

Mass Intentions

December 5 – 11, 2016

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
In Thanksgiving to our Holy Mother, blessings for  
Hudson Buehl - Marilyn Moser

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.  
+Joseph and Catherine Spiegl - Spiegl Family

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.  
+Deceased Members of the John McCarthy Family -  
Sheila Halley

Friday, December 9, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.  
+Veronica Sebes - Florence Cybulski

Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 6:30 a.m.  
Rorate Mass

Saturday, December 10, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.  
+Larry Wismer – Ruth Kovacs  
+Leonard Yantha – Jane Hossfeld


Sunday, December 11, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.  
Mass for the People of St. Teresa Parish



Prayer Network:

For those not on the internet there is an envelope on the bulletin board at the main entrance marked ‘PRAYER NETWORK’. Please take a copy of the prayer intentions inside this envelope and pray for fellow parishioners.

Hospitals and Privacy Laws:

 Because of privacy laws, hospitals do not notify us when parishioners are admitted. If someone in your family is admitted to hospital and you want the Parish Office to know, please call and tell us. Many hospitals, Catholic or not, have a priest assigned to visit the Catholic patients and bring them Communion, but the family must tell the admittance office of their wish for a clergy visit.



Bingo

Late Night on **Saturday, December 10, 2016** from 9:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener. To assist with this fundraiser for our parish, please call the office: 519-743-4525



Euchre Results

Next game will be on **Friday, December 9, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Stewardship Report

November 20, 2016

Sunday Envelopes.....	2,715.00
Sunday Loose.....	109.80
Building and Maintenance.....	60.00
Vigil Lights.....	330.00
Funeral - Hausch.....	150.00

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2016

Monday, December 5 – Rev. Janusz Roginski  
Tuesday, December 6 – Rev. Robert Love  
Wednesday, December 7 – Order of Preachers  
Thursday, December 8 – Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk  
Friday, December 9 – Rev. Francis Trzupsek  
Saturday, December 10 – Rev. Mark Sullivan  
Sunday, December 11 –Third Sunday of Advent



Save the Date - Parish Christmas Party

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful parish event on **Saturday, December 10th** following the 5 p.m. Mass. As in years past, we will enjoy turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetable and cranberries. There will be sign-up sheets at the doors of the church the weekends of November 26/27 and December 3/4. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted the night of the dinner and everyone is asked to bring either a salad or dessert. If your last name starts with A to M bring a salad and N to Z please bring a dessert. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is you let us know how many are coming! Santa Claus will be making an appearance to help us celebrate this very special time of the year and it won't be the same if YOU don't come ..... so make plans now to attend!!!!

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale Thank You

THANK YOU to all who helped and supported the Craft and Bake Sale this past weekend. It was another successful event in our faith community. The CWL was overwhelmed by the support of the parish. Thank you so much!

St. Teresa School Christmas Pageant

**Saturday, December 17th** following the Saturday evening Mass a group of Students from St. Teresa School will be performing in a Christmas Pageant! They have been practicing for weeks! Come and enjoy their hard work. Reception to follow in the hall.



Annual CWL Christmas Potluck

Join us on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** for our annual potluck. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with Mass followed by dinner in the hall. Bring your favourite food to share with everyone. Entertainment and a sing-along with Sue Weber Bell. Husbands, children, grandchildren, and friends are always welcome. Don't forget to wear your Christmas colours or favourite Christmas outfit. There will be a 50-50 draw to support our family in India and draws for the table centrepieces. Let's keep this annual tradition going! Come one, come all. Always lots of fun. You don't have to be a member. Everyone welcome.

SVDP – Christmas Hampers

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society is in the process of planning the 2016 Christmas Hampers for the people of our neighbourhood. Our financial resources are very low at this time and we would appreciate any monetary contributions to help with this meaningful endeavour. Please use the St. Vincent de Paul envelope found in your regular envelope box for your donation. We will also have the Angel Tree setup for the weekend of November 26th and 27th. Please return your gift, unwrapped with the tag, by the weekend of **December 10th and 11th. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support.**

Vocations – December 4, 2016

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” 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 God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at: 905-528-7988/e-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

Euthanasia/Assisted – Did You Know?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit: [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

Advent Retreat/Seminar

Please join us on **Saturday, December 10th** from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener, for a life-changing day entitled, “Our Hearts are Restless”! We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and powerful talks and testimonies by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. Come experience the truly transforming power of Jesus Christ in preparation for Christmas! No registration fee. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a bag-lunch. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

2016–2017 Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University

Join us on **Friday, December 9th**, when Shane Claiborne, Executive Director of Red Letter Christians, will reflect on the scandal of God's inclusive love in a world that is starved for grace. With ancient stories of the early Christians, contemporary stories of ordinary radicals, stories from the streets of Philadelphia and the war zone of Iraq, Mr. Claiborne will invite us to re-imagine what it means to be the Body of Christ alive in the world. Location: Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University. Time: 7:30 p.m. | Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments Served.

Longest Night Prayer Service

If Christmas is a sad time for you because of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service on **Wednesday December 21st** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. If you have any questions please call: 519-745-7301.

Parenting Tip

Most parents want their children to be happy and spend a great deal of their energies trying to ensure this is the case for their children. A new study released by the World Leisure Journal suggests that it may be much simpler than we believe. A variety of leisure activities, including hiking, board games and visiting local tourist attractions, can be combined with time spent at home undertaking activities as a family. Being together produces feelings of satisfaction and happiness. Simple undertakings can be the best way to bond as a family and feel connected to each other. Combine activity with attending weekly Mass and praying together each day and your children will benefit in numerous ways!

Our Parish Website

Have you visited our parish website recently? Check it for upcoming events, Mass times and more at: [www.stteresakit.ca](http://www.stteresakit.ca)