

**Mass Intentions****December 11 – 17, 2017****Tuesday, December 12 – 7:00 p.m.****+Living and Deceased Members of CWL****Wednesday, December 13 – 8:30 a.m.****Thursday, December 14 – 8:30 a.m.****Friday, December 15 – 8:30 a.m.****Saturday, December 16 – 10:30 a.m. (NOTE)****Saturday, December 16 - 5:00 p.m.****+Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe****+Norman Mueller – Helen Mueller & Family****Sunday, December 17 - 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.

**H 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.

**Prayer Shawl**

Prayer Shawls are blessed and available. Please call the parish office if you would like one.

**Euchre Results**

Next Euchre Night will be **Friday, December 22nd** in the church hall.

**Bingo**

Matinee on **Saturday, December 23rd** from 1:00 – 3:00 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.

**Stewardship Report****November 26, 2017**

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,016.00
Sunday Loose.....	85.95
Parish BBQ – June.....	930.35
Sue's Calorie Club-Hall Rental.....	80.00

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2017**

Monday, December 11 – Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

Tuesday, December 12 – Rev. Arthur Scidmore

Wednesday, December 13 – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate

Thursday, December 14 – Rev. Gary Schlack

Friday, December 15 – Rev. Mervin Perera

Saturday, December 16 – Rev. Thomas Manninezhath

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

**Annual CWL Christmas Potluck**

Join us on **Tuesday, December 12th** 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.

**Christmas Craft and Bake Sale - Thank You**

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

**Pillar Course – Reminder**

The Pillar Course will be on Thursday, December 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars.

**St. Teresa School Christmas Pageant**

St Teresa's students would like to invite you to their presentation of 'The Christmas Story' on **Saturday, December 15th** after Mass at 6:15 p.m. The performance is approximately 20 minutes and there will be a social in the parish hall afterwards with light refreshments provided. Please bring a non-perishable food donation to help restock the shelves and your singing voice. It is sure to fill your heart with the true meaning of Christmas.

**Coffee Sunday** - Join us for refreshments and treats after Mass on **Sunday, December 19th**. Join us for some fun and fellowship.

**CWL Membership Dues for 2018**

Membership dues for 2018 will be \$25. Please use the blue envelope in your church envelope box or use a plain envelope clearly marked CWL. Put your envelope with your name, address, phone number and email address in collection basket.

**Resurrection Choir Practice**

Midnight Mass: The Resurrection Choir will be leading the singing at our Midnight Mass. Anyone who would like to sing at this Mass is invited to join us. Practice will be **Wednesday, December 20th** from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Please come and join us.

**Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party!!!**

The Diocese of Hamilton (and Beyond!) are coming together for ONE, BIG, THRILLING CHRISTMAS PARTY! We want to invite all young adults near and far to come out! If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, this will be the place to BE to meet other young adult Catholics. An awesome pre-Christmas social dinner, live entertainment, door prizes and a DJ. Consider yourself INVITED on **Saturday, December 16th** beginning with Mass at 5 p.m., cocktail social at 6 p.m. and catered dinner with wine at 6:45 p.m. at the St. Thomas the Apostle Church (715 Centre Rd., Waterdown). Cash Bar, and so much more! Donation of \$20 (\$45 value) at the door. Please RSVP before December 14th (we need to get numbers for food). Contact: Justin Peter at: [jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 905-689-4857 ext. 8. Search 'The Biggest Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party Ever 2!' on Facebook.

**Coping with the Holidays...when you have lost a loved one**

Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper Street, Cambridge on **Monday, December 11th** from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat: 519-658-4443. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

**Longest Night Prayer Service**

If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service on **Thursday, December 21st** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener. This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer. A time of fellowship will follow.

**"Keys to Loving Relationships"**

"Keys" is a nine week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting **Monday, January 23, 2018** at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

**2018 World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting**

Our planning meeting for the World Day of Prayer 2018 will be **Friday, January 5, 2018** from 1-3 p.m. at Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship Church (68 Biehn Drive, Kitchener). Please mark it on your new calendars now. I hope to see you all in January. Have a great Christmas season with your families.

**Parenting Tip**

Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what "I" want. Help your children to learn that *is in giving that we truly receive*