

**MASS INTENTIONS
January 16 - 21, 2018**

Tuesday, 16th - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Pat & Bill Jeffrey – June Yendruck

Wednesday, 17th - *St. Anthony, Abbot*
9:00 am Intentions of Gerry & Dora Lamers – Kay Warner
7:00 pm +Margaret Vaucrossan – Marlene Barna

Thursday, 18th - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Jane Pritchard Bowers & Ian Bowers – Anne Pritchard

Friday, 19th - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Judith Schlegel – Bill Jeffrey

Saturday, 20th - *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 pm Intentions of Melissa Pearson – Cathy Vanzieleghem
+Anna Maria Oeser – Cathy Vanzieleghem
+Joel Stegne – Maria Stegne
+Anne Mary Schmalz – the Family
+Albert & Lorne MacDonald
+John Barnes – Lorraine Poplonski & Sabrina Seger

Sunday, 21st - *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am +Reg Sellner – Betty Hinsperger & Diane
+James Valampampil – the Valampampil Family
+Dennis Lobsinger – Kay Warner

January 14, 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 1, 2018 Collection \$2,563.00
January 6/7 Collection \$5,156.00
2018 Collection to Date \$7,719.00

Looking Ahead to Jan. 21, 2018

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7: 29 – 31 Mark 1: 14-20

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Bereavement Group (AR) 1:00 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm

Wednesday
Mardi Gras Planning Mtg (H) 7:30 pm

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

Sunday
Ecumenical Service (St. George's) 2:00 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 15: **Rev. Miro Grubisic, OFM**
Tues. Jan. 16: **Rev. David Perrin**
Wed. Jan. 17: **Felician Franciscan Sisters CSSF**
Thu. Jan. 18: **Rev. Sam Restivo, CR**
Fri. Jan. 19: **Rev. Tim Uniac, CR**
Sat. Jan. 20: **Rev. Stephen Murrin**

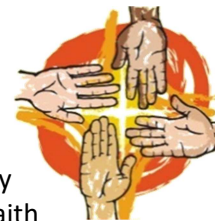
If you are interested in helping with our **Mardi Gras party** please come to a meeting on Jan. 17, 7:30pm in the Hall.



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. Jan. 18** 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

**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN
UNITY**



The Forest Hill Community Churches invite you to a Faith Celebration prepared by the Churches of the Caribbean on **Sunday January 21** at 2pm, at St. George's Anglican Church, 321 Fischer-Hallman Dr. Kitchener. The Theme for this year's prayer and musical event is: **"Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power"** (Ex. 15:6) and focuses on God's power to end slavery of all kinds. A time of fellowship will follow in the parish upper and lower halls. All are invited to join us as we pray for unity and peace. Cash free will offering will go to Nutrition for Learning. The afternoon includes members of these churches: St. George's Anglican, Calvin Presbyterian, Forest Hill United, Highland Baptist, Faith Lutheran, St. Stephen's Lutheran and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic.

Please also join us for an **Ecumenical Prayer Service with Taizé Songs** on **Sunday January 28** at 7:30 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Rd E. Kitchener

VOCATION CORNER

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations crvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988. www.vocationculture.ca

From the Pastors Desk:

Liturgically we find ourselves once again in **"Ordinary Time"**. There are actually five seasons in the liturgical calendar, and as might be surprising to many, ordinary time is not considered one of the liturgical seasons of the year. The seasons are: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum and Easter. In the midst of these five seasons we find a block of time known as ordinary time – which actually occurs twice in the liturgical year. Ordinary time first occurs during winter time, between the end of the Christmas season and the start of the season of Lent. Ordinary time occurs a second time during the summer time, between the end of the Easter season and the start of Advent. Ordinary time, while not a liturgical season itself, is best described as the weeks between seasons.

The Canadian Bishops describe **"Ordinary time as a quieter period, when the people of God reflect on the fullness of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's dying and rising. Sunday is the highlight of each week's work and prayer, faith and hope, joy and suffering: each Sunday is also the beginning of another week in the Lord's service"** (Ordo, n. 2). So what are we called to do as a people of faith during the next number of weeks of ordinary time? Answer: make Eucharist the center of our lives. When we gather each Sunday to celebrate, we fulfil the words of Matthew's gospel, which reminds us that when we gather, whether there are two or three people, or many more, Christ is there present with us.

~ Father Tim, CR



*"The more we are rooted in Christ,
the more we rediscover interior
peace, even in the midst
of daily challenges."*

~ @Pontifex, January 10, 2018



AROUND TOWN

An Evening of Praise and Worship with Chris Bray presented by the St. Anthony Daniel Youth Ministry on Fri. Jan. 19 at 7pm in the church. Chris is a Singer-Songwriter of Canadian Christian radio #1 hit songs. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Life Centre. \$5 / person at the door.

"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.

Join us on Fri. Jan. 26 for the next **Lecture in Catholic Experience** hosted by St. Jerome's University, entitled "Communicating the Church in the Age of Francis". Austen Ivereigh, writer, journalist and commentator on Catholic and political affairs, will talk about how Pope Francis' radical recontextualization of the Catholic message has left journalists grappling with vast new challenges. Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre at St. Jerome's, 7:30pm, no cost, please register at www.sju.ca/lce.

KW Right to Life Charity Dinner Gala Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren, Feb. 8 at the Polish Legion Hall, Kitchener. Dinner 6pm, speakers begin at 7pm. Silent auction. Tickets \$40, call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433.

Reel Justice – A Justice Film Festival

The Church teaches that social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission. There are so many issues of injustice all over our world, it is hard to know where to begin. Start by joining us for a movie and discussion evening at a parish near you! January Screening: Romero, at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo, Jan. 26, 7-9pm

KW RTL Candle-Light Prayer Vigil Sun. Jan. 28 from 6-7pm in front of Kitchener City Hall. Come and pray, 30 years without any law to protect unborn human beings in the womb.

KW RTL Adoration for Life Tues. Jan. 30, 7-8:15pm at St. Teresa of Avila, Kitchener, Sat. Feb. 3, 11am-noon at St. Mary's Kitchener. For more info: 519-746-5433.

Seeing the Word On Feb. 1 at the Chancery Office in Hamilton, the Liturgy Office will be hosting a Seeing the Word session for those who may be interested in delving a little deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible. We will focus on a particular illumination so you can experience it through Visio Divina. There will be one Seeing the Word session a month until June, from 1:30-3:30pm. Please register by contacting Anthony De Feo at 905-528-7988 or adefeo@hamiltondiocese.com.

Dinner, Dance and Games Party Sat. Feb. 3 in the St. Louis Gym and Large Hall, Waterloo. 6pm will be potluck supper, please bring your own plates and cutlery. 7-10pm live music and Ceili party by Relative Harmony with guest fiddler Shane Cook. Ceili dancing is fun for all ages, the caller teaches the simple dance steps just before each dance. Admission is by free will offering. Games, door prizes and more!

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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

Please call the parish office to register.

Marriages

Congratulations! Please contact the parish one year before wedding date.

Pastor: Fr. Tim Uniak, C.R.
(tuniak@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."*

**"We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth."**

~ John 1: 41, 17



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