

**ORGAN TISSUE AND DONATION SAVES LIVES:** Christine Jowett, registered nurse and author, will share her incredible journey through being an organ recipient and receiving the gift of life. Come learn about her personal journey and how Trillium Gift of Life works to provide help to those in need of organ donation and how they help the families of those who give life. Monday, April 24 at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. No cost to attend – a donation to Trillium Gift of Life would be greatly appreciated.

**CARD PARTY IN SUPPORT OF WATERLOO REGION HOSPICE** on Tuesday, April 25, 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased in advance from St. Francis at 519-745-7301. Doors open 12:30 p.m. with lunch at 1 p.m.

**PORNOGRAPHY CONTINUES TO BE A GROWING CRISIS** in our society and the link to human trafficking has been documented. Children as young as 8 years of age through to all ages of adults are being negatively impacted by the porn culture in which we live. The Waterdown Stop Human Trafficking Committee is hosting their annual conference on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their speakers, Michelle Brock and Glendyne Gerrard, will offer practical ways for all to respond to this crisis. You will also have a chance to view a powerful documentary on the impact of pornography titled “Over 18”. The conference is being held at Notre Dame Centre, Emmaus Room, 1921 Snake Road, Burlington. To register call 289-813-0703 or e-mail stophumantraffickingwaterdown@gmail.com. Cost is \$10 per adult to be paid at the door.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST.** It will be held at the Embassy Room at Bingemans on Wednesday, April 26, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Dr. Peter Kuhnert, M.D., M.Div, FCFP, will speak on the topic “Mental Health: Supporting Wellness in Community”. Tickets are available from Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo or by contacting ICBreakfastTickets@gmail.com.

**GARAGE SALE:** The St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women’s League is holding a garage sale at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira, on Friday, April 28 from 2:30 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 8 to 11 a.m. For more information please call Carol Kieswetter, 519-669-5392.

**THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KW WALK FOR LIFE** is on Saturday May 6. The walk begins at Historic St. Paul’s at 10:30 a.m. Registration is at 10:00 a.m. Please call the KW Right to Life office for pledge sheets or go to our website to print them: 519-746-5433/kwrtl.ca Good food and prizes. Walk 3k and help support our educational programs or call the office to pledge. A bus will leave Kitchener for the **OTTAWA MARCH FOR LIFE**, Thursday, May 11. Pick-up at 5:30 a.m. at Fairview Park Mall, Kitchener (Walmart parking lot). Park at the far end of the parking lot up against Fairway Rd. (near Hwy 8). Call the office (519-746-5433) to book your \$20 seat.

**FOR PEOPLE IN THE PEWS – A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC BIOETHICS:** St. Mark Parish, Kitchener, is pleased to announce an upcoming series by world-renowned ethicist Dr. Moira McQueen LLB, PhD., Executive Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute in Toronto. Understanding bioethical principles has become increasingly important as science and medicine develop new techniques. Sometimes they raise moral questions that seem to challenge Catholic teaching on the dignity of human life. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on the following Wednesday evenings in St. Mark’s Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener. Part 1 – May 3 – A Catholic Perspective on Ethics; Part 2 – May 10 – Reproductive Issues; Part 3 – May 17 – End-of-Life Issues; Part 4 – May 24 – Euthanasia and Assisted Dying; Living Life to the End; Hope in the Resurrection. Don’t miss this valuable opportunity!



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**PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:** Paula Rush  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Bette Honsinger  
 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  
 Wednesday, 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.  
**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 the week of April 23 to 29, 2017**  
 Monday..... 8:30 a.m. .... Bernice Bould – Carlo & Marg Perrotta & Family  
 Tuesday ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto  
 Wednesday ..... 8:30 a.m. .... In Thanksgiving – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario  
 Thursday ..... 7:00 p.m. .... Rosa D’Amico – Teresa & Mike Bolger  
 Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. .... Terry McElroy – John & Marj McElroy  
 Saturday..... 7:00 p.m. .... Sally Bauer – Peter & Angela Granic

*Please note: the parish office will be closed on Tuesday, April 25.  
 Bette will be attending a diocesan workshop.*

**Offertory collection for Sunday, April 16, 2017: \$9,281.00**

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

Dear Parishioners,

Easter in a parish is a time of excitement and some anxiety. Who is responsible for what? What happens behind the scenes? Is everything ready? What has been forgotten? Deacon Phong Hoang and his wife Jocelyn and also our parish youth catechist Paula Rush assisted in many of our Lenten and Easter liturgies. Deacon Phong, in addition to his ministry with the Vietnamese parish community is also a reflective and inspiring homilist for us each month along with infant baptisms.

Many people contribute so much to our community...their time, their skills, their finances. The entire parish should be grateful for the generosity of so many during this holy time.

To all who so generously shared their time and energy in making the liturgies of Holy Week so special – we are grateful. To the choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers, ushers, those who prepared the reception after the Easter Vigil – we are grateful. To our custodians for keeping the church so clean during this busy season and for their care given to our Easter flowers, the artist who decorated our Easter candle, the person who changed the coloured coverings during Holy Week, our parish youth catechist Paula and our parish administrative assistant Bette for their dedication to all the behind the scene preparations – we are grateful. May the joy of the risen Lord be with you now and always.

And to Fr. Rafal who has been a God-send and wonderful supportive brother priest both pastorally and personally. Thank you.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Ted

**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:** On Sunday, April 30 and Sunday, May 7, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, our parish celebrations of First Eucharist will take place. We ask for God’s blessing on these children and their families.



**FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS:** Our next meeting is Friday, April 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the church hall. Please dress to be outside for Earth Day activities for part of our meeting, weather permitting. See you then!! For more info, contact Tiffany Scott at tscott1201@rogers.com.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE:** Please join St. Michael’s CWL for a day of prayer for hospice and palliative care on Thursday, May 4. Parish Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m. followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00 p.m. Rosary will be recited as well as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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

Baby Michael David Szrejber.....April 19, 2017

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2017** begins on Sunday, April 30. The Catholic schools in our parish are celebrating publicly-funded Catholic education! This gift has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served the Waterloo Region, Ontario, and Canada very well. We personally invite you to attend the various events happening in your community school. We know you will be pleased you did. This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is “Walking Forward Together”. Our guiding quote for 2017 is taken from Micah 6:8 – “Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.” We are hoping it will help us all to acknowledge the important role of justice and solidarity, especially with our Indigenous peoples. We also hope to focus on caring for our environment, the poor and marginalized, and all those who work to protect our common global future. Please keep us in your prayers throughout Catholic Education Week and be assured of ours as we celebrate God’s love poured out for us in so many ways! Sincerely yours, John Murphy, WCDSB Religion and Family Life Consultant, on behalf of Loretta Notten, Director of Education

**TOGETHER IN CHRIST:** Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation. 2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada encourage the faithful to pray, study and reflect on the past 500 years; to be people of reconciliation striving toward Christian unity. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and four other KW Catholic/Lutheran congregations invite you to a local ecumenical experience opportunity. Let’s engage in dialogue and be witnesses to the one gospel that we confess in common. Join us!!!

- May 3: Commemorating the Reformation, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall
  - May 10: Conflict breaks Communion, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall
  - May 17: From Conflict to Communion, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd., Waterloo
  - May 24: Growth in Communion Through Dialogue, Mount Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd.
  - May 31: Commitment to Communion, Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall
- All sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sessions include time of prayer, short video presentation, discussions, scriptural readings, and refreshments. For more information, please call the parish office 519-886-0342 or email whyatbreakfast@gmail.com.



**CWL Early Mother's Day Event**

All CWL members are invited to bring a daughter or granddaughter to a special event on Wednesday, Apr 26.



**A Memories Writing Workshop** will be held by Carolyn Wilker, a published author, to help you start recording your memoirs for your family. Please bring paper and pen as well as an early childhood photo.

Then set your pen aside and pick up an icing bag as **Cupcake Icing Techniques** will be demonstrated (and, of course, the results will probably be consumed).

We look forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.