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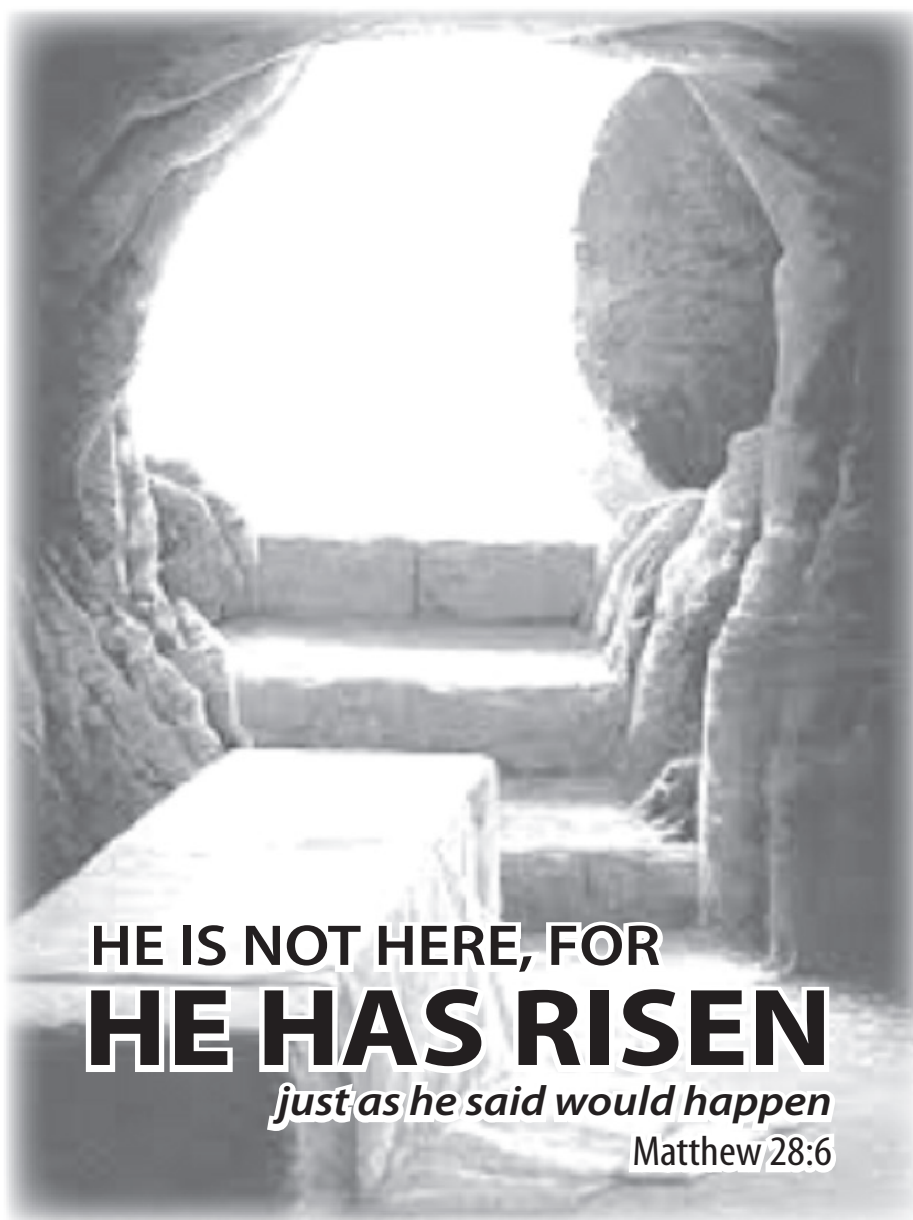
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HE IS NOT HERE, FOR
HE HAS RISEN

just as he said would happen

Matthew 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 1ST

Tuesday, April 2, **No Mass**

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. – St. John Paul II

Wednesday, April 3, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Be good; love the Lord; pray for those who do not know him. What a great grace it is to know God! – St. Josephine Bakhita

Thursday, April 4, 12:05 p.m.

+William & Betty Walter; Estate

+Katherine Komorowski; Family of Leo & Caroline Hicknell

The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope. – St. Leo the Great

Friday, April 5, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Jesus Christ is all my riches; he alone is sufficient for me. – St. Louis of Toulouse

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 pm

+Art Moser; Milt & Eleanor Reist's Family

+Betty Furlong; Jane & Allan Graff

Sunday, April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR April 6/7

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-31

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., April 1	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Tues., April 2	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Wed., April 3	Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
Thurs., April 4	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Fri., April 5	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.
Sat., April 6	Rev. David Avila

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 5:30 p.m. **First Communion Session (Soeder Meal)** – Hall

THU 7:00 p.m. **R.C.I.A. (Maryhill)**

MINISTRIES for April 6/7

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Patsy Pond
9am Pat Ditner, Cheryl Dunn, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Steve Pond
9am Adrian Miltenburg, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
9am Tracy Kroetsch

Commentator

Judy Furlong
Joan Couto

Children's Liturgy

Apr 7 Anna Jakeman, Emily Beynon

Sign Ministry

Apr 2 Jim McInnis

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the new martyrs – We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Canned Pasta

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to thank the leaders and the choir members of our Youth Choir for singing at their first Mass. Let us encourage these young people in their new ministry because they are the future of our church and community.

Easter is the day Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified. The empty tomb means that Jesus's words rang true. He fulfilled the promises of Scripture and conquered sin and death.

God, may we feel the warm embrace of your love on this sacred day. May the glory of Jesus's resurrection remind us that with You, nothing is impossible or without hope.

Easter Blessings to you and your families. May the Risen Lord continue to live in your hearts.

Fr. Peter

SPAGHETTI DINNER – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,

COUNCIL 8192 – The Spaghetti Dinner is to be held on **Friday, April 19, 2024**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with takeout at 4:30 p.m. It will be continuous seating until 7:30 p.m. Please consider volunteering 1-2 hours for this worthwhile event. Your help will be needed for ticket sales, preparation, set up/take down and during the evening of the event. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Cost \$15.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for Children (6-12), Free for Children (5 & Under) \$40.00 for a Family of 4. Advance tickets are available until April 17, 2024. Please reserve your tickets by calling the Church Office at 519-669-3387. Tickets will be on sale as of April 3, 2024 and will also be available at weekend Masses.

The C.W.L. of Canada has a NATIONAL BURSARY

FUND. Applications must be submitted to the national office and postmarked by May 15th. A C.W.L. member must be in her third consecutive year of membership or any year thereafter, in order to apply. The maximum bursary award is \$1,000 per year, per applicant, for a maximum of \$4,000 over a member's lifetime. For further information, criteria and guidelines, etc. please visit www.cwl.ca.

Woolwich Counselling Centre presents

- **SELF-COMPASSION 101**, What is it and how to practice it, adult, virtual workshop, no cost, on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **MINDFULNESS**, adult virtual group on **Thursdays, April 4th to May 2, 2024** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$100. Further subsidies are available if needed.
- **OPTIMIZING OUR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AS WE AGE**, no cost, in-person sessions on **Thursdays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2024** from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

- **CONNECTING MIND AND BODY FOR KIDS**, Ages 4-6, in-person group, **Thursdays, April 11 – May 9, 2024** from 5-6 p.m.. Fee is \$100. Further subsidies available if needed. Please bring yoga mats.
- **STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S EMOTION-REGULATION SKILLS**, Parenting Virtual Workshop, no cost, on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m. Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or by emailing info@woolwichcounselling.org or drop by at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira for any of the above groups/workshops.

Elmira Maple Syrup Festival **CRAFT AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW** on **Friday, April 5, 2024** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and **Saturday, April 6, 2024** from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Elmira District Secondary School. \$5 Admission gives access to both the Craft and Collectible Show and the Toy Show. 12 and under are free. There will be crafts, quilts, hand-made goods and collectibles.

“TASTE OF DIVERSITY” DINNERS return to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre! Get ready for a wonderful night of bountiful food, community spirit, and making a difference! We are thrilled to present to you the revitalized Taste of Diversity dinners on **Tuesday, April 9th and Wednesday, November 13th**. Cost is \$100 each or \$180 for both. Find out more and register online or call 519-824-1250 ext. 241. Space is limited.

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE – St. Jerome's University, Waterloo hosts a series of public lectures each year on a variety of important and prevalent topics within Catholic life. On **Monday, April 15th**, Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ will be speaking on the topic of science and truth. For more information on the Lectures in Catholic Experience and to explore recordings of previous lectures, you are invited to explore the St. Jerome's Website at <https://www.sju.ca/LCE>.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence! Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under “events”) for more information on these upcoming retreats:

- **Journeying through Grief One-Day Retreat** - April 11th.
- **Unplug to Reconnect Retreat** – April 16th – 18th.
- **The Everyday God: Finding God in our Sacred Stories One-Day Retreat** – April 19th.
- **Courage, Compassion, Climate Change: Early Earth Day Event** – April 21st.

Register online at loyolahouse.com or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266 or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca.

STEP/BLENDED FAMILY: SMART STEPS FOR BUILDING FAMILY – Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28

Norfolk Street on **Saturday, April 20, 2024** from 9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person (includes lunch). Register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Women's League presents **AN APRIL AFTERNOON BRIDGE & CARD PARTY** on **Wednesday, April 24th, 2024** at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:00 noon. There are lunch, refreshments and prizes. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets please contact St. Anthony Daniel Parish office at 519-893-6960 on Monday to Friday from 9 – 12 noon or 1 – 4 p.m. or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534. Tickets are ideally sold in groups of four.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – What it means to “set out” is going to look different for each one of us based on what is going on in our life right now and the choices we face. It won't be something we can control or predict. But if we are willing to set out, we will meet the Risen Jesus, just like the disciples, and we will become part of the Easter story today. Fr. Raphael Ma CR, Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – The glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. If you feel God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Are you a man 18 years of age or older who is a practicing Catholic and interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in our faith? Then why not join our Knights of Columbus council. Become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values and a shared desire to be the man God has called us to be. Please email us at: gk8192@ontariokofc.ca and help put faith in action.



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