

MASS INTENTIONS
October 31 – November 5, 2017

Tuesday, 31st	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Mary Karn – Mary Kuntz
Wednesday, 1st	- All Saints Sacrament of the Sick at both Masses
9:00 am	+Teresa, Czeslaw & Marysia Janiczak – Grace Grundy & Family
7:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Cabral
Thursday, 2nd	- Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
9:00 am	+Joyce MacCallum – Mary Coulson
7:00 pm	All Souls Memorial Mass
Friday, 3rd	- Weekday First Friday
9:00 am	+Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of Hamilton Diocese
9:30 am	Adoration & Benediction
Saturday, 4th	- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira
	Intentions of Cathy Vanzielegem – Helen Shantz
	+Helen Keller – Frank & Shirley Fixter
	+Janet Huston – Dorothy Herzog
	+Deceased Members of Longo & O’Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
Sunday, 5th	- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	Intentions of the Vaz Family – the Westman / Voll Family
	+David Gray – the Westman / Voll Family
	+Deacon Peter Pelletier – Jane Jackson
	+Tom Logel – Dave & Sandy Logel
	+James LeFlamme – Bob Livingstone
	+Dan Burjoski – Jenny Burjoski & Family

October 29, 2017

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 21/22 Collection	\$4,582.00
Total Collected to Date	\$231,132.00
2017 Budget to Date	\$258,350.00

Looking Ahead to Nov. 5, 2017

31st SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

Mal 1: 14 – 2: 2, 8-10
 1 Thes 2: 7-9, 13 Mt 23: 1-12

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 30: **Rev. Archange Kebe**
 Tues. Oct. 31: **Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba**
 Wed Nov. 1: **Deceased Members of our Parish**
 Thu. Nov. 2: **Rev. Tony O’Dell, OMI**
 Fri. Nov. 3: **Rev. Joseph Okoko**
 Sat. Nov. 4: **Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, CSsR**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Sunday	Altar Server Training (C)	12:00 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	Sacrament of the Sick	At Masses
	Team Meeting (Office Closed)	10am – noon
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR)	7:30 pm
Thursday	Seniors’ Lunch @ Kypreos	12 noon
	Memorial Mass & Reception	7:00 pm
Sunday	Adult Altar Server Training (C)	12:00 pm
	Youth Cross Bearer Training (C)	1:00 pm

World Day of the Poor
Resource & Volunteer Fair

Pope Francis has declared the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time to be the World Day of the Poor. On this Day the Pope invites us to embrace the poor in our midst and learn from them how physical poverty can lead to the poverty of spirit which inherits the kingdom of heaven. Pope Francis also asks us to create “concrete initiatives” to work for justice and peace for all God’s children.

After Masses on November 18/19 we invite you to the Parish Hall to view displays from local organizations dedicated to working with the poor in our community. Speak with representatives from these groups, learn what they do, and consider whether you are being called to volunteer. As members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish we are called more than ever to follow our patron saint’s example, and encounter Christ in the faces of all we meet, especially the poor.



LECTOR WORKSHOP

All Lectors must attend a workshop on the weekend of Dec. 2/3 to go over some changes implemented by Fr. Tim. We will meet for a half hour after each of the Masses, so you can come to any of the three workshops. Please call or email the parish office to let us know which session you will be attending. Thank you for your important ministry.

“Let us all work together to promote peace among peoples and guarantee respect for human rights.”

~ @Pontifex, October 24, 2017



SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

On Wed. Nov. 8 at 7:30pm the Catholic Women’s League welcomes guest speaker Helen Scutt to present a program on Sleeping Children Around the World. All are welcome.

COATS FOR KIDS

As the winter season approaches, once again the Kitchener Knights of Columbus want to help by providing warm winter coats to children through our Coats for Kids program. Many families with young children are financially challenged today and you can help by supporting this K of C program to meet their needs. Please bring your gently used or new coats to this parish during the month of November and the Knights will distribute the winter wear to those families who are in need of support. The Waterloo Region Catholic Schools will be contacted to aid the Knights to ensure those youngsters will be warm this winter. If you are a family in need, please call the K of C at 519-893-1504. We hope our gift will bring warmth to the bodies, hearts and souls of these precious young people.

2017/2018 Missals will be on sale after Masses next weekend, \$3.50 each.

If you ordered **Little Books** Advent books are available for pickup next weekend. Please bring \$5 per set of books ordered.

From the Pastors Desk:

The last two weeks I spoke about all the kissing we do in church. Let us continue to explore different aspects of our liturgy by looking today at the vestments the priest wears at Mass. The white robe the priest wears is called an alb, a very common vestment which others who minister also wear (eg. Altar Servers). It is an adaption of Greek and Roman garments dating back to the fourth century. The alb serves as a reminder of baptism, the sacrament from which the life of faith and all ministry flows. The alb further reminds us of the garment placed on Jesus by Pilate. Some albs have a belt, called a cincture – a cincture is not a required item of dress for a priest.

Over the alb the priest will wear a chasuble, a garment that resembles a rain poncho. This garment actually was originally intended to protect the priest from water when the early Christians had to celebrate mass in secret, usually in the catacombs of Rome. The catacombs often dripped water from the ceiling – the chasuble was designed to keep the priest dry. This garment, that began as a practical garment to keep dry, would later be given a liturgical purpose – many years later. The colour of the chasuble represents the liturgical colour of the season or feast being celebrated. The priest also wears a stole, either over the chasuble or under it, depending upon its design. The stole is the sign of priestly office. It is interesting to note that the stole is the true symbol of priestly office and identity, not the collared shirt the priest wears.

~ Father Tim, CR



NEW: SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On the first Wednesday of each month, beginning Wednesday, November 1st, the sacrament of anointing will be offered at both our weekday masses (9:00 am and 7:00 pm). Anyone in need of this amazing grace from God which offers us healing, comfort, strength, courage, and so much more for our physical, spiritual or mental well-being is invited to receive this sacrament.

SENIORS' LUNCHEONS

The next Seniors' Lunch will be **Thurs. Nov. 2**, 12 noon at **Kypreos**, 305 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener. Check them out at www.kypreosrestaurant.ca. Our special menu has meals under \$15. Please RSVP when you receive a phone invitation or by calling the parish office **by October 30**.



ALL SOULS 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.

YOUR FUNERAL, YOUR PLANS

Mark your calendar now: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. This workshop, the same workshop offered twice on the same day, will help you to plan your funeral mass and church rituals. Select the scripture readings, music, prayers, readers, etc – make your funeral a true reflection of who you are as a person of faith.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Since we have new servers and there are some changes implemented by Fr. Tim, we will have one more day of training, please see below.
Nov. 5, 12 – 1pm: all new adult altar servers
Nov. 5, 1 – 2pm: all youth cross bearers
Thank you for your ministry.

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.

FALLEN VETERANS

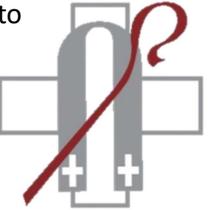
This Remembrance Day weekend, Nov. 11/12, we will remember the sacrifices of our loved ones who fought and still fight for justice and peace in our world. At Masses this weekend we would like to read a roll of those connected with our parish who have died serving their country. If you have a relative who died in a military conflict please contact the parish office to add their name.

VOCATION CORNER

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations crvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations for the Diocese at mking@hamiltondiocese.com 905-528-7988. www.vocationculture.ca

INSTALLATION OF FR. TIM

On Sunday November 12 we have the amazing opportunity to welcome Bishop Crosby to our 11am Mass when he will officially Install Fr. Tim as our Pastor. This beautiful ceremony has its roots in medieval times when the Bishop would introduce a new pastor to his parish and take them on a tour of the church. This will also be our opportunity to really welcome Fr. Tim into our faith community! Please join us for Mass and a reception in the hall afterwards.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On **Saturday November 11th** join us for our Annual Christmas Bazaar, from **9:30am to 2pm**. Children's Activities, Baking, Pies Galore, Crafts, Games, Draws, Tea Room, even Santa will visit at 10:30! This is a fabulous event every year to kick off the anticipation for Christmas. **Donations** are gratefully accepted on Fri. Nov. 10 from 9:30am to 9pm. **This year we will not continue the bazaar after the weekend Masses**, because we will be too busy celebrating Fr. Tim's installation! So all bazaar draws will take place at 2pm on Sat. Nov. 11, after which we will need lots of helpers to put away the bazaar items. If you can help please contact Linda at 519-742-0656. Don't miss this fun-filled weekend of events!



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Thank You to everyone who helped with our rain garden construction, it looks beautiful and the recent rain has been making good use of it! See our website for construction pictures

AROUND TOWN

Accompanist Needed for Christmas for the 10am choir at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener, also for New Years. Please contact Barbara Daly at bmdaly@me.com.

Special Lecture Event at St. Jerome's University Join us Wed. Nov. 1 when Kate Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day (Catholic writer, social activist and Co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement) will provide us with a frank and reflective, heartfelt and humorous portrayal of Day. Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University at 7:30pm. Please register at www.sju.ca/lce

Retrouaille: A Lifeline for Marriages – So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouaille has given countless couples the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and restore a loving relationship in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Nov. 3 please call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca.

Christian Life Program Couples for Christ is a charismatic Catholic community which is offering a weekend program at St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener: Sat. Nov. 4 from 8:30am – 7pm, Sun. Nov. 5 from 9am-1pm. The program is intended to lead participants to a renewed understanding of God's call to them. No cost, all meals included. Call Rosio or Gabriel at 647-886-2408 for more information.

Special Mass for those dealing with cancer or other health concerns, their families and caregivers, and for cancer survivors, will be celebrated Sat. Nov. 4, 1:30m at Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener. Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, Sacrament

of the Sick will be offered, reception in foyer after Mass. For more information please call Estelle at 519-745-1936.

Adoration for Life Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist, and pray for a renewal of respect for the sanctity of human life. Nov. 4, 11am-noon at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener.

Ecumenical Worship Service The Forest Hill Ecumenical Churches will be hosting a musical worship service on **Sun. Nov. 12** at 3pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Following the service there will be an international exhibition funded by the Government of Hungary, as well as refreshments. We invite everyone to join members from Calvin Presbyterian, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic, Forest Hill United, Highland Baptist, St. George's Anglican and St. Stephen's Lutheran churches for this event!

We Remember The Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus in concert with John McDermott is presenting a Remembrance Day Concert to honour our Veterans, on Sun. Nov. 5, 3:30pm at Grandview Baptist Church, Kitchener. Tickets are available by calling 519-885-4697.

Christmas Bazaars!

There are so many wonderful bazaars coming up in our area, all featuring baking, crafts, draws and light lunches. See below for dates and special features.

- **Twin Oaks of Maryhill** Nursing Home Auxiliary Tea & Bazaar, Sat. Nov. 4, 1-4pm.
- **St. John's** CWL Bazaar & Schnitzel Dinner, Fri. Nov. 10, 2-8pm. See poster by the elevator or call 519-745-7855 for info.
- Cookie/Craft Sale, **St. Stephen's** Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Sat. Nov. 11, 8:30am – 2pm. Donations to food bank appreciated.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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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)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terriane 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."

"The one who loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him."

~ John 14:23



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