

**We mourn those who have gone before us in death
and continue with us in the Communion of Saints.**

Mary Ann Quehl..... May 2, 2018

BAPTISM: During the month of April, the following children became members of God's family in the sacrament of baptism:

Ezra Charles Aube	Skylar Marie Crooker	Paityn Grace Crump
Layla Shirley Kuntz	Jade Rosalia Lukadi-Piskorski	Dorcias Temiloluwa Oloruntola
Dorothy Temiladeoluwa Oloruntola		



Praying with Psalms on Saturday, May 26th

Come and see this newly acquired PSALMS volume of the St. John's Bible by our diocese here at Our Lady of Lourdes! The St. John's Bible, made using the oldest technology (hand-written) and hand-illuminated images from our modern events, was made to inspire and to make the Word relevant to our lives today. Both the Psalms and the Wisdom volumes will be available from 9 a.m. to noon.

Prof. Andrea Di Giovanni, who teaches at King's University College and St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, will give us directions and concrete ways on making Psalms our own prayers. Let Easter shape our daily life and begin with the essential - prayer. This WHY@Breakfast presentation will begin at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Light Breakfast is available. Doors open at 9 a.m. Interested? Please call parish office at 519-886-0342 or leave a note at whyatbreakfast@gmail.com. For more information, see <http://whyatbreakfast.com>.



Mother's Day is just around the corner and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is proud to participate in the baby bottle campaign in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our

community to keep its doors open. Next weekend the baby bottles will be available at the entrances to the church. Please support this important cause by filling one with your spare change and return it on Father's Day weekend. Thank you for your support.



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH BUFFET: May 13th featuring breakfast, brunch, and salad bar \$14.00, children under 12 are priced at their age, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. --BINGO, every Wednesday night, starting at 6:00 p.m. --Zumba every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. All of the above events take place at the Columbus Conference Centre Hall, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo.



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PASTOR:	Rev. Rafal Tomon
DEACON:	Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:	Paula Rush
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	Patrycja Wiecek
	Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
	Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES:	Saturday 7:00 p.m.
	Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
	Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community
	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:	By appointment – please phone the parish office
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon
	Twenty minutes before weekday Masses
	or by appointment
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:	By appointment – please phone the parish office
BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:	Last Sunday of each month after all Masses
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	Church door collections – last Sunday of each month

Announced Mass intentions for May 7 to May 13, 2018

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Richard Biber – Earnest Biber
Tuesday Luther Village	10:00 a.m.	Claude Rousseau – Adrienne Rousseau
	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Ted Hughes – Deacon Phong & Jocelyn Hoang
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Annemarie & Morena Schuster – Helmut Schuster & Family
Thursday.....	7:00 p.m.	Ted Walraven – Wilhelmine Walraven & Family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Josie Côté – Jim & Dianne Schnarr
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Roland Austrup – Margaret Austrup
Sunday.....	9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m.	Special intention

Offertory collection for Sunday, April 29, 2018: \$ 6,167.00

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

Monthly Budget Review as of April 30, 2018

Cumulative financial objective – 17 weeks @ \$7,500.....		\$127,500.00
Weekly contributions (year to date).....	\$84,321.05	
Pre-authorized giving (year to date).....	<u>45,957.96</u>	<u>130,279.01</u>
Over (under) objective		\$ 2,779.00



Dear Parishioners,

The KW SSVP Youth are in search of a sorting location for their 10th annual Pencil Case Project. This project collects used/new school supplies from elementary and high schools from the KW, Cambridge, London, Hamilton, Toronto, and surrounding areas. With the help of community volunteers and our adult members, this material is sorted, counted and packed for shipment to needy countries. In the past we have shipped 20-foot containers that are approximately 7,000+ pounds to areas such as: Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Philippines, and Peru. This material is essential to the children and schools in these poor and developing communities. The facility we seek must be 2,000 - 3,000 square-feet of open floor-plan, air conditioned, have a bathroom, and allow 24 hour key access (to accommodate volunteer scheduling). We would need to have access beginning June 25th until August 10th (or sooner). We hope you can help us locate either an empty storefront or commercial/industrial site. Please contact Carmela Addante for more details: carm199@hotmail.com.

OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Bette Honsinger, begins her retirement this weekend. We will miss her very much. We are very thankful for her 25 years of wonderful work and wish her all the best in her retirement. She has been awarded the Diocesan Medal of Honour which will be presented to her at a later date.

Fr. Rafal

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past 25 years as administrative assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, I realize how truly blessed I have been, having a job which I have truly enjoyed. This is a bitter-sweet moment in my life. I am looking forward to the slower pace of retirement, spending more time with family and friends, and pursuing other interests, but I will indeed miss the hustle and bustle of the parish office with its daily challenges. I am truly grateful for the support I have received over the years from Msgr. Ed, Fr. Ted, Fr. Rafal, Sister Barbara, all the parish staff, and you, the members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. I appreciate all your kind words, and the words of encouragement from those who have already reached this milestone. I am certain that the parish will be in good hands as we welcome Patrycja Wiecek as administrative assistant. Our Lady of Lourdes will, of course, continue to be my home parish. So I do not say farewell but simply . . . see you soon! Please keep me in your prayers during this time of personal transition.

Bette

May 7, 2018

Catholic Education Week



Dear Friends,

The theme of this year’s Catholic Education Week is also the name of the newest pastoral letter from the Bishops of Ontario regarding Catholic Schools: *Renewing the Promise*.

The letter *Renewing the Promise* represents the culmination of a province-wide consultation and reflection on the signs of the times and the call of the Lord regarding the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. Along with many priests, teachers, students, trustees and other staff, I also participated in many of these reflective sessions. What a joy it is to gather with such faith-filled, enthusiastic, caring individuals who, all in their own way and according to their own gifts, are living out the promise upon which the Catholic Education system was founded centuries ago!

As we celebrate this week under this ‘banner’ of *Renewing the Promise* let us consider what this means in terms of where we have come from. In Ontario, Catholic Education began as a promise 180 years ago – even before Canada was a country! Religious men and women wanting to fulfill their own promise of handing on the Gospel gave hope to new generations by teaching them to read and write in order to prepare them for the challenges of life. Despite the changing society in which we live and the challenges we face in every generation more and more men and women - religious, clergy, and lay people - have made the very same promise.

A promise is an assurance that you will do what you say you will. The promise to pass on the treasure of our faith to the next generation and to accompany them on their journey continues today in our publicly funded Catholic schools in Ontario. Over the last 180 years, the task of education has become much more complex. New technologies, changing social structures, cultural pressures, and our ever increasing awareness of global disasters present both challenges and opportunities for educators. Our Catholic Schools have never been so involved in witnessing locally and globally to our gospel values.

In this week of celebration of our Catholic school systems, I encourage each of us to renew our promise. Let each of us give an assurance that no matter what our role is, either parent or student, or teacher or trustee, or pastor or administrator or community partner, we will do what we have said we will. We will support and work in and with our Catholic schools passing on the faith that has been handed on to us.

Renewing the promise means knowing the Gospel, living the Gospel, and proclaiming the Gospel by our lives. May we celebrate well in this week remembering those who first made the courageous promise, grateful for those who today remain faithful to it, and emboldened to be the ones to carry that promise forward in the years to come.

With gratitude for our past and hope for our future, I entrust us all to the care of Mary, Mother of the Church,
Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI

Bishop of Hamilton