

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**January 30 – February 4, 2018**

<b>Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Sharon Soeder – Bill & Pat Jeffrey
<b>Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>St. John Bosco, Priest</b>
9:00 am	+Kay Logel – Alice & Bernie Preiditsch
7:00 pm	Intentions of Helen Sweeney – Marj Simon & Family
	+Alfonso Abella – Catholic Women's League
	+Nada & Tony Perko – Matt & Anne Kastelec
	+Marion & Thomas Mansfield – Mark, Laurie & Rob Walters
	+Margaret Druar – Mary Coulson
<b>Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Dora Lamers – Gerry Lamers
<b>Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	- <b>Presentation of the Lord</b> <b>First Friday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Maria Cabral
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>
<b>Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Paul Fisher – Ruthann Fisher & Family
	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family
	+Joseph Tusch – Natalie Dineen & Family
	+Ron Manske – Mary Ann Sellner
	+Dianne Flood – Jerry & Joanne White
	+Deceased Members of the Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Colleen Kavanaugh – the Westman / Voll Family
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass and Sacrament of Confirmation</b> – Presider Bishop Crosby, OMI

**January 28, 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

January 20/21 Collection                      \$4,912.00  
**2018 Collection to Date                      \$17,573.00**

**Looking Ahead to Feb. 4, 2018**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7  
 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23    Mark 1: 29-39

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Jan. 29: **Rev. Kevin D'Souza**  
 Tues. Jan. 30: **Rev. Peter Meyer**  
 Wed. Jan 31: **Fraternity of Poor of Jesus Christ**  
 Thu. Feb. 1: **Rev. James Petrie**  
 Fri. Feb. 2: **Rev. Joe Selvanayagam**  
 Sat. Feb. 3: **Rev. Stephen Gilbert**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH**

<b>Monday</b>	
Bereavement Group (AR)	1:00 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	1:00 pm
CWL Executive Mtg. (ER)	7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Seniors' Luncheon (Home Style Diner)	12 noon
Health & Wellness Cmte (RR)	7:00 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	
Confirmation Rehearsal (C)	10:00 am
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b>	
St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive	at all Masses
<b>Sunday</b>	
Sacrament of Confirmation Mass	3:00 pm

**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 as we enter into Lent a season of reflection, repentance and mercy, leading to the joyous celebration of Easter.

**JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE** The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. To learn more visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca), write a letter (samples available at the entrance of the church next weekend) to your MPP and consider adding your email address to the Conscience Coalitions' network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between February 6 and March 31.

**VOCATION CORNER**

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate? Contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations [rvocations@gmail.com](mailto:rvocations@gmail.com) or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988 or [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com)  
[www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)



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/support-catholic-education](http://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/register-for-school/support-catholic-education)

**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/](http://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**

**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.

## From the Pastors Desk:

The season of Lent will soon be upon us (Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup>). I would like to use this column today to begin our spiritual preparation for this great liturgical season in the life of the church. During the season of Lent we enter into a spiritual journey of “thirsting” for the Lord as we wander in the desert for forty days. To help us to truly “thirst” the waters of baptism are removed from the church during the season of Lent – our baptism font will be dry, as well as the holy water fonts at the doors of the church. The absence of baptismal waters in the church during Lent is to further heighten our thirst for the graces offered us through baptism, and to make the Easter Vigil, when the waters of baptism return to our church, a celebration of the saving waters of Jesus Christ. The absence of baptismal waters is to also cause us to share in thirsting for what so many people in this world thirst for – justice and peace! To thirst for justice and peace is to feel the hunger of the poor, to feel the pain of the tortured, to feel the loneliness of the prisoner, to feel the hopelessness of the homeless, to feel the thirst of those who lack clean drinking water, to feel and embrace their pain. Yes, Lent is a time to thirst for justice, just as we thirst for the waters of baptism. The great former Archbishop of El Salvador, Oscar Romero (who was murdered some thirty plus years ago) once said: *“If we could see that Christ is the needy person, the tortured person, the prisoner, the murderer, the one thrown away with so much indignity on the roads. If we could discover Christ in this rejected one, we would treat this Christ as a medal of gold. We would pick him up with tenderness and kiss him. We would not feel ashamed of him”*. Lent is a call to thirst for justice!

~ Father Tim, CR

Charitable Donation **TAX RECEIPTS** for those who donated to the parish or to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference in 2017 are available for pick up this 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 this weekend for those who ordered them.

### 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.

### 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.



### SENIORS' LUNCHEON

The next Seniors' Lunch will be **Thurs. Feb. 1,** at **Homestyle Diner,** 504 Albert St., Waterloo at 12:00 noon.

We will have our own space near the back of the room. We will have the usual menu which includes many meals for \$15.00 plus tax and tip. You can see their menu at [www.homestylediner.ca](http://www.homestylediner.ca). Please RSVP when you receive a phone invitation or by calling the parish office **by Jan. 29, 2018. Sorry for the short notice.**

## CANDLEMAS

On Fri. Feb. 2 join us to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord with Mass at 7pm. You are invited to bring candles to be blessed during the Mass, so that when you light them at home you will be spreading the light of Christ to the world. Come and recognize Christ, with Simeon and Anna, as the “light to the nations”.



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. 9. Don't miss this fun-filled, family oriented party!

### 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.

## 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!

### 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.

### FOOD DRIVE

Our next Food Drive in support of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be Feb. 3/4. Carts will be at the entrances for your donations. They are particularly in need of peanut butter, hamburger helper and crackers. Thank you for your generosity.

*“There is no better medicine to heal so many wounds than a heart capable of mercy.”*

~ @Pontifex, January 20, 2018



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Healing After Abortion... It is Possible** Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. Project Rachel offers confidential services allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or 1-888-385-3850

**Stress in your marriage? Retrouvaille** is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for, the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, please contact 905-664-5212, [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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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 Uniac, C.R.  
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**Music Ministry:** Mrs. Terriane Moulton  
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1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

**Vocations Information:** [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)  
[www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)



*"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."*



**"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned."**

~ Matthew 4: 16

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY**  
**in ORDINARY TIME**  
**January 28, 2018**