

July 2019

# Ignite

St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

## THIS ISSUE

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT, STEUBENVILLE 2019,  
CANADA'S WONDERLAND

# Blessed Sacraments

You are most welcome to come sit for a while with the Blessed Sacrament in the tiny Adoration Chapel (Oratory) located next to the Parish Office.

Come for a few minutes or hour or two for some quiet reflection time. Hours are Monday to Saturday: 7AM to 11PM and Sunday: 12Noon to 11PM.

If you feel called to commit to an hour a week please call Bernadette 705-742-3055.



## Social Sunday

Join us for treats the last Sunday of each month after all Masses.

During July and August come enjoy an ice-cream cone!

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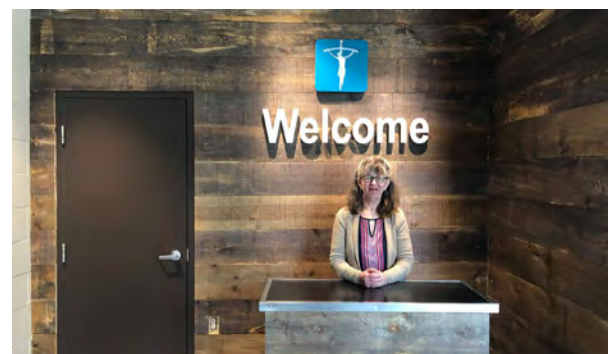
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Our new Welcome Desk corner, compliments of Joe Button and his students at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.

**Thank you!**



# Prayer for Canada

We thank You, O God for the many blessings You have bestowed on the people of Canada

We thank You for the rich gifts of this land, and for those who teach us to live in harmony with its resources.

We thank you for every person whose loving work, leadership and ministry has helped this country shine with the light of Christ.

We ask you to bless this country of Canada;

bless our families and communities with Your peace.

Make us good stewards of its resources and inspire us to shine with Christ's light in all that we do.

We make this prayer to you through this same Jesus Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.

## Canada's Wonderland Trip

On June 7th, our youth traveled to Canada's Wonderland! They had a great day - even the weather cooperated!



# Steubenville 2019!

By: Nicolas DuBonnet

Steubenville Toronto is a Catholic youth conference like no other. This retreat is designed to engage your average teen (Ages 14-19) into seeing the beauty of the Catholic faith and to inspire and challenge them to own and deepen that faith that was gifted to them at Baptism.

This year we are bringing over 34 students to the conference, a mix of teens who are returning again and many who have never experienced the conference before. Throughout the weekend there is fun and exciting music, amazing and inspiring talks by dynamic speakers, and profound times of worship and praise. It is truly a journey that finally leads these teens to a true and real encounter with the Risen Lord in Praise and Worship and Eucharistic Adoration Saturday

night and in the Mass Saturday and Sunday morning. Many teens are encountering God's love for them for the first time, others are encountering Him again, but all leave excited and on fire for their faith. This conference isn't an end, but a launching pad for our young people to understand and experience their faith personally and communally with the Universal Church.

If you or someone you know hasn't attended a Steubenville Conference before, consider this your invitation to join us next year! At the time of publication, the date has not been set for next year's conference but will be available soon. For more information please contact Nic at [nicolas@stalphonsus.net](mailto:nicolas@stalphonsus.net)



Last year's crew!



Steubenville Toronto 2018



## Family Spotlight:

# The Plunkett Family

Our family moved into this neighbourhood three years ago, and after attending our first Mass at St. Alphonsus Liguori, we knew this would become our new parish. My husband Paul and myself (Niki) and our three girls, Grace(10), Frances (7) and Molly (3) were made to feel so welcome. The kids love attending Kids Church every week; even Grace, who serves as an altar server during some Masses, loves to go when she's not serving. They are happy to see their friends, play games, and learn about Jesus in a way they can understand. I feel so honoured to be able to serve in the parish by being a leader in Kids Church. We cannot say enough amazing things about the altar servers, too, and how well they are looked after and appreciated by everyone within the parish. Their ministry leader, Dominic, truly goes out of his way to ensure they are well trained and looked after, and feel that they are doing God's work – it is truly wonderful! We look forward to many more years here to grow with our faith family.



## Enjoy a Safe Summer!

With another school year finished and people going on holidays now, we pray that everyone will have a safe and happy summer. If you are travelling throughout the Diocese, check out the Mass times and Church location online at [www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org) and click on 'How Do I Find...', then 'Parishes' and 'Parishes of the Diocese'. You can also pick up an Ontario Catholic Directory in the church Narthex or Parish Office to keep in your vehicle. If you are travelling elsewhere in North America, visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass times and Church locations.



# Confirmation

My name is Calvin and I'm a 7th-grade student who has just been confirmed. It was a long journey of 10 sessions and a retreat to finish it off. In a typical session, we divide into small groups, play games, watch videos, discuss questions, have snacks and have a great time doing it. The videos are typically divided into 3 segments and at the end of each one, there would always be discussions related to the video which I greatly enjoyed participating in.

Chris Stefanick the founder and president of Real Life Catholic, was the main speaker of all the videos segments that we watched throughout the confirmation sessions and I really liked him. I thought that he was an awesome speaker. He really simplified a lot of things for us

Now to those of you out there who want to become a fully confirmed Catholic, I want to tell you one thing. Confirmation is a time where you can come closer to God and start to understand the works of the hand that has written all. Now that I am a fully confirmed Catholic, I want to encourage all of you to take a step of faith and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to know more about the holy spirit and more. Confirmation was a long process but now that I have been confirmed I know that I have come a long way, got a lot closer to God and have understood the works of the holy spirit through this process.



**Calvin with sponsor Tina, Fr. Jerry and Bishop Miehm**





# vantagepoint

**New Catholic Study at St. Alphonsus Liguori**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or if you have not made your First Holy Communion and Confirmation as a child, or if you are interested in learning more about your faith or just curious about the Church?

Is someone you know in the same boat?

**Call or sign up for our next Vantage Point session beginning this fall.**

**Stop by the Welcome Desk or Parish office  
or call 705-745-8623**

## 2019/2020 Sacraments

Do you have a child receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation next year?

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