.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH



Observing Lent as a couple is an excellent way to deepen both your spiritual and marital bond. Talk about each of your Lenten resolutions and then assist each other to achieve it. Challenge each other to keep to your resolve, pray for each other on your 40 day journey, and take up activities as a couple that will deepen your faith. Take the three Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your relationship and journey the path together. Consider 40 acts of kindness toward each other for the 40 days of Lent. When you focus on achieving goals together, it strengthens your relationship bond as a couple and with God – a win-win Lenten season.

EARTH HOUR



Earth Hour stems from a grassroots movement that began in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Its goal is to create greater awareness regarding energy consumption and to encourage communities to consider turning off their non-essential lights for

one hour. This year Earth Hour is at 8:30 p.m. on March 25th. To find out more about Earth Hour you may wish to visit its website at <http://www.earthhour.org/>

