

## CWL

The CWL is hosting an Advent retreat on Thursday, November 30th. Sr. Barbara Paleczny will be our retreat leader. The topic is "The many ways to pray." The retreat will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed by the retreat. Cost for retreat and dinner is \$20 EVERYONE IS INVITED. Call Judi Langford 519 501 4763 if you would like further information.

## Family Foundations Institute:

Gift and Grit Marriage Conference  
Saturday, November 4, 2023  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Saint André Bessette Catholic Secondary School, London \$100/couple before Wed, November 1, 2023  
Guest speakers: Andrew and Sarah Swafford  
This year's conference revolves around the theme "Gift and Grit." We believe that within every marriage, there are unique gifts and strengths waiting to be discovered. Additionally, we recognize the importance of resilience and "grit" in navigating the ups and downs that come with a committed relationship. Through inspiring talks and interactive Q&A, we aim to help couples unearth their gifts and cultivate the resilience needed to overcome obstacles.  
To register go to: [www.famfi.ca](http://www.famfi.ca)

Maryhill Heritage has card parties every Wednesday starting on Oct. 4th at 1:30 p.m. Cost \$5. Euchre or Solo. Location: Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 St Charles St E, Maryhill, ON

**Council of Catholic Men** will be having their first meeting of the year Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 PM in the church basement. All Men of the parish are welcome.

## 40 Days for Life

Opening Rally Kitchener:  
Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Join us for Holy Mass at 7pm and then for refreshments and fellowship as well as a chance to sign up for hours!  
Address: 66 Shanley Street Kitchener, ON  
Time: 7:00 PM

## KW Life Chain:

We mourn the loss of over 4 million children aborted in Canada since 1970.  
Sunday October 1st, 2023, 2-3pm in front of Kitchener City hall. 200 King Street W.  
Hold a Sign in Silent Prayer. We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation.  
Call KW Right to Life 519. 746.LIFE(5433) or [kwrtl@golden.net](mailto:kwrtl@golden.net)

## "St. Agnes Education Café" event:

Adjusting our Focus: Living in Faith, not Fear:  
Our daily lives can be a roller coaster of happiness & "order" one moment – then sadness & "chaos" the next. Yet, our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus & not to let doubt, fear & anxiety overtake us. So, how do we live out our faith in our every day lives, so we can earn the true peace that only a Christ-centred life can bring – an unshakeable peace that nothing can take away?  
Sunday October 1st, 2:00-3:30pm,  
St. Agnes Waterloo.



## Holy Family Roman Catholic Church (1883)

329 Huron Street, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1K3 ~ 519 662-1744  
[holyfamily@rogers.com](mailto:holyfamily@rogers.com) • [www.holyfamilynewhamburg.com](http://www.holyfamilynewhamburg.com)

*Sunday, September 17, 2023  
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## Pastor:

Reverend Bob Love  
Secretary: Sherry Reitzel

## Office Hours

9 am - 11:30 am  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

## Mass Times

Tuesday—7:00 p.m.  
Wed-Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
*Rosary - 30 min before Mass*

## Confession

Saturday 4-5 pm  
Or upon request

## Marriage

*Please contact the parish  
at least six months in advance.*

## Baptism

*Contact the office at least four  
month in advance  
Request forms at back of the  
church*

## Holy Family Catholic School

Principal: Mark Modolo.  
519-662-1734

FORGIVE  
*as you've been*  
FORGIVEN

*Matthew 18:21-35*

*Matthew 18: 21-35  
I tell you, you should forgive not seven time,  
but seventy-seven times*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY September 12

7:00 pm  
*Intentions of Maria Stipic  
Req. P & B Stefanac*

### WEDNESDAY September 13

8:30 am  
*For the Van Boekel family*

### THURSDAY September 14

8:30 am  
*+ Eileen Plouffe  
Req. Moe Plouffe*

### FRIDAY September 15

8:30 am  
*+ Judith Kroetsch  
Req. Estate*

### SATURDAY September 16

5:00pm  
*+ Bernice Fitzmaurice  
Req. Tom & Cecile Hale*

## WEEKLY OFFERING

*September 10, 2023*

**Sunday Offering: \$ 1,426.00**  
**Building Fund : \$ .00**

*Thank you for your generosity*

## Prayer Network

To request special prayers contact:  
Marcella 519 - 662-2962  
Sharon 519 - 634-8401

If you would like to join the prayer chain please contact Sharon Diebold.

## News from the Diocese of Hamilton

Diocesan Marian Days – The Diocesan Marian Days continue on the first Saturday of the month (September 2 and October 7, 2023), at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information: (519) 824-3951.

Frassati Leadership Program - The Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten (ages 15-16). This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. The goal of this program is that young people will join us for opportunities for formation as Catholic leaders and then go back to their respective communities to turn their learning into practice. Registration for this program closes September 30th and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>.

Marriage Support - Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

## Vocation Seeds:

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17, 2023  
"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.  
email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## Vocations Prayer Week of September 18

**Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.**  
**Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.**  
**Salesians of St. Don Bosco (S.D.B.)**  
**Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.**  
**Rev. Vivek Trindade**  
**Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.**

## Lives of the Saints

*St Andrew Kim Taegön, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions*  
*Feast day September 20*

For centuries, Korea was closed to all outside influences, and all contact with foreigners was forbidden. No missionaries went there. Nevertheless, a number of laymen sought to find out all that they could about the outside world, through the annual embassy to Peking. Some books about Christianity fell into their hands, and they were converted. Because of the secrecy involved, it is impossible to date the origin of Christianity in Korea with any precision: it may have started in the early 17th century, but the first known baptism is that of Ni-Seoung-Houn, who was baptized under the name of Peter when he visited Peking in 1784.

The first known martyrs are Paul Youn and James Kouen, who in 1791 refused to offer sacrifice on the death of their relatives. Over the next century, over ten thousand Korean Christians were executed, with great cruelty; and many others perished.

For most of this period the church in Korea had no priests and was an entirely lay phenomenon. In 1794 the first priest to visit Korea, a Chinese, found a community of 4,000 Catholics who had never seen a priest. He was executed in 1801. Two further Chinese priests, sent at the request of the Korean Church, had a similarly brief ministry. Some thirty years later, at the request of the Korean Catholics, Pope Leo XII established the Prefecture Apostolic of Korea, and a new missionary phase began. The first of these missionaries, a French priest from the Paris Foreign Mission Society, entered the country in 1836 and was beheaded three years later. Many others followed. Andrew Kim Taegön, the first Korean priest, was secretly trained in Macao, entered Korea in 1845 and was executed in 1846, together with his father. A lay apostle, St Paul Chong Hasang, and many others perished at the same time. A further major persecution occurred in 1866.

In all, 103 of the Korean martyrs are celebrated today: they are mostly lay men and women: some married, some not; some old, some young, some even children.

"The Korean Church is unique because it was founded entirely by laypeople. This fledgling Church, so young and yet so strong in faith, withstood wave after wave of fierce persecution. Thus, in less than a century, it could boast of 10,000 martyrs. The death of these many martyrs became the leaven of the Church and led to today's splendid flowering of the Church in Korea. Even today their undying spirit sustains the Christians of the Church of Silence in the north of this tragically divided land." – Pope John Paul II at the canonization of the Korean Martyrs, May 6, 1984.