

L.A.R.C. INVITATION “FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION”: The 21st anniversary of the Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic (L.A.R.C.) interchurch group is in 2017. You are cordially invited to a Common Ecumenical Prayer Service commemorating 500 years of the Reformation. It will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. with Bishop Michael Pryse (Eastern Synod of the ELCIC), Bishop Linda Nicholls (Anglican Diocese of Huron), Bishop Michael Bird (Anglican Diocese of Niagara) and our own Bishop Douglas Crosby. Special guest speaker will be Dr. Catherine Clifford of St. Paul’s University, Ottawa. Music will be provided by the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Choir.

ORGANIST REQUIRED: St. Boniface Church, Maryhill, is in need of an organist for the 5 p.m. Saturday evening Mass and the 10 a.m. Sunday morning Mass. If interested, or if you know of anyone who might be, please contact Father Ron Voisin at 519-648-2069.

THE VIDEO, A EUTHANASIA DECEPTION, will be shown on Saturday June 3 from 2-4 p.m. at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Conference Centre, Fireside Lounge, 145 Dearborn Pl. with Alex Shadenberg (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of Canada). Goodwill offering. For help and support on all end of life issues, call the confidential euthanasia prevention line 1-855-675-8749. Sponsored by KW Right to Life (519-746-5433).

VOCATION SEEDS: The Lord said, “I will not leave you orphaned.” Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or visit www.hamiltonvocations.com.

UPDATE ON OUR NEW CANADIAN FAMILY: JOBS WANTED! The parents of our new Canadian family, Shinga and Esperance, are doing well with their English lessons and are ready for some work experience. Both are currently doing some volunteer work each week and occasionally a few paid hours. The Ecumenical Welcoming Committee planning group would appreciate any ideas/suggestions/leads on employment opportunities that congregational members may have. We have experienced Shinga and Esperance as friendly, cooperative, reliable and eager to learn! If you can help, please contact Lori Hansen at 519-579-3223 (lori_jan@sympatico.ca) or Judi Harris at 519-883-8276 (revjudi@rogers.com).

WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND-AUGUST 5-12, 2017: As a pilgrim, St. Ignatius of Loyola experienced the beauty and mystery of God within all things, and understood that God dwells in all creatures and labours for us within all creation. Making a pilgrimage can be an unforgettable journey. Come and join our walking pilgrimage to Midland and experience the fun, spiritual nourishment, exercise, beautiful scenic views, good food and fellowship. For more information, to register or to find out how you can help, see our website or contact 519-824-1250 ext. 266 or guelphwalkingpilgrimage@gmail.com, or visit ignatiusguelph.ca (see under programs).

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION SESSION: All those who are interested in finding out more information on the Guelph Pilgrimage walk to Midland are welcome to join us for this meeting on June 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Loyola House at Ignatius Jesuit Centre (5420 Highway 6 N., Guelph) in Guelph. Find out from previous walkers their experience on this unforgettable journey and a detailed outline of what to expect.



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ADMINISTRATOR:	Rev. Rafal Tomon
DEACON:	Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang
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 May 21 to 27, 2017

Monday.....	8:30 a.m.	Lucy Chun – Barbara Dunn
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Frances Gloade – Rosemary & Jack Peterson
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Beverly & Tiffinay de’Rozario – Nevelle & Naomi de’Rozario
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Gaetano Garasto – Carmela Garasto
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Kevin Mulhall – Bob & Mary McCargar
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m.	Helen Stumpf; Susan Coleman

Offertory collection for Sunday, May 14, 2017: 4,430.00

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

ANNIVERSARY BARBECUE: Mark your calendars for our final 60-65 anniversary event before summer! After both morning Masses on Sunday, June 11, free hotdogs and sausages, along with beverages, will be served on the parish parking lot.



But we will need some help! Volunteers will be needed for prep work on the Saturday as well as the setup Sunday morning. We will need people to help to serve, cook, replenish condiments, cream and sugar etc. throughout the morning. Of course there will be cleanup duties as well. And we will need to borrow a few gas barbecues.



This promises to be a really fun event. If you can help please contact Bette at lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com or 519-886-0342.

GIFT BEARERS: Since the fall, many of the gift bearers have been the children preparing for First Holy Communion and their families. During the rest of the year we depend on other parishioners to fulfill this role. If you are approached to present the gifts at Mass, please be willing to participate in this liturgical action.



Catholic Women's League May Event Wednesday, May 24, 2017 Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha

What better place to have our year end meeting than at the Carmelite Monastery, a place of peaceful solitude. Enjoy the beauty of nature on the way there and back.

We will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. offered for the living and deceased members of our Council. After Mass we will go downstairs for refreshments, mingle and meet new friends.

During the evening the 3 winners of our grade 8 essay writing competition from Our Lady of Lourdes School will read their essays and be presented with their certificates and awards.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the Carmelite Sisters for opening this venue to us. In consideration we ask for a donation of canned foods (no meats please).

Items such as canned soups without beef broth, canned salmon and tuna, evaporated milk, canned vegetables, and canned or fresh fruit are a few suggestions.

We look forward to seeing many of you at this last meeting of the year.

MONSIGNOR EDWARD SHERIDAN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Monsignor Edward Sheridan who served in our parish from 1992 to 2014 celebrates the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination in 2017. You are welcome to join him for the celebration of Mass on Sunday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. A light reception will follow in McNally Hall (Cathedral Auditorium). No gifts please.

There have been several inquiries about the parish hiring a bus to go to the Cathedral Basilica. If interested, please contact the parish office as soon as possible at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com. Please provide your name and phone number as well as the number of people who would like to reserve a seat on the bus.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH: The marriage of Mathew King and Stephanie Keller will be celebrated on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.



THANK YOU to the people who helped prepare the flower beds for the flowers. We had a family of four who came out but they cannot help with the planting on Saturday, May 27.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ONCE AGAIN, this time for the planting of the flowers next Saturday at 10 a.m. Many hands make light work and any assistance that can be given would be appreciated.



COFFEE WEEKEND – MAY 27/28

On the weekend of May 27/28 we will be holding our last coffee weekend before the summer. We hope everyone will come down to the parish hall after Mass and enjoy some refreshments.

As extra incentive, the Fantastic Faith Finders Youth Group will be selling “Candy Kebabs for a Cause” – see the announcement below.

And, if that's not enough, the prayer shawl group will be displaying all the prayer shawls they have made. You are invited to take one home if you know someone who would benefit from one – see the blue insert in this weekend's bulletin.

FANTASTIC FAITH FINDERS YOUTH GROUP will meet on Friday, May 26 in the church hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We will be preparing for our Sunday fundraiser. Looking forward to seeing you there.

CANDY KEBABS FOR A CAUSE: Please help support the Fantastic Faith Finders Youth Group in their efforts to raise money for people in need through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will be selling candy kebabs after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, May 28. Kebabs will be sold for \$2 each (donations are also accepted). All proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul. Don't forget your loose change and your sweet tooth...and help us to help others.



CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION to the recipients of the Serra altar server awards this past Thursday: Michael Haas, Anabella Kurniawan, Isabella Kurniawan, Hannah Raymond, Mary Ella Sehl, Delaney Scott and Matthew Zunic.