

MASS INTENTIONS

December 31, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Sunday, 31st - *Feast of Mary, Mother of God* *New Year's Eve*
5:00 pm Intentions of our Mothers, Living and Deceased
Monday, 1st - *Feast of Mary, Mother of God* *New Year's Day*
10:00 am Intentions of our Mothers, Living and Deceased

No Morning Mass on Tuesday January 2

Wednesday, 3rd - *Christmas Weekday* **Sacrament of the Sick at both Masses**
9:00 am +Anton Svab – Karl & Judy Svab
7:00 pm +Marie Morrison – Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 4th - *Christmas Weekday*
9:00 am + Anne Maria Oeser – Madeline Haller

Friday, 5th - *Christmas Weekday* **First Friday**
9:00 am Intentions of Helen Shantz – Linda Carmichael

9:30 am Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, 6th - *Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 pm Intentions of Maria Ferreira
+Oscar Lorentz – Cathy Vanzieleghem
+Gabby Duggan – Michele Proulx
+Joseph Tusch – Ruthann Fisher
+Deceased Members of the Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo

Sunday, 7th - *Epiphany of the Lord*

9:00 am Intentions of Marie & Brian Lynch & Family – Kathy & Steve Finn
+Mary Smith – the Burjoski Family
+Guy Jr. & Guy Sr. Ferraccioli – Joan Ferraccioli
+David Gray – Joan Ferraccioli & Family
+Laura Logel – Alice & Bernie Preiditsch
+Millie Thomarat – Don & Carole Cameron
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

December 31, 2017

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 16/17 Collection	\$6,379.00
December 23/24 Collection	\$5,919.00
Christmas Collection	\$10,625.00
Total Collected to Date	\$292,737.00
2017 Budget to Date	\$329,885.00

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 1: **Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, MCCJ**
Tues. Jan. 2: **Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino**
Wed. Jan. 3: **Holy Cross Fathers (CSC)**
Thu. Jan. 4: **Rev. Octavio Cidadao**
Fri. Jan. 5: **Rev. Jose Edson Moreira**
Sat. Jan. 6: **Rev. Peter Raymond**

Looking Ahead to Jan. 7, 2018

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday & Tuesday

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday

St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR) 7:30 pm
CWL Executive Mtg (ER) 7:30 pm

Thursday

Health & Wellness Cmte (RR) 7:00 pm

HOMELESSNESS IN OUR AREA

St. Francis C.W.L. is sponsoring an evening with Rev. Michael Hackbusch, Director of Spiritual Resources, House of Friendship, who will speak on the work being done in our community to assist the homeless, especially at this time of year. The news is filled with the need for housing for these folks during the cold months. Find out what we can do! Following the Parish Mass at 7pm our speaker will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend! For more info please contact the parish office.

SENIORS' LUNCHEON

The next Seniors' Lunch will be **Thurs. Jan. 11, at *Martin's Restaurant at Luther Village*, 139 Father David Bauer Dr., Waterloo at 12:30 pm - **note the different time for easier parking.** Parking is at the side lot at the front of the building (or in the event it's full there's lots of parking at the back visitor lot). We will have our own room, The Waterfall Room, and Barbara Diemert will be at the entrance directing us to the room. The lunch buffet is \$14.00 plus tax and tip. Please RSVP when you receive a phone invitation or by calling the parish office **by Jan. 8, 2018.****



VOCATION CORNER

In Baptism we become members of God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations rvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com
www.vocationculture.ca

From the Pastors Desk:

Today, Sunday, December 31st, is the Feast of the Holy Family. In our reflections on the Holy Family the liturgy calls us to model our own family lives after the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. How is it even possible to live a holy life in our families as modelled for us by the one and only Holy Family? No wonder so many people find this feast day so incredibly challenging – the ups and downs of everyday family living seem so far removed from the life of the Holy Family. Yet let us take heart! To think of our families as far removed from the example of the Holy Family is, I would like to suggest, a shortchanging of the grace that God so freely offers the world. Why? The work that God began in Christ, and first revealed to us through the Holy Family, continues in us – our faith tells us so. This is the promise of salvation God has made. The promise of salvation is enfolded within humanity, and made most visible when humans interact with other humans (in families for example). From this our faith reminds us that the promise of salvation is visible in the Holy Family AND is made visible in our own families. As families we grow together in holiness, this requires work and effort on the part of all family members. The Holy Family journeyed through this exact same process, this exact same journey of faith. For this reason we have a common bond and unity with the Holy Family, we are one with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



~ Father Tim, CR

NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, December 31st
5:00 pm

Monday, January 1st
10:00 am



Parish Office will be closed from

Dec. 29 at noon until Jan. 3.

There will be NO Weekday Mass Jan. 2

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6th at 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 7th at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY EVENT will be hosted this year by St. George's Anglican Church, on **Sun. Jan. 21** at 2pm. More information will follow. Organized by the Churches of Forest Hill.

LECTORS NEEDED for the Saturday 5pm Mass. If you are a confident public speaker and feel called to proclaim God's Word to His people please contact the office.

THANK YOU for your generous support of our Christmas Food Drive! St. Francis Parish donated 508 lbs of food, and St. Paul's School donated 231 lbs, for a grand total of 739 lbs of food. Thank you so much! from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Francis Conference.

"God is in love with us. He draws us to Him with tenderness by being born poor and fragile among us, like one of us."

~ @Pontifex, December 27, 2017



AROUND TOWN

David the King Bishop Barron's DVD 6 part program starts on Mon. Jan. 8 at 7:30pm at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo. The whole Bible opens up once it's viewed through the person of King David in this Bible Study. Fee for optional materials. For more information or to register call St. Louis at 519-743-4101.

True Reformers Christopher Blum's DVD 6 part program starts Thurs. Jan. 11 at 1pm at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo. Dr. Blum will lead us on a journey with the saints who led the Church's rebirth after the Reformation, including Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri, Charles Borromeo, Teresa of Avila and Francis de Sales. Course is free. For more info or to register call 519-743-4101.

World Meeting of Families in Dublin – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 21 – 26, 2018. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, or *The Joy of Love*. If you are interested in attending and making use of the accommodations booked by the Diocese please contact Teresa Hartnett (905-528-7988 ext. 2250) by mid-January. For more info go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018>.

"Keys to Loving Relationships" is a nine week video-based program meant for anyone looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm starting Jan. 23, at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener. Cost is \$45. For more info call Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 x 2249.

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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

Tuesday 8:30 – 8:45 am
Wednesday 6:30 – 6:45 pm
Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Sunday Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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 before wedding date.

Pastor:	<i>Fr. Tim Uniack, C.R.</i> (tuniack@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	<i>Miss Ruthann Fisher</i> (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	<i>Mrs. Terrienne Moulton</i>
Admin. Assistant:	<i>Ms. Alice Soeder</i>
Building Manager:	<i>Mr. Gary Howell</i>

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."

**"Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the Prophets,
in these last days he has spoken to us by the Son."**

~ Hebrews 1: 1-2



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