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He Lives!



Alleluia, Alleluia!!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 21ST

Tuesday, April 22, No Mass

Let us revive at least among ourselves the true spirit of cordiality and love which formed the glory and the beatitude of the first Christians. – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Wednesday, April 23, No Mass

My God, how great thou art, how wonderful in all your works! Teach me your will that I may begin and end all my actions for your greater glory. – St. John Neumann

Thursday, April 24, 12:05 pm

+Agnes Yutzi; Debbie Yutzi

In order to make good use of time we must love ardently and constantly; we must surrender ourselves entirely to love, leaving it to act in us. Be satisfied to adhere to it in everything, but always with profound humility. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Friday, April 25, 9:00 am - Maryhill

Glory be to you, who laid your Cross as a bridge over death that souls might pass over it from the dwelling of the dead to dwelling of life. – St. Ephrem the Syrian

Saturday, April 26, 5:00 pm (with First Communion)

+Maria Bellissimo; Carmen Bellissimo

+Betty Furlong; Marcella & Judy Furlong

Sunday, April 27, (with First Communion)

Divine Mercy Sunday, Solemnity of the Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Our Parish Community

After Mass Coffee Sunday

11:00 am Maryhill

Children's Liturgy

Apr 27 Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Apr 22 John Bruder

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Jam, Canned Meat (Ham/Turkey/Chicken)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to the Confirmandi who received the gift of the Holy Spirit this week. Fill their hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love.

The children will be receiving First Communion next weekend. May this be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Christ is risen! May we feel the warm embrace of His 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.

Father Peter

We will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. No commitment is called for to begin. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of the Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father Peter or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 22nd** at 10 a.m. in the parish library. Please bring any shawls you have completed or are working on. We always welcome new members and maybe some of you have taken up knitting or crocheting to pass the time. You can join us and at the same time contribute to the well-being of those who could use prayerful support. Looking forward to seeing you again. Any questions? Call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

The C.W.L. are happy to announce our **TRADITIONAL ENGLISH TEA** on **May 3, 2025** at 1 p.m. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment! Limited number of tickets to be sold. Cost is adults \$25.00 and children 12 and under \$10.00.

Join us for an exciting evening of fun, fellowship, and giving back! On **May 29th**, bring your dabbers to the Elmira Lions Hall for an unforgettable night of **LIONS BINGO**. Our Knights of Columbus Council is honoured to be one of the recipient organizations for this special event, with proceeds directly supporting our mission to enrich both our church and community. Bring your friends and family—18 years of age or older—for just \$25 per person, you can enjoy every game! Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 7 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

READINGS FOR April 26/27

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading: Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-31

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Apr 21 Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tues., Apr 22 Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Wed., Apr 23 Jesuit Fathers, S.J.
Thu., Apr 24 Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Fri., Apr 25 Rev. Dominic Thomas, C.M.I.
Sat., Apr 26 Rev. Ross Campbell

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 10:00 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Meeting** – Library

6:15 p.m. **First Communion Practice** - Church

THU 7:00 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting** - Library

MINISTRIES for April 26/27

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond

9am Cheryl Dunn, Ron Stemmler, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Sue & Greg Goetz

9am Mike & Sharon Noel, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster

9am Paul Shutsa

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis

Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers

9am Breea, Allyson, Hannah

APRIL 20, 2025

FIRE FIGHTER VISIT on **Wednesday, April 23rd** from 3 – 5 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m. for those aged 9 – 15 at the Hub, Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira.

FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASSES WITH LISA – Join us for a Zoom cooking class to explore ways to prepare healthy, delicious recipes on **Wednesday, April 23rd** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139. If registered with the food programs through Woolwich Community Services, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. For more information email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.com.

SPRING CLEAN UP – It is the return of the very popular Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Great Big Spring Clean-up on **Saturday, May 3rd** from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel Church (Ottawa and Franklin). They are collecting unwanted electronics, televisions, computers, laptops and cellphones. Bring your scrap metal, including copper, stainless steel and brass. Pick up a bottle of the delicious Knights of Columbus locally produced maple syrup as well as Girl Guide cookies. Donations to the Waterloo Region Food Bank are welcome. For more information please call Reinhart Schreiter 519-570-3469 or Dave Hudder 519-575-3614.

“ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOUR LEADS ME”, a concert by **Heart Cry Ensemble** (heartcryensemble.ca) on Sunday, May 4th at 7 p.m. at Elmira Mennonite Church. Freewill offering. All are welcome.

Join us for the **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** – Reserve Your Seat! Guelph & Area Right to Life is providing a coach bus to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 8, 2025**. This is a powerful opportunity to stand alongside thousands on Parliament Hill in defense of life. Pickup & Drop-off is at the Basilica of Our Lady parking lot, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph. Bus will depart at 6:00 a.m. sharp (please arrive by 5:45 a.m.). The bus will return at 4:00 p.m. sharp (boarding at 3:45 p.m.). Seats are limited—reserve yours today! Goodwill offerings are gratefully accepted and can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to info@guelphforlife.com. To reserve your seat, contact us at info@guelphforlife.com or (519) 836-6311. For more info, visit the website at <https://www.guelphforlife.com/bus>.

Join us for the **TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE** on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**. The bus leaves from Fairview Park Mall at 7:45 a.m. Parking is at the front of the Walmart over to the right where it is less crowded. Bus cost is \$25. Children under 12 are free. Workshops begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Return to Kitchener. Your seat reservation must be confirmed by the KW Right to Life Office or call Jane at 519-746-5433.

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL – The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 24th**. The theme of the Retreat is “Hope”. The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. The day will begin with the Rosary, Holy Mass, two short conferences, and a time for prayer and reflection. The

retreat will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please see the poster for more details and register on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: www.thecarmel.ca

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo – Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. This is a 6-week Program with theory and sharing. The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 14th to June 18th** at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Registration is required by April 30th for this program by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH –What we choose to allow into our children’s lives will have lifetime implications for how those things will function in their lives as adults. What media (of all types) do we allow them to engage with? What after school and weekend activities do we allow them to take part in and how much do we support their efforts? Is getting into the outdoors important to your family? Do we engage as a family in the faith by attending Mass, praying at meals and before bed, saying the Rosary and other prayers? What we bring into the lives of our children will be impacted as much by our engagement as theirs. Think about what you believe will matter to their physical, mental and spiritual health in the future and then bring those into your child’s life. What we choose for them can help them choose well when they are making their own decisions. (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – The stone wasn’t moved for Jesus. He could pass through walls. It was rolled away for us, inviting us to encounter resurrection hope. Saying 'yes' to religious life means stepping into that emptiness, trusting God will fill it with purpose. What 'stone' of doubt or comfort is Christ asking you to walk past to follow Him?

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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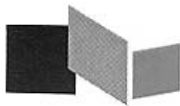
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