

**MASS INTENTIONS
October 17 - 22, 2017**

Tuesday, 17th - *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*
9:00 am +Al Barna – Joan Ferraccioli & Family

Wednesday, 18th - *St. Luke, Evangelist*
9:00 am +Aimé Brûle – Victor Thibeault
7:00 pm Intentions of the Hanrahan Family – Marlene Barna & Family

Thursday, 19th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Sr. Louisita Dietrich, SSND – Madeline Haller

Friday, 20th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

Saturday, 21st - *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 pm +Jessica Sullivan – Bernie & Bernice Sullivan
+Mary McCarville – the Family
+Deacon Peter Pelletier – Tom & Anne Shantz
+Joseph Tusch – Cathy Vanzieleghem
+Maureen Crolla – Elizabeth MacKinnon
+Majda Zupan – Josef Zupan

Sunday, 22nd - *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am Intentions of Jean Litt – Betty Hinsperger & Diane Hoffman
Intentions of Mary Dorscht – Betty Hinsperger & Diane Hoffman
+Mil Winter – the Westman / Voll Family
+Don Pickett – the Westman / Voll Family
+Helen Keller – Marilyn Alston

October 15, 2017

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sept. 30/Oct. 1 Collection \$5,042.00
Total Collected 2017 \$221,290.00
2017 Budgeted Collection \$245,420.00

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 16: **Rev. Jerry Punnassery, CMI**
 Tues. Oct. 17: **Rev. John Massari, c.s.**
 Wed. Oct. 18: **Permanent Deacons**
 Thu. Oct. 19: **Rev. Jose Plascencia, c.s.**
 Fri. Oct. 20: **Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan**
 Sat. Oct. 21: **Rev. Heinner Paucar, OMI**

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected a whopping 1,113 lbs of food, our largest collection ever! Your generosity is a testament to our caring community. Thank you so much!

**Looking Ahead to Oct. 22, 2017
29th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b Matthew 22: 15 - 21

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Sunday
Confirmation Mtg #1 12:30 pm

Monday
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm

Tuesday
Celebrating the Word (RR) 1:30 pm
Levels I & II (RR & ER) 7:00 pm

Wednesday
Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am - noon

Thursday
Games Afternoon (AR) 2:00 pm
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Saturday
Rain Garden Construction 9:00 am

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 Oct. 16. We reflect on the Sunday Readings and discuss how they connect with our daily lives using *Celebrating the Word*, a publication written by six Resurrectionist Priests, including our pastor Fr. Tim Uniack! Please come and see!

RAIN GARDEN CONSTRUCTION

Will take place this **Saturday, October 21** beginning at 9am. If you are interested in helping with the project please sign up in the foyer after Mass or call the parish office. Some volunteers may be needed on evenings this week to prepare the space, if you can help with this please call the parish office.

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.

From the Pastors Desk:

Since the time of the early Christian community the practice of exchanging a sign of peace (an actual kiss in the beginning) during a liturgical celebration was common place. At Sunday Eucharist the Presider kisses the altar at the beginning and end of mass, and he kisses the Book of the Gospels after proclaiming the gospel – what is this kissing all about?

Prior to the 4th century anyone who entered a church was expected to kiss the cornerstone or the threshold of the building before entering. This practice was later replaced with the Presider kissing the altar. Why? It was in the 4th century that our understanding of Eucharist evolved into seeing the altar itself as the place of Christ's sacrifice for us. This further evolved when altar stones containing the relics of saints were placed in the altars – thus the altar, and in particular the altar stone, is seen as honouring Christ and the saints as the cornerstones of our faith. To kiss the altar at the beginning of the Eucharist is to honour Christ and the saints by seeking their grace during the celebration. To kiss the altar at the end of the celebration is in a sense a farewell to Christ and the saints, knowing that we carry them with us beyond the walls of the church.

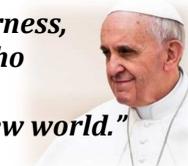
Next week, part two of kissing in church.

~ Father Tim, CR



“When you experience bitterness, put your faith in all those who still work for good: in their humility lies the seed of a new world.”

~ @Pontifex, October 8, 2017



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are once again offering Christmas Cards for sale! There are six St. Francis of Assisi themed styles to choose from, samples are in the church foyer. 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. Order forms are in the foyer.

MEMORIAL MASS

On Thursday November 2, the Feast of All Souls, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass to honour our loved ones who have passed away. All are invited to join us for Mass at 7pm, followed by a time of fellowship in the parish hall. When a member of our community passes into Eternal Life we all grieve, remember and celebrate their life together, as one faith community, so please join us.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL MASS

An opportunity for you to plan and organize your funeral mass – select readings, music, readers, prayers, priest, etc. This affords your family the opportunity to have a funeral that is truly a reflection of who you were as a person of faith. Workshop is offered twice on **Wednesday, November 15th** at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm in the parish hall.

VOCATION CORNER

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, 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

AROUND TOWN

Annual Fundraising Dinner Our community has been blessed with the presence of the **Carmelite Nuns** for 65 years. 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 wish to attend or make a donation please contact Jane at 519-748-1225 or cjmallick@sympatico.ca. Tax receipts will be issued by the sisters. Thank you!

The persecution of the Rohingya people in Myanmar is being called a genocide. Nur Hasim, founding member of the local group “Canadian Burmese Rohingya Support Organization” and himself a refugee is speaking at St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo on Tues. Oct. 17 at 7:30pm. Nur will talk about the history of the conflict and give some insight as to what is happening now both in Myanmar and in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. All are welcome!

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **Fish Fry** on Fri. Oct. 27 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira. Continuous seating 5:30 – 7pm, take out from 5-5:30pm. Cost is \$16 adults, \$8 children 12 and under. Advance tickets until Oct. 25, call the parish office 519-669-3387. Proceeds go to Knights’ charities.

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 Uniack, C.R. (tuniack@hamiltondiocese.com)
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Sam Restivo, C.R. (srestivo@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
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.”

“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might know the hope to which we are called.” ~ Ephesians 1: 17-18

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