

Mass Intentions

December 12 – 18, 2016

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.
+Living and Deceased Members of CWL - *CWL*
+Eileen Oddy – *Stein and MacFarlane Family*

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
+Joseph and Catherine Spiegl – *Spiegl Family*

Thursday, December 15, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
+Veronica Sebes – *Sheila Halley*

Friday, December 16, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
+Larry Wismer – *Cecilia Grace*

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.
Advent Retreat
+Irene Hausch - *CWL*

Saturday, December 17, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.
+Heidi Taylor – *Rose Gerger*
+Veronica Reid – *Reid and McDonald Families*

Sunday, December 18, 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:

HBecause 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

Matinee on **Saturday, December 24, 2016** from 1:30 – 3:30 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 23, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Stewardship Report

November 27, 2016	
Sunday Envelopes.....	1,937.00
Sunday Loose.....	226.35
Building and Maintenance.....	10.00
Calorie Club Rent.....	80.00

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2016

Monday, December 12 – Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Tuesday, December 13 – Rev. Michael Downey
Wednesday, December 14 – Benedictines
Thursday, December 15 – Rev. Drago Gacnik
Friday, December 16 – Rev. Allen Varlaki
Saturday, December 17 – Rev. Peter Ciallella
Sunday, December 18 –Fourth Sunday of Advent



Annual CWL Christmas Potluck

Join us on **Tuesday, December 13th** 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.

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.

Vocations – December 11, 2016

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at: 905-528-7988 or e-mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com

Catholic Women's League Membership - last chance to be eligible for draw of a free membership for 2017! Must be paid on or before December 13th for the draw at the Christmas Potluck.

Coffee Sunday - on **Sunday, December 18th** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Join us for a time of sharing and good friendship with fellow parishioners. Have you got a Christmas treat you would like to share that day? Call 519-578-2019.



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 also have the Angel Tree. If you have not brought your gift yet, please drop it off at the office. **We greatly appreciate your generosity and support.**

Euthanasia/Assisted – Did You Know?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConsicence.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.

Christmas Concert by ‘Mags’

Mags, a three time Canadian Gospel Music Association nominee, invites you to join her for an evening of Christmas Joy. The concert is on **Tuesday, December 20th** at 7 p.m. at Hope Fellowship, 25 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo (2nd floor of the outlet mall). Admission is \$10.

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.

A Senior Adult Workshop Series - Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics

This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. They will be 6 Wednesday afternoons, starting **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, ‘Illuminating the Way’ by Christine ValtersPaintner. Please **register by December 22, 2016**. For further information please contact Monica at: mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

Laudato Si is a ‘Call to Conversion’

Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis’ encyclical on ‘The Environment and Human Ecology’ with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television. Past Popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but [Laudato Si] is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world’s major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion. (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. Sponsored by the Catholic Women’s League.

The Daily TV Mass is now available Monday-Saturday anytime from any place. Take a moment to visit their new website at: **www.dailytvmass.com** to watch the Daily TV Mass and to find out more about how to stay connected with our faith. Please feel free to call the NCBC at: 1-888-383-6277 for more information.

Marriage Tip of the Month

As a member of a couple it is important to decide which is more important to you: being right or being connected. When it comes to conflict, which exists in every relationship, it is important to see the other’s view, decide where compromises are possible and together come up with a solution that works for both of you. With a “we” attitude in all you do, including conflict resolution, you can feel more deeply connected and content.

Our Parish Website

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