

**MASS INTENTIONS
January 23 - 28, 2018**

Tuesday, 23rd - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Teresa & Cody Springall – Victor Springall

Wednesday, 24th - *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
9:00 am +Anton Svab – Karl & Judy Svab
7:00 pm Intentions of Gerry & Dora Lamers – Anne Darby-Watchorn

Thursday, 25th - *Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle School Mass*
9:30 am +Bernice Meyer – the Family

Friday, 26th - *St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops*
9:00 am +Rita Roberts – Anne Darby-Watchorn

Saturday, 27th - *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 pm Intentions of Bob & Tillie Helm – Cathy Vanzieleghem
+Michael Fisher – Mildred Fisher & Family
+Mike & Carol McCabe – the Family
+Majda Zupan – Joseph Zupan & Family
+David Gray – Eileen Longo
+Betty Germann – Mary Anderson

Sunday, 28th - *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am Intentions of Colin Westman – the Westman / Voll Family
+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
+Guy Sr. & Guy Jr. Ferraccioli – Joan Ferraccioli
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

January 21, 2018

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 13/14 Collection \$4,898.00
2018 Collection to Date \$12,662.00

Looking Ahead to Jan. 28, 2018

4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
1 Corinthians 7: 32-35 Mark 1: 21-28

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

Wednesday
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed) 10am – noon

Thursday
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 22: **Rev. Timothy Higgins**
Tues. Jan. 23: **Rev. Romelito Guillen**
Wed. Jan. 24: **Order of Preachers (OP)**
Thu. Jan. 25: **Rev. Francis Hubilla**
Fri. Jan. 26: **Rev. Ronald Voisin**
Sat. Jan. 27: **Rev. Duy Van Nguyen**

**MONTHLY
ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

Beginning on February 3/4, the first weekend of each month Fr. Tim will offer a special blessing at the end of Mass for all those celebrating an anniversary in that month. You will be invited to come to the front of the church for the blessing, or you may choose to remain in your pew. As a parish community we are excited to celebrate the milestones in each member's life!

For your Health & Wellness:

Shoveling the white stuff can not only hurt your back, but it can also be hard on your heart. Heart attacks during shoveling usually occur when people rush to clear a heavy amount of snow.

So just how dangerous can this act of outdoor winter labour be? Health officials say blood vessels are tighter in the cold weather, making it harder for blood to pass through them. Combine that with the stress of physical activity, and it can mean disaster for some.

It is recommended that anyone who has ever had a heart attack, stroke, or heart surgery should have someone else do the shoveling or should speak to their doctor before taking on such a task. Stay safe this winter!

~ Health & Wellness Cmte



You may have changed address, but your Catholic school tax support didn't! Even if you have been a Catholic school supporter in the past, the designation DOES NOT follow you when you relocate. Every time you move, it is essential that you re-declare as a Catholic school supporter. Get Ticked! and help keep our Catholic schools #WCDSBAwesome!

www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/register-for-school/school-tax-support/

TIME TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

It's time to sign up for the 2018-19 school year – and registering to attend one of Waterloo Region's 45 Catholic elementary schools and five Catholic secondary schools has never been easier. In fact, a quality, inclusive, faith-based education is now just a click away thanks to the Waterloo Catholic District School Board's Online Registration system at:

www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/register-for-school/

Children born in 2014 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten, and children born in 2013 are eligible for Kindergarten. For more information call your local Catholic school. St. Paul's School can be reached at 519-743-4401.

AROUND TOWN

"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.

From the Pastors Desk:

It seems that in the life of the church we are always doing one of two things, either celebrating a feast or preparing for an up-coming feast. We just recently completed the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Now we begin preparation for an important feast in the church – the **Presentation of the Lord** (what was called Candlemas for many years).

The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated each year forty days after Christmas on February 2nd. For many years in the life of the church the Christmas season lasted until February 2nd when the nativity scene would finally be put away. This feast is derived from the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus, who was now 40 days old, is presented in the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph for the rites of purification. While in the Temple Jesus would be identified by the prophets Anna and Simeon as a “light to the nations”. Anna and Simeon announce that Jesus' presence in the world is a new light that has dawned. From this proclamation the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord finds its roots. On this day we too identify Jesus as the long-awaited light come into the world. It is our feast of lights, when candles are blessed and lit in order to announce the coming of Christ into the world. Symbolically we are invited to carry the light of Christ from the church into the world. At this feast you are invited to bring candles to the church which you will use for prayer, times of sickness, special moments in your home, or even at moments of death, and they will be blessed during the celebration. When you light them in your home it will be the light of Christ shining in the midst of your house. Join us for this special celebration on **Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** (mark your calendar now!).

~ Father Tim, CR



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



The Forest Hill Community Churches invite you to a Faith Celebration on **TODAY (Sun. Jan. 21)** at 2pm, at St. George's Anglican Church, 321 Fischer-Hallman Dr. Kitchener. The theme 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. Cash free will offering will go to Nutrition for Learning.

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

CARE FOR OUR HOMEBOUND COLLECTION

Although this year St. Valentine's Day has been replaced by Ash Wednesday, our Children's Liturgy leaders and participants will still be creating cards and collecting small gifts to share with those living in nursing homes in Forest Hill. If you can help by donating small new gifts, such as toiletries for men and women, cosmetics, socks, scarves, puzzles or games, figurines, etc., please bring your items to the church Feb. 10/11. Baskets will be in the main foyer. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with those who may struggle to feel they are still a part of our community.

POST BAZAAR MEETING

On Wed. Jan. 31 at 7:30pm we will have our post-Christmas Bazaar meeting. All convenors and workers are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone with suggestions for how to keep improving this popular parish event. For more info please call Linda at 519-742-0656.

Charitable Donation **TAX RECEIPTS** for those who donated to the parish or to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference in 2017 will be available for pick up next weekend in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions please contact Alice in the parish office. Thank you for your very generous donations this past year, our parish is blessed indeed!

LITTLE BOOKS for Lent can be picked up in the Parish Hall next weekend for those who ordered them.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will have their first meeting for 2018 on Wednesday January 31 at 1pm. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry please feel free to come and see what it is all about.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On **Sunday February 4 at 3pm** we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our confirmandi. Bishop Crosby will preside at Mass and confirm our youth. All are invited to join us and pray that our confirmandi will be guided by the Father, walk always with the Son and be renewed by the grace of the Spirit.

VOCATION CORNER

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations rvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988. www.vocationculture.ca



Join us for our annual **Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras party on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 pm.** Supper

of pancakes, sausages, real maple syrup and sherbet begins at 6pm. Come dressed in Mardi Gras colours!



Bring your own mask or make one here! Live Jazz Music provided by Tim Moher his Mardi Gras Jazz Band! Tickets are \$5 each and will be on sale after Masses January 27/28 and February 3/4 or in the Parish Office during office hours until Feb. 11. Don't miss this fun-filled, family oriented party!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

On Wednesday February 14 the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. We are offering many opportunities to receive ashes that day:

9:00 am – Mass here at the **church**

9:30 am – School Mass at **St. Paul's School**

12:15 pm – Mass here at the **church**

7:00 pm – Mass here at the **church**

The 12:15pm Mass will be approximately half an hour long to allow those on lunch break to attend. Join us for one of these beautiful liturgies as we enter into the Lenten season of reflection, repentance and mercy in preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter.

“We pray to God for the courage to ask forgiveness and to learn how to listen to what he is saying to us.”

~ @Pontifex, January 17, 2018



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!

Seniors Study Session: *Amoris Laetitia*

This 5 week program studies carefully Pope Francis' encyclical, *The Joy of Love*. The course consists of videos and discussions facilitated by David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life. Pope Francis says "...I do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit... will come when each part is read patiently and carefully..." The course will be held at the Chancery Office in Hamilton, Mondays from 1:30-3:30pm, Feb. 5, 12, 26, March 5, 12. Cost is \$35. Contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

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.

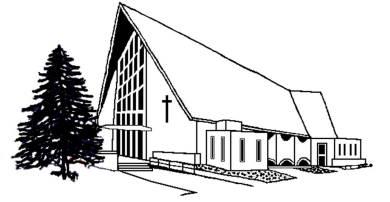
Medically Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia

in Canada: Where are we now? Where are we going? How are we to respond and talk about this since it has become legal in Canada just over a year ago? Feb. 11, 2-4pm at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo come to an interactive workshop which will present the current laws and medical practices, as well as future proposed developments, so that we are able to understand better the issues at stake from a Christian faith perspective. Presenters: Fr. David Perrin, PhD, professor at St. Jerome's University in Christian Ethics and Spirituality, and Dr. Donna Ward, MD, a physician with an expertise in Palliative Care and End of Life medical issues.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2018? You are invited to the Cathedral in Hamilton on June 10 at 1:30pm for a special Mass. Details to follow.

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

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 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."

**"The kingdom of God has come near:
repent and believe the good news!"**

~ Mark 1: 15

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January 21, 2018**

