



THANK YOU FROM FR. LOVE

I want to thank all the parishioners who have contributed financially to the running and upkeep of the Parish. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. I

also understand that in these unprecedented times many people are unable to help due to the loss of a job and of reduced income. We are doing everything we can to cut costs and maintain our parish. May God Bless each and every one of you.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: MAY 3 – MAY 8

Please visit our parish website or the Hamilton Diocese website for information and resources. A special Mass for

Catholic Education will be streamed live from St. Patrick's Parish in Hamilton. This Holy Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 11:00 am.

EASTER MESSAGE: For those who may not have received Fr. Love's Easter message by email, please visit our website: www.stmaryhespeler.ca. We have since updated and expanded our email distribution list. The website will be updated on a regular basis.

PARISH OFFERINGS: Donations will be reported in the coming weeks.

GREETINGS FROM DEACON MICHAEL FOULGER

Fr. Love has asked me to introduce myself. I have been appointed by Bishop Crosby to be the Permanent Deacon for St. Mary's of the Visitation Parish as of April 1st. My wife Mary and I have lived in Hespeler for nearly fifteen years and are grateful to the Lord for the call to serve in the parish. Mary is a retired high school math and religion teacher and usually teaches business math, part-time, for two terms per year at Conestoga College. I worked for many years at the University of Waterloo as a senior technician and electronics technologist, having retired in 2015. Mary and I have two adult daughters and one of them is married with five children including triplets.

After we both completed the part-time diaconate formation program at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, I was ordained in 2012. This is my third parish appointment and sense that the Lord has good things in store for us in this new season. I hope and pray that it will not be too long before Mary and I can get acquainted with you and begin to get involved in the life of the parish.

May God richly bless you all and keep you from all harm!

Deacon Mike

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU: Although the church and office remain closed, please know that you can still call the parish at 519-658-4443 or email: stmarycambridge@hamiltondiocese.com.



UPDATE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus 2020 annual charity lottery draw date has been changed from May 29th to October 30th. Info on ticket sales will be forthcoming. During this time the Knights are holding online exemplifications so that Catholic gentlemen can still become Knights and advance to the third degree. For information contact Paul O'Neill at 519-658-4079. Ontario state Knights of Columbus has launched the initiative "Ontario Knights support our food banks " with a \$5000 donation. (ontariokofc.ca)



UPDATE FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

St. Vincent de Paul continues to help the less fortunate during this time of covid-19. We have put procedures in place that ensures volunteers as well as those receiving help are well protected. We thank those who have contacted us to provide food and monetary donations. Please know our food pantry is open for parishioners that might be struggling during this time. All calls are confidential so please contact us if you are in need of assistance. Our phone line 519-658-6511 is checked daily. Those wishing to drop off donations may do so between 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the entrance to the parish office. Food donations can be placed in the provided boxes, monetary donations can be slipped under the office door. Please note, if the door is locked during the given times, Fr. Love has been called away and will re-open the door when he returns. Thank you and stay safe.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: As the global human family faces the covid-19 pandemic, development and peace — Caritas Canada wishes its members, donors and partner organizations the best of health and resilience. Our thoughts are especially with communities of the global south whose hardships are compounded by this crisis. **Share Lent 2020:** During this difficult time, the need to support one another is more present than ever, particularly for our sisters and brothers in the global south, whose struggles will be multiplied by this pandemic. As such, we will continue our Share Lent journey of solidarity virtually. Please visit www.devp.org

HAMILTON DIOCESE WEBSITE: Be sure to visit the Diocesan website for important updates and resources: <https://hamiltondiocese.com>