

**MASS INTENTIONS
October 3 - 8, 2017**

Tuesday, 3rd - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Bernice Koebel – Helen Shantz

Wednesday, 4th - *St. Francis of Assisi*
9:00 am +Marguerite Raitsen – Anne Pritchard
There is no evening Mass today due to our Feast Day Pasta Supper

Thursday, 5th - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Jennie Rodzen – Helen Shantz

Friday, 6th - *Weekday First Friday*
9:00 am Intentions of Raymond Ryder Rodrigues – the Levair Family
9:30 am Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, 7th - *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 pm Intentions of Maria Ferreira
Intentions of Joan & Paul Lattner – Jennie Rodzen
Intentions of Peggy Hudson-Yendruck – June Yendruck
+Bill Renaud – Michelle Krulicki
+Mil Winter – Natalie Dineen
+Deceased Members of the Longo & O’Grady Families – Mary & Eileen Longo

Sunday, 8th - *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am Intentions of Madeleine Haller – Gerry & Dora Lamers
+Jim Hirschberger – Mary Ann & Reg Sellner
+Reg Sellner – Eleanor Buchanan
+Tony Thibeault – Victor Thibeault
+Lorne MacDonald – the MacDonald Family

October 1, 2017

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

September 23/24 Collection \$5,272.00
Total Collected 2017 \$210,783.00
2017 Budgeted Collection \$232,290.00

Looking Ahead to Oct. 8, 2017

27th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Philippians 4: 6-9 Matthew 21: 33-43

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 2: **Rev. Eric Jensen, SJ**
 Tues. Oct. 3: **Rev. John Govan, SJ**
 Wed. Oct. 4: **Seminarians**
 Thu. Oct. 5: **Rev. Drago Gacnik, SDB**
 Fri. Oct. 6: **Rev. Hanh Van Tran, OMI**
 Sat. Oct. 7: **Rev. Charles Galea**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Saturday/Sunday
 Feast of St. Francis Social Hour (H) After Mass

Sunday
 Animal Blessing (Peace Garden) 1:00 pm

Tuesday
 Levels I & II (RR & ER) 7:00 pm

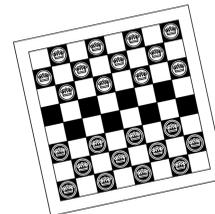
Wednesday
 Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am - noon
 Feast Day Pasta Supper (H) 6:00 pm

Thursday
 Seniors Luncheon (the Ridge) 12 noon
 Health & Wellness Cmte (RR) 7:00 pm
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Saturday/Sunday
 Thanksgiving Food Drive At All Masses

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we rejoice in the abundance of this season of harvest, many of our neighbours do not have enough to feed their children. Please bring a donation for our Thanksgiving Food Drive, Oct. 7/8. We especially need canned fruit, chick peas or light beans, cereal, and plastic grocery bags. Keep your donation with you in your pew and you will be invited to bring it forward during the Mass. Thank you for your generosity!



MONTHLY GAME DAY

If you are a senior who would like to get out of the house, socialize with others and play a few games, join us on **THURS. October 19** from 2 – 4pm in the Assisi Room. Bring cards, board games, some friends! No cost, snacks provided. For info contact Barbara at 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Have you lost a significant person in your life through death? Are you feeling overwhelmed by your grief? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You may be interested in joining people who are experiencing the same feelings. A 12 week Bereavement Support Group will begin Mon. Nov. 6 from 1-3pm here at St. Francis Parish. For more info please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or the parish office. You do not walk this path alone.

“Hope is the virtue of a heart that does not close itself in darkness or remain locked in the past, but looks forward to the future.”

~ @Pontifex, September 20, 2017

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are once again offering Christmas Cards for sale here at St. Francis Parish. There are six styles for you to choose from, including two new ones, all St. Francis of Assisi themed. You can see samples in the church hall after Mass this weekend. If you wish to purchase box(es) please use the order form at the display, all styles are \$10 per box. You must place your **order by Oct. 29** so we can have the cards ready for pickup a month before Christmas.

If you missed the registration meetings for **CONFIRMATION** or **1ST COMMUNION** please contact Ruthann in the parish office.

If you have a **SOD CUTTER** we could borrow to prepare for our Rain Garden, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

AROUND TOWN

Life Chain Memorial is Sun. Oct. 1, 2-3pm in front of Kitchener City Hall. We remember over 4 million lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. For more info call KW Right to Life, 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca

Blessing of Our Lady of Fatima Grotto
 Please join us on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions at Fatima, Fri. Oct. 13 at St. Mark’s Parish, Kitchener. We will begin with Rosary at 6:30pm, Mass at 7pm followed by a procession, blessing of our new grotto and statue, Benediction and a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Pilgrimage day for the **100th Anniversary of the Last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown. Oct. 14, 10am-2pm. Mass and procession with Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Bring a bag lunch. www.stthomaswaterdown.com

From the Pastors Desk:

Today is the 26th Sunday in the liturgical year. However, here at St. Francis we are celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (which falls on October 4th). We are permitted to do this because Francis is our patron saint, and thus the feast takes on the "status" of a solemnity for our parish. Who is this Francis our church is named after?

Francis was born in Italy into a very wealthy family in the year 1181. While growing up Francis was clearly a product of his culture, living the life-style of the rich and powerful. We also know Francis was a typical boy, he loved reading about the tales of King Arthur, and he would dream and imagine himself as one of the Knights of the Round Table. This dream would lead Francis to join the army when war broke out between the City State of Assisi and the City State of Perugia. It would be a year spent as a prisoner of war that would ultimately shatter his dream of Knighthood. After the war Francis returned home with no idea of what he should do with his life. One day while praying for guidance Francis heard the voice of God telling him to "repair my house" - referring to the chapel of San Damiano that was in ruins. Francis worked to repair San Damiano but then realized that God was not referring specifically to the chapel, but rather God was referring to the entire church. Francis now knew what he was to do with his life. While much can be said concerning all that Francis did for God from that point on, perhaps one of the best tributes we can make is that Francis had a profound love for the poor which governed all he said and did. At his canonization the Pope referred to Francis as "the most perfect image of Christ". Certainly a great example to follow.

~ Father Tim, CR



let's do lunch

Our monthly **SENIORS' LUNCHEONS** are starting again! Join us on **Thursday October 5** at 12 noon at **The Ridge**, 3215 Roseville Rd, Roseville, for a time to get to know your fellow parishioners and enjoy some wonderful food! There will be a special menu for us, cost is \$15 plus tax and tip. If you do not receive a call please contact the parish office to **RSVP by October 1**.

CELEBRATING THE WORD

We invite you to join us **Tuesday afternoons** at 1:30pm beginning Oct. 10 or **Monday evenings** from 7:30pm to 9pm, beginning on Oct. 16, when we reflect on the Sunday Readings and discuss how they connect with our daily lives. We use the publication *Celebrating the Word* which is written by six Resurrectionist Priests, including our pastor Fr. Tim Uniack! Please come and see!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Abortion is a major problem all over the world, including here in Canada where we have no laws which protect the unborn from being terminated. From **Sept. 27 to Nov. 5** we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America in 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. We encourage you to participate in peaceful vigils outside of Freeport Hospital (where abortions take place) for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm. If you missed our Parish Adopted day of Sept. 30 please consider signing up for an hour on any day between now and Nov. 5. Simply contact Patrick at 519-748-5548 or sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener.

RAIN GARDEN SEMINAR

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Ecology, we are taking on a Rain Water Management project here at the parish. In October we will be creating a Rain Garden on the parking lot side of the church, between the elevator entrance and the "Mary side" entrance. (See posters on our bulletin boards for the garden plan.) If you want to learn more about this project, and how you can create a Rain Garden at your home, please come to a seminar by REEP Green Solutions, a local environmental organization: **Wed. Oct. 11 at 7:30pm** in the Hall. Invite your neighbours and friends! Sponsored by the CWL.



GARAGE SALE

This year our annual Garage Sale will be held on **Sat. October 14**. If you have items to donate please bring them to the church on Oct. 12 or 13 from 6-9pm. Volunteers are needed Oct. 12 and 13 from 6-9pm, as well as Oct. 14 from 8am-1pm. Men, women and students are welcome to sign up for shifts! Contact Barbara at bdiemert@rgoers.com.

VOCATION CORNER

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations rvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations for the Diocese at mking@hamiltondiocese.com 905-528-7988. www.vocationculture.ca

FEAST of ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi is known for being the Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology and for his beautiful Peace Prayer, but there is so much more to St. Francis. He was a man who abhorred the poor and outcasts, until God called him to see the profound grace which the poor bring to us. As we approach the abundance of Thanksgiving and the harsh reality of another Canadian winter, may we learn from St. Francis to embrace the poor in our midst. As we encounter the poor we encounter in a very real and concrete way, our Lord Jesus in our midst.

Novena: From **Sept. 25 to Oct. 3** join us in praying a Novena to St. Francis of Assisi. May this spiritual practice bring us to our own conversions and enable us to embrace the poor as St. Francis did. Pick up a guide at the entrances of the church or visit our website.

Feast Day Weekend: Join us for coffee and social time in the Hall after our Feast Day Masses on **Sat. Sept. 30 and Sun. Oct. 1**.

Blessing of Animals: In the tradition of St. Francis who preached the Good News to all Creation, bring your pet to our Peace Garden on **Sun. Oct. 1** at 1:00pm for a special blessing.

Pasta Supper:

Bring your family to our Pasta Supper on **Wed. Oct. 4** at 6pm. Catered by Ennio's Pasta House, tickets are on sale Sept. 9 to Oct. 1. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under. If you have dietary needs please inform us when you purchase your ticket.



Cursillo Weekend for Hamilton Diocese:
 We all know God, but how many of us have a personal and intimate relationship with him? A three day Cursillo weekend is a short review of Christianity, designed to help you on that journey. Beginning Thursday night and ending Sunday afternoon, through a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and the sacraments, you will get to take a closer look at yourself, God and others. If you are over 18 and are open to a closer relationship with our God and Saviour, consider this joy-filled Cursillo weekend. For women: Oct. 12 – 15, for men: Oct. 26-29. For more info visit www.cursillohamilton.org or contact Marg Weber (519-747-5937 or marg.weber@sympatico.ca), Dan Brown (519-570-4105, dmbrown269@gmail.com) or Fr. Ray Reitzel CR (rayreitzelcr@live.com or 519-725-1445). We hope that you come away with the profound knowledge that Christ loves you, and that you can't help but share that love with others.

2017-2018 Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University:

Join us Fri. Oct. 13 when Dr. Anton M. Koerkemoer, astrophysicist with the Hubble Space Telescope, will explore the relationship between science and faith, especially as manifested in the images from the Hubble Telescope which inspired illuminations in the Saint John's Bible. Location: Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre. Time: 7:30pm, doors open 6:45pm. No cost. Something new this year, please register at www.sju.ca/lce. Complimentary parking, wheelchair accessible, refreshments served.

St. Joseph's CWL Fall Harvest Peach Tea

All are invited to attend our fall fundraiser, Sat. Oct. 14 from 1-3pm in the St. Joseph's Church Hall. We will be serving a homemade "fall peach delight dessert" with beverage. Penny

Table, large item raffles, baked goods and fancy cake table, and much more. Although admission is free, donations are gratefully appreciated and will be accepted at the door. Contact the church at 519-745-9302 for more information.

The Social Justice Cmte of St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo invites you and your family to a Benefit Event featuring Ennio's Spaghetti Dinner on Sat. Oct. 12. Proceeds go to the Pura Vida Foundation which supports marginalized and exploited young girls in Peru. Doors open 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm, guest speaker at 7:30pm. Tickets available by calling our parish office at 519-885-4480, adults \$20, children 6 to 12 years \$10, 5 and under free.

Annual Fundraising Dinner Our community has been blessed with the presence of the **Carmelite Nuns** for 65 years. They have devoted their lives to God and continuously provide us with unwavering moral and spiritual support. To help cover some of their large expenses there is an Annual Fundraising Dinner which this year will be held on Mon. Oct. 23 at Conestoga Place (110 Manitou Dr. Kitchener) from 6:30-9pm. A minimum donation of \$250 covers two people. If you are interested in attending or simply wish to make a donation please contact Jane at 519-748-1225 or cjmalleck@sympatico.ca. Tax receipts will be issued by the sisters. Thank you!

As a non-traditional form of spirituality, **Taizé ecumenical worship** is particularly popular with busy people. At the heart of this prayer service are Scripture readings surrounded by silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. Prayer then leads us to renew our trust in God. Join us on Sun. Oct. 22, 7:30pm at Conrad Grebel University College Chapel, Waterloo. 519-885-0220.

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Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am
 Wednesday 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm
 or by appointment

Sunday Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9:00 am Mass
 September to June

Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

Communal Baptism

Each month, please call the parish office to register.

Marriages

Congratulations! Please contact the parish one year in advance of marriage date.

Pastor:	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com
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Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon
 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

Vocations Information: www.vocationinfo.ca
www.vocationculture.ca



"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."



Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command.

~ St. Francis at the foot of the cross in San Damiano

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