

**MASS INTENTIONS
November 14 - 19, 2017**

Tuesday, 14th - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Mary Karn – Mary Kuntz

Wednesday, 15th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Rosemary Clarke – Kevin Clarke
7:00 pm +Dorothea Koehlmann – Fred Koehlmann & Family

Thursday, 16th - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Bill & Netty Van Boxmeer – Gerry & Dora Lamers

Friday, 17th - *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
9:00 am Intentions of Marnie Wharnsby – Anne Pritchard

Saturday, 18th - *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 pm Intentions of Georgia Macey & Family – Marlene Barna
+Mary McCarville – the Family
+Jerry Walsh – Mary & Gerry Mulhern
+Maureen Crolla – Ian & Margaret Houston
+Joan MacDonald – Joanne & Jerry White

Sunday, 19th - *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am Intentions of Venette Padden – Marilyn Alston
+Reg Sellner – Oscar & Rose Lorentz
+Helen Wiechers – Mary Ann Sellner
+Margaret Meyer – Madeleine Haller
+Deceased Members of the Jackson Family – Jane Jackson
+Deceased Members of the Gunn & Pritchard Families – Anne Pritchard

November 12, 2017

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 4/5 Collection \$5,621.00
Total Collected to Date \$241,742.00
2017 Budget to Date \$271,580.00

Looking Ahead to Nov. 19, 2017

33rd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31
 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 13: **Rev. Fernando Pinto, CSSp**
 Tues Nov 14: **Very Rev Msgr. Murray Kroetsch**
 Wed Nov. 15: **Deceased Priests of the Hamilton Diocese**
 Thu. Nov. 16: **Rev. Michael King**
 Fri. Nov. 17: **Rev. Paul Hrynczyszyn**
 Sat. Nov. 18: **Rev. Robert Kiffman**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
 Bereavement Group (AR) 1:00 pm
 Parents for Community Living (AR) 7:00 pm
 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
 Funeral Planning Workshop (H) 2:00 pm
 Funeral Planning Workshop (H) 7:30 pm

Thursday
 Games Afternoon (AR) 2:00 pm
 1st Eucharist Leader Training (RR) 7:00 pm
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Saturday/Sunday
 Resource/Volunteer Fair (H) After Masses

**MANDATORY 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. **If you haven't yet informed the parish office which session you will attend, please call or email ASAP.** Thank you for your important ministry.

2017/2018 Missals are on sale after Mass or in the parish office, \$3.50 each

PRAYER NETWORK

If you or someone you love is in need of prayers, we have dedicated parishioners who want to pray for you. It's confidential, just call the Parish Office to request an intention. Let us bring the power of prayer to your life.

"The Church needs faithful people who proclaim the Gospel with enthusiasm and wisdom, instilling hope and faith."

~ @Pontifex, November 4, 2017



AROUND TOWN

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 a historical exhibition presented 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!

Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic Women. The program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, St. Paul University, Ottawa. Apply by Nov. 15, www.cwlfcanada.ca

St. Mary's General Hospital Annual Community Update Hear how St. Mary's is implementing innovative approaches to improve the patient journey: shorter stay, faster recovery, better experience. The Lackner Award for Medical Excellence will be presented to Dr. Ronald Pace. Thurs. Nov. 16, 7-9pm at **St. Mary's Hospital (changed)**. No cost, RSVP required, please call 519-749-6536.

Join us Fri. Nov. 17 for the next **Lecture in Catholic Experience** hosted by St. Jerome's University. **Lisa Fagin Davis**, Executive Director of the Medieval Academy of America, will help us to understand the tradition of writing the Bible by hand that reaches back two thousand years to the earliest fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and forward to the contemporary Saint John's Bible. And visit the medieval manuscripts from the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies that will be on exhibit in the Atrium, Nov. 13-17. Vanstone Lecture Hall, 7:30pm, no cost, register at www.sju.ca/lce

At the heart of **Taizé ecumenical worship** are Scripture readings, surrounded by silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. Join us Sun. Nov. 19, 4pm at the Brubacher House on the University of Waterloo Campus.

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.

From the Pastors Desk:

This weekend, November 11th, marks the annual recognition of Remembrance Day. (Here in Canada this day was known originally as Armistice Day – it was renamed following the Second World War).

In the early twentieth century virtually the entire world was at war, the First World War – sadly, this war was referred to as the “war to end all wars”, which did not come to pass. Millions of people would die in this First World War, a war where new techniques of warfare were introduced, techniques that moved war from an endeavour of “gentlemen” to an inhuman and unjust struggle between forces, forever changing the lives of all humanity.

When the day drew near for this war to end, a special day and time to sign the armistice was agreed upon. The war would end at the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month. This choice of day and time was specifically chosen, for the signers of this peace treaty wanted to remind the world that we had waited until it was almost too late to seek peace – with the number twelve being considered the last number prior to the worlds destruction and the end of all humanity. On this day we remember all those who sacrificed their lives so that we might be free, not just those from the First World War, but from all wars and conflicts – may they rest in peace.

~ Father Tim, CR



If you ordered **Little Books**, the Advent books are available for pickup after Mass or in the parish office. \$5 per set of books ordered.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Has a significant person in your life passed away? 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.

FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING

On Wednesday, November 15 Fr. Tim will offer a funeral planning workshop at 2:00 pm and repeated at 7:30 pm. This workshop will go through all the choices you can make when planning your funeral mass and church rituals, such as music, scripture readings, prayers, readers, etc. Help us make your funeral a true reflection of who you are as a person of faith. Other resources will be available, such as an estate planning guide and a sample of *Rediscovering the Art of Dying* by Nuala P. Kenny, a book which we can order for you if you are interested. There are many graces to be found in discussing your wishes with your family and preparing yourself and them for this journey. Please join us.

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. Nov. 16 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

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. Just a few examples of who will be coming: Carizon Counselling, House of Friendship, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA, East Village Animal Hospital, ROOF, SHOW, and more. 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.



CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women’s League annual membership drive has begun! Anyone who renews before Dec. 6th will be eligible to win their 2018 CWL membership. Envelopes are in your 2018 Church Envelopes, or place your cheque for \$30 made out to St. Francis CWL in the Sunday collection. Please include your name, full address, phone # and email address. New members are welcome!

CWL SENIORS’ CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday December 6 at 6:30pm (following Parish Mass at 6pm). Full turkey dinner catered by Kennedy’s! Adults are \$15.50, children 12 and under are \$7.75. Tickets can be purchased in the parish office or after Masses starting next weekend. All CWL members, their families, and all seniors of the parish are invited to attend.

COATS FOR KIDS

As the winter season approaches, 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 bringing your gently used or new coats to this parish during the month of November. The Knights, with the help of Waterloo Region Catholic School Board, will distribute the winter wear to those families who are in need of support. 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.

VOCATION CORNER

"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. 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

Reluctance, Resilience and Rejoicing: Focus on the Family and Faith Speaker David Wells is an internationally known speaker and author and a gifted story teller. Join us at the Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph on Nov. 22 at 7pm. Reception to follow in the parish hall. There is no need to register and no cost to attend. Parents, grandparents, teachers and pastors, all are welcome!

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.

- **Marian Residence**, Cambridge, Christmas Bazaar, Tues. Nov. 14, 1-6pm, proceeds to support programs for residents.
- **St. Joseph's CWL Bazaar, Listowel**, Sat. Nov. 18, 10am-2pm, featuring evergreen arrangements and grocery draw.
- **St. Michael's Parish (Waterloo) Bake Sale and Silent Auction**, after Sat. Nov. 25 5pm Mass and Sun. Nov. 26 9 & 11am Masses.
- **St. Teresa's (Kitchener) CWL Christmas Craft and Bake Sale**, after Sat. Nov. 25 5pm Mass and Sun. Nov. 26 10am Mass. Sausage on a bun, hot dog, sandwich lunch served as well. 519-743-4525

Birthright is a faith-founded, love motivated crisis service run by compassionate volunteers and supported by faithful donors. We encounter women and men with acceptance, friendship, local resources, and free infant and maternity wear, to give hope and encouragement to those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Can you help make a difference as a volunteer or with financial contributions? Call 519-579-3990 or visit www.birthright.org. Please join us at our Christmas Reception and Open House on Dec. 9, 2-5pm at 96 Highland Rd. W. Kitchener.

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the **Pentateuch volume of the Saint John's Bible**. Visit the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives (at the Chancery, Hamilton) Nov. 21-23 and 26, from 10am-4pm.

St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Fundraising Dinner is on Fri. Dec. 1, at St. Teresa's Elmira. Meal begins at 6pm, tickets can be ordered through the parish office by calling 519-669-3387. Adults \$16, children 6-12 years \$8, 5 and under free. Take out available. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets. All are welcome! Funds raised will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.

Coping with the Holidays... when a loved one has passed away Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. At the Chancery Office, Hamilton, Sun. Dec. 3, 1:30-3:00 pm. No cost.

You are invited to a **Healing Mass for those Mourning the Death of a Child** The death of a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to those trying to cope with such grief, will be offered by Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Sun. Dec. 3 at 4pm. Anyone who has lost a child of any age, including those who have died prior to birth or in still birth, is invited. Registration is preferred but not necessary, as it will assist us in preparations. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or www.hamiltondiocese.com

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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
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."

**"Keep awake and be ready:
you do not know when the Son of Man is coming."**
~ Matthew 24: 42, 44



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