MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 7

No Mass

Tuesday, May 8

Maria and Francesco Cinquemani 7:00 p.m.

Santa and Giuseppe Seminatore

Giuseppe Lodato

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Intention of Tim Kreze

Wednesday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Intention of Yerca Kreze

Thursday, May 10

Peter Bergin 8:00 a.m.

Friday, May 11

8:00 a.m. Helmut Schumacher

Saturday, May 12

Michael Dutchak and Family 5:00 p.m.

> Werner Jaeger, Helen and Albert Ertel Intention of Bruce and Nancy Ertel and Family

Intention of Debra David

Margaret Poirier, Intention of Tom Poirier

Intention of Dennis and Sue Poirier

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 6

Name Tag Weekend

Coffee Sunday following 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses Father Allen Varlaki's 5th Anniversary

of Priestly Ordination

St. Paul Chung Mass followed by Social 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 7

Grief Support 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. The Gift

7:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

Baptism Preparation 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9

St. John Paul II School Mass 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Canadian Martyrs School First

Communion Photos

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir

Thursday, May 10

7:00 p.m. Sunday Choir

Saturday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Cursillo

12:30 a.m. Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, May 13

St. Paul Chung Mass followed by Social 5:00 p.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 6, 2018

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

n the gospel, the word "love" is translated from the Greek, agape, which describes the mutual self-giving relationship between Jesus and God and between Jesus and his followers. The love that the Father bestowed on Christ has been spread all around and has reached us full strength. Another relationship is described in Jesus' words today. That of friendship. We are not slaves, but beloved, chosen friends. But love and friendship do not come easily. If love and friendship were as simple as falling off a log, we wouldn't need an Advocate, a Helper; we would not need the Holy Spirit. But we do need help in remembering that God has first loved us and that all our loving commitments are grounded in God's first loving us.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Memorial Mass for Msgr. Edward House

During Holy Week, Msgr. Edward House, beloved former pastor of our parish, passed away suddenly. Many parishioners were unable to attend his funeral Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, and have expressed a desire to celebrate Msgr. House's life and contribution to our parish in a special way. On Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM, we will celebrate a special Memorial Mass for the repose of Msgr. House's soul and as an opportunity to give thanks for the many blessings God worked through his ministry. Mass will be followed by a time for food and fellowship in the Parish Life Centre. Please mark your calendars for this important day in the life of our parish community.

Seminarian Intern

I recently received a letter from Bishop Crosby confirming that seminarian Patrick Ohl, who spent last summer with our community, has been assigned to St. Anthony Daniel Parish to complete his Pastoral Year. This is an important step in the formation of a priest, and I know Patrick will be warmly received. Pray for him as he embarks upon this next step along his journey toward ordination. Pray for me as well, the responsibility of supervising is a sobering one.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Reverend Frederick Scinto, C.R.

Tuesday Reverend David Walter Wednesday Catholic Single Adults Thursday Reverend Robert Stainsby Reverend Michael Bennett Friday Saturday Reverend Robert Hetu

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.



The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The

world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, contact Father Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

All Confirmation Candidates are reminded of our retreat on May 12th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. We will conclude our retreat at 6:00 p.m., following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Those who have signed up for the spaghetti dinner are reminded to bring their appetite!



VBS

Registration is underway for this vear's VBS. Come on shipwrecked adventure with us from July 9th – 13th (mornings

8:45 a.m. - noon). We invite campers in grades 1-6 to join us for a fun and faith filled week. There will be crafts, games, snacks, music and lots of fun. Make new friendships and learn about God's awesome love for us. Cost is \$30 for the week. Please contact Julie at 519-894-4115 to register your child. Spots are limited.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Co-chairs Janet and Rene Couture would like to invite interested parishioners to join the Fundraising Committee.

meeting will be held on Monday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gabriel Room to begin planning for a couple of fundraising events beginning in the Fall. Please attend this session. We look forward to seeing you.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Join us in the Marian Room on Monday, May 7th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. This month's topic is "Coping with Adjustments". All are welcome.



Mother's Day is peeking at us and St. Anthony Daniel Parish is proud to participate once again in the Baby Bottle Campaign in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies on donations from our community to keep its doors open. Next weekend – Mother's Day - St. Vincent de Paul members will be handing out baby bottles at the doors of the parish after all Masses. Please consider supporting this important cause by filling it with your spare change and returning it on Father's Day weekend, June 17th. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church after Masses this weekend to accept your monetary donations. The monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m.



MASS ATTENDANCE

The Diocese of Hamilton has instructed all parishes in the Diocese to conduct Mass Attendance Surveys in the next two

months to assist in accumulating accurate data on trends in Mass attendance. The spring dates are as follows:

- May 12th and 13th
 June 16th and 17th

Attendance will be taken at all three weekend Masses, therefore, three volunteers will be required for each of the 5:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. As a result, we are looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested in assisting or if you would like further information, please call the parish office at 519-893-6960. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.



THEATRE SHOWS

There are only two tickets left for *The Birds and the Bees* on

Wednesday, June 6th at the Hamilton Family Theatre (formerly known as Dunfield Theatre), Cambridge. Show and bus \$48.00. Bus leaves church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. Call Joan at 519-893-7429 to reserve.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

On Saturday, May 26th, 20+ young people from our parish will be participating in the Diocesan Youth Rally at Camp Brebeuf. They will



have the opportunity to meet other young people (last year, nearly 500 teenagers gathered for this great event), to explore their faith, hear from dynamic speakers and have Mass with Bishop Crosby. Please pray for all young people who are attending this year's rally.

TABS 4 WHEELCHAIRS PROJECT

Since we began collecting in 1993, our generous contributions of tabs have exceeded 3½ tons of donated aluminum to help the Royal Canadian Legion in Elora convert the tabs into cash to help needy individuals requiring walkers, wheelchairs or motorized scooters because of birth defects, paralysis, disease or injuries. As of April 17th, we have brought our thermometer reading to 147 "full-tubs". We are encouraged to join people from Britain, Alaska, California, Japan and all points in between to continue collecting pulltabs (from drink cans). 2½ million tabs are needed to purchase one average wheelchair for distribution to those who need assistance with the purchase price. Since its inception in 1989, this project has helped provide over 2,209 wheelchairs by the combined efforts of all area Royal Canadian Legions. It does work! Continue to invite others to join in collecting! If you, or someone you know, is in need of a wheelchair and cannot afford it, please contact the Elora Legion, Branch 229 at 519-846-9611 or e-mail info@eloralegion.ca

ROSE SUNDAY

Members of the Kitchener Knights of Columbus - Council 1504 - will be visiting our Parish next weekend before and after each Mass to pass out Roses for Life and accept donations. All proceeds from this campaign go to support the ongoing Pro-Life cause in Waterloo Region.



WORLD ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

Did you know that Development and Peace - Caritas Canada responded to the call to care for our common home that Pope Francis launched in his encyclical *Laudato Si*? He teaches us that " the earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses." (LS, 32).

With the Holy Father's words in mind, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada launched its campaign <u>Create a Climate of Change</u> to combat climate change and its impact on the poorest people in our world. The Government of Canada signed the Paris Agreement in 2015, and thousands of Canadians are committed to reducing their carbon footprint. To learn more about the work of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, to become a member or to make a donation, visit <u>devp.org/get-involved</u>.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins this Sunday, May 6th. The Catholic schools in our parish will



engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Renewing the Promise." The theme for CEW 2018 draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, "This Moment of Promise" (1989), "Fulfilling the Promise" (1993) and "Our Catholic Schools" (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

The CEW biblical quote is "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:39