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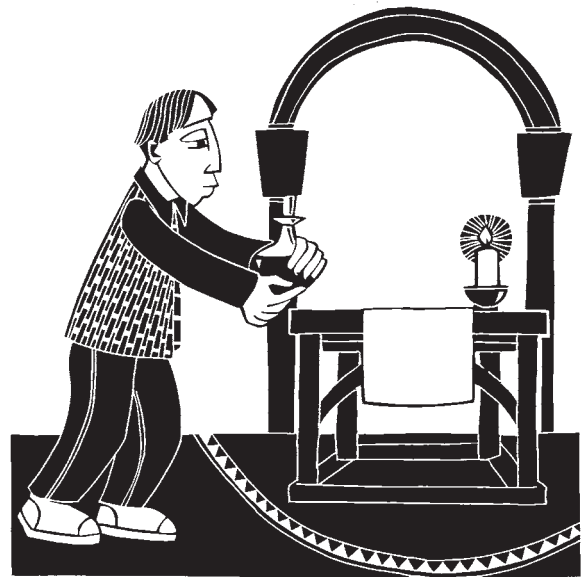
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Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (3rd Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism package from the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months prior to desired date.
Marriage Prep offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of loved ones who are housebound or in the hospital so they may receive the comfort of the Church's sacraments and prayer.

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know would like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

Annamae Elliott
Deana Pfanner Groves
Fr. Peter Meyer
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Leona Weishar
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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or
www.resurrectionist.net

New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!
Please register at the office or pick up a registration package at the church entrance.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

February 16 2020
Sixth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

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Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth,
but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which
he moves compassion on
this world.

Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which
he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17TH

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| Tuesday, February 18, 7:05 pm +John Black; Cassidy's, Kauk's and Grosz's <i>God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but he has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination. – St. Augustine</i> |
| Wednesday, February 19, 10:30 am - Chartwell +Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon <i>Listen and attend with the ear of your heart. – St. Benedict</i> |
| Thursday, February 20, 12:05 pm Intentions of the Brenner Family; Mike & Marlene Brenner <i>If then you remain constant in your faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next. – St. Jerome Emiliani</i> |
| Friday, February 21, 9:00 am +Lillian Claire DeCosta; Louise Roe & Family 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration <i>One should first show them in deeds rather than words all that is good and holy. - St. Benedict</i> |
| Saturday, February 22, 5:00 pm +Inez Haid; Rick & Leona Weishar +Sharon Soeder; The Goetz Family |
| Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 am Our Parish Community 10:45 am Baptisms After Mass Coffee Sunday |

READINGS FOR February 22/23

First Reading: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel Reading: Mt 5:38-48

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg** – Library
7:35pm **Confirmation Session** - Hall
WED 7:30pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church
THU 6:45pm **Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg**
7:30pm **Knights of Columbus General Meeting**

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 17 Rev. Luc Payette
Tues., February 18 Rev. Anthony Azzopardi
Wed., February 19 Discalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C.D.
Thurs., February 20 Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
Fri., February 21 Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil, S.J.
Sat., February 22 Rev. Scott Whitfield

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Kleenex and Sugar

MINISTRIES for February 22/23

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga, Steve & Patsy Pond
9:30am Ray Denomme, Sharon Both, Isabella Maher

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly, Bill Strauss, Marilyn Hurlburt
9:30am Joseph & Linus Ditner, Paul & Diane Shutts

Altar Servers

5pm Kevin Dupuis
9:30am Allyson Cassidy, Caleb Antonello, Rachel Lidster,
Charlotte Stockie

Lectors

5pm Sheila Forler-Bauman
9:30am Morgan Glofcheskie
Barry Glofcheskie

Commentator

Judy Furlong
Joan Coutu

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Feb 23 Marianne Kieswetter

Sign Ministry

Feb 17 Nancy Lucier

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Feb 19 Marianne Kieswetter

The **DONATION RECEIPTS** are ready for pick up in the Narthex. **THANK YOU** for your support.

The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** will be held on **Friday, March 6th** at 7 p.m. here at St. Teresa of Avila Church. This year's program was written by women from Zimbabwe on the theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". Join our ecumenical brothers and sisters from other Elmira churches for scripture, prayer, African music and some Zimbabwean treats in the parish hall following the service! Everyone is welcome.

A **FAMILY FUN DAY** is being hosted on **Monday, February 17th** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Road, Floradale featuring "Hands on Exotics" live animal show at 11:00 a.m. Bouncy castles, balloon animals, games and more!

ACT 2 (SEPARATED & DIVORCED): WINE AND CHEESE

SOCIAL – Are you separated and divorced? Would you like to have a relaxed evening out? Join us **Tuesday, February 18th** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, in the Parish Centre. Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and Cheese social – you belong! Register on line on our website – <http://www.stmichaelw.ca>, email - parish@stmichaelw.ca, or call 519-884-9311.

CCYMN HOPE COMES HOME CONFERENCE - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted **Friday, February 21st to Sunday, February 23rd, 2020** in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation - *Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests,

religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for Catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For info about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit www.hopecomeshome.com. If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at 905-528-7988 ext. 2245 or nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com.

Walk With Us! The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk on **Saturday, February 22nd**. Woolwich Community Services is hosting the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**, a 2 km, 5 km and 10 km winter walk hosted in 100+ cities across Canada and in support of the work here in Elmira with the hungry, homeless and hurting. With your help, the goal is to raise \$50,000. To accomplish this goal, we are looking for registrations of teams of 8-10 people to walk and raise money with us that night. Anyone can register a team. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$150 or pay a \$25 registration fee without having to fundraise. A chili dinner is served afterwards. Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets our famous Coldest Night toque. If you have questions contact Leigh-Anne Quinn at 519-669-5139 or email leighanne_wcs@yahoo.ca. Register to walk, donate or volunteer by visiting: <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>.

HEALTH EDUCATION, LONELINESS – THE IMPACT ON HEALTH AND WAYS TO REACH OUT AND CONNECT

Join us on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Woolwich Community Health Centre, 10 Parkside Drive, St. Jacobs. Research shows that reduced social contact, being alone, isolation and feeling of loneliness have all been associated with a reduced quality of life in people of all ages. Loneliness has been associated with a number of negative outcomes such as poor health, decreased quality of life and life satisfaction. John Lord will be the speaker. To register call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025 or email gberihun@wchc.on.ca. Everyone is welcome. No charge.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Save the date! 40 days of pro-life prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil will be **starting around the world on February 26th**. Locally, there will be a prayer vigil in Guelph across the street from the abortion pill clinic. For information on how to become involved and save lives in Guelph, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or visit 40daysforlife.com/guelph.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Starting on **February 26th**, volunteers around the world will be praying for an end to abortion! The annual 40 Days for Life campaign has had amazing results and will be happening again this year in Guelph. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the daily prayer vigil and assist with communications with participants. Hours per week are flexible, and the volunteering can be done from home. For

more information, please contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or info@guelphforlife.com

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Join us for a **PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF QUEBEC** from **Monday, August 3, 2020 to Friday, August 7, 2020**. Join us for 5 days of Masses, Stations of the Cross, recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercies, tours of the shrines, and much more. Watch for the flyer advertising all the details. Please consider sharing a room with a friend. For more information, contact Rose Gunn 519-744-5923 or Angie Hunt 519-766-5262.

VOCATION SEEDS – “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by email mking@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988.

MARRIAGE TIP – February is often referred to as the month of love, since we celebrate Valentine’s Day on February 14th. Real love isn’t a fairy tale though – it takes time and effort, good communication and spending time together. This Valentine’s Day month go big: write each other a love letter, write out a list of the 10 things you most love about your spouse, commit to a date night each month on the 14th to keep the love day alive, look through your wedding album together and remember that moment when you united your love into one. Perhaps most importantly, commit to praying together each day because God is always present to give us strength when we need it!

HOPE AFTER AN ABORTION – Are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own, or someone else’s? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This **confidential** service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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| Offertory collection for February 8/9: | \$4,463.35 |
| Average per envelope: | \$26.16 |
| Weekly parish operating expenses: | \$4,724.64 |
| Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: | \$95,097.25 |

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