



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

"Inspired by the spirit, women respond to God's call"

St. Francis CWL is truly blessed to welcome our **new Spiritual Director Fr. Tim**. We look forward to his guidance and a great working relationship.

Congratulations to Barbara Diemert who has accepted the position of Hamilton Diocesan Regional Chair for Kitchener. Barbara's unique talents will be well received as she keeps us apprised of all the happenings at the diocesan, provincial and national level of our League.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 AT 7:30PM
ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED – MASS AT 7PM

Fall is just around the corner and soon summer will be just a fond memory. Before you get caught up in school, work, family and volunteer activities, your Catholic Women's League invites all women of the parish to attend a **WINE AND CHEESE** party to meet Shari Guinta, national CWL Vice President and Joan Schurter, President, CWL Hamilton Diocesan Council to learn about the CWL and women today. Let us show you how the CWL can unite women in friendship and faith and provide ways to practice our faith in meaningful action.

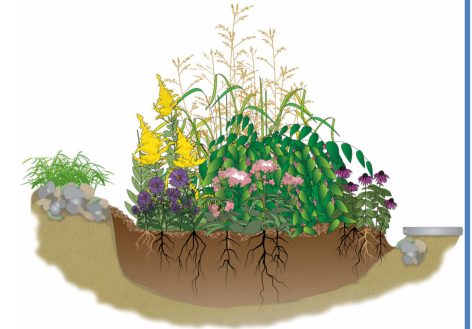


Tickets for our Major Draw in November will also be distributed in September.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017 AT 7:30PM
OPEN TO THE PARISH – MASS AT 7PM

As St. Francis of Assisi Parish we have a rich history of respect and care for our environment. Pope Francis has reinforced the importance of stewardship for our planet in his encyclical *On Care for our Common Home*. **In October, St. Francis Parish will be undertaking a rain management project, by creating a Rain Garden.** To help everyone understand the why, how and where this will occur, the CWL has invited a speaker from REEP Green Solutions, an environmental charity that helps people in Waterloo Region live sustainably.

"RAIN" is an urban stormwater education program with the goal of safeguarding our groundwater resources. It provides practical solutions to help you reduce the quantity and improve the quality of the water that flows from your property.



On Oct. 21 our Rain Garden will be created between the Elevator Entrance and the side door. **You are invited to help with this project!** Come out on Oct. 11 to learn more about our Rain Garden, and get ideas for your own home.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 AT 9:00AM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

One often hears the expression "spring cleaning time". Here at St. Francis it is "fall cleaning time". Once again our St. Francis **CWL ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** will be held **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**. Donations to the garage sale can be dropped off at the church on October 12 & 13 between 6 and 9pm. Volunteers including men and teens are needed during drop off times and the day of the event. Proceeds from the sale will be given to the parish. Contact Barbara Diemert: 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com, or Mary Diemert at 519-578-8474 or marykdiemert@yahoo.ca.

In November, Helen Scutt will speak about **SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD**, a 100% charitable community of volunteers and partners whose mission is to give bedkits to needy children in developing countries including India, Kenya, Phillipines, Uganda, Togo, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Honduras and Bangladesh.

Also at this time we will begin our Early Bird Membership campaign. All ladies who renew their CWL membership before December 6th will have their name entered into a draw for a free CWL membership.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 AT 7:30PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME – MASS AT 7PM**



Planning has begun for the annual **ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**. The St. Francis Christmas Bazaar has a well-earned reputation for fun and treasures. Please consider helping us continue this great tradition. We will need volunteers to set up, to assist on the day of the bazaar as well as donations of homemade baking, preserves, pies, crafts, children's prizes, toys, and silent auction items. Now is the time to start thinking how you can join the fun and contribute your time, talents and treasures. If you have ideas to share please come to our planning meeting on **Tues. Sept. 5 at 7pm**.

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In December, the annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017** starting with **Mass at 6pm**. This is the CWL's chance to thank all our members and parishioners for their support and prayers throughout the year. Service pins will be awarded. Watch the bulletin for further information and get your tickets early as this is always a very popular event.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 AT 6:00PM
OPEN TO THE PARISH**

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us in all we do.

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2017-2019 Theme Prayer:

*Spirit of the Living God
open our hearts and minds
to experience the unconditional love of God.*

*Empower us with the gifts of your Spirit
so that we may respond
to God's call in joyful service.*

*Inspire and bless the members
of the Catholic Women's League
so that the fruits of your Spirit
may be evidenced in all that we say and do.
Amen.*