

**MASS INTENTIONS
February 6 - 11, 2018**

Tuesday, 6th	- St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
9:00 am	Intentions of Bev & Steve Lucas – Anne Pritchard
Wednesday, 7th	- Weekday Sacrament of the Sick at Masses
9:00 am	Intentions of Dora & Gerry Lamers – Emilie Totzke
7:00 pm	Intentions of Gisele Galacher – Jan Gillis & Friends
	Intentions of Karen Lyall – Mary Waechter & Family
	+Mary McCarville – the Family
	+Anna Maria Oeser – Marj Simon
	+Oscar Lorentz – Ron & Marcella Eby
Thursday, 8th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Margaret Meyer – Alice Soeder
Friday, 9th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Dora & Gerry Lamers – Anne Pritchard
Saturday, 10th	- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Intentions of Karen Gingerich – Marg Irwin
	Intentions of Eileen & Mary Longo – Cathy Vanzieleghem
	+Anne Marie Galloway – Cathy Vanzieleghem
	+Joan MacDonald – Jim Buschert
	+Jay Brooks – Patricia & Gary Brooks
	+John Barnes – Alvina & Mary Bergamin
Sunday, 11th	- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	+Frank Prudnikowicz – the Prudnikowicz Family
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

February 4, 2018

5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 27/28 Collection \$5,085.00
2018 Collection to Date **\$22,703.00**

Looking Ahead to Feb. 11, 2018

6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46
1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11: 1 Mark 1: 40-45

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 5: **Rev. Jozo Grubisic, OFM**
Tues. Feb. 6: **Rev. Marko Puljic, OFM**
Wed. Feb. 7: **Discalced Carmelite Fathers OCD**
Thu. Feb. 8: **Rev. Jason Kuntz**
Fri. Feb. 9: **Very Rev. John Van Hees**
Sat. Feb. 10: **Rev. Ilija Petkovic**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday	
Bereavement Group (AR)	1:00 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Wednesday	
Team Meeting (Office Closed)	10am - noon
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (RR)	7:30 pm
1 st Eucharist Parent Mtg (H)	7:30 pm
Thursday	
Choir Party (AR)	7:30 pm
Saturday/Sunday	
Care for the Homebound Coll.	at all Masses
Sunday	
1 st Reconciliation Mtg #1 (C)	1:00 pm



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

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

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.

You can feed hungry neighbours in 2018 by participating in House of Friendship's **February Potato Blitz**. Volunteers are needed to collect donations of cash and spuds at area grocery stores on Sat. Feb. 10 from 9am-3pm (2hr shifts). Please sign up by Feb. 5, for more info contact Dawn at 519-742-8327 x119 or specialevents@houseoffriendship.org

Development & Peace Share Lent Campaign Meeting Anyone interested in learning more about this year's Share Lent Campaign is invited to attend a workshop at Resurrection College, 265 Westmount Rd Waterloo on Thurs. Feb. 8, 7pm. This year's theme is "Building peace through dialogue". Join us as we explore how we and those around us can become "artisans of peace". For more info please call Rita at 905-525-1198.

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.

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

From the Pastors Desk:

The season of Lent will begin for us on **Wednesday, February 14th**, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. On this day we mark our foreheads with a cross made of ashes to remind us of the forty day journey we are about to begin. The ashes remind us that there is more to life than meets the eye – that the message of Christ's peace, love, compassion and forgiveness can indeed be a reality in our midst. The ashes remind us that the journey of Lent is a journey that brings us to new life, to a new reality, to the awareness that Christ's message can become a reality if we follow in his footsteps. How can the message become a reality? If we dare to follow what is said as the ashes are placed on our foreheads: *Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the gospel*, the message can indeed be reality. This is our task throughout Lent, to cleanse ourselves of sin, to cleanse our church of sin, to cleanse our world of sin, and to proclaim the truth of the gospel.

On Ash Wednesday, here at Saint Francis Parish, we will have **four** services where ashes will be distributed. First is at our usual morning mass time of **9:00 am**. A school mass, taking place in the St. Paul School gym will be at **9:30 am** (all are welcome). A mass at **12:15 pm** (lasting 30 minutes) for those on their lunch break, and our final mass of the day at **7:00 pm**. Ashes will be distributed at all these masses.

~ 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.



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!

CELEBRATING THE WORD

Our **Tuesday afternoon** Celebrating the Word group will begin meeting again on **February 20** at 1:30pm. We reflect on the Sunday Readings and discuss how they connect with our daily lives using *Celebrating the Word*, a publication written by Resurrectionist Priests, including our pastor Fr. Tim Uniac! Please come and see!

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.

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. Feb.**



15 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

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, write a letter (samples available at the entrance of the church) 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.

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.

LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

St. Francis CWL invites you to join them for a Lenten Journey on Wed. Feb. 21 when we walk with Sandy Milne through the holy land! Parish Mass at 7 p.m., video and comments 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

VOCATION CORNER

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations crvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com www.vocationculture.ca

"A faith that does not trouble us is a troubled faith."

"A faith that does not make us grow is a faith that needs to grow."

~ @Pontifex, February 1, 2018



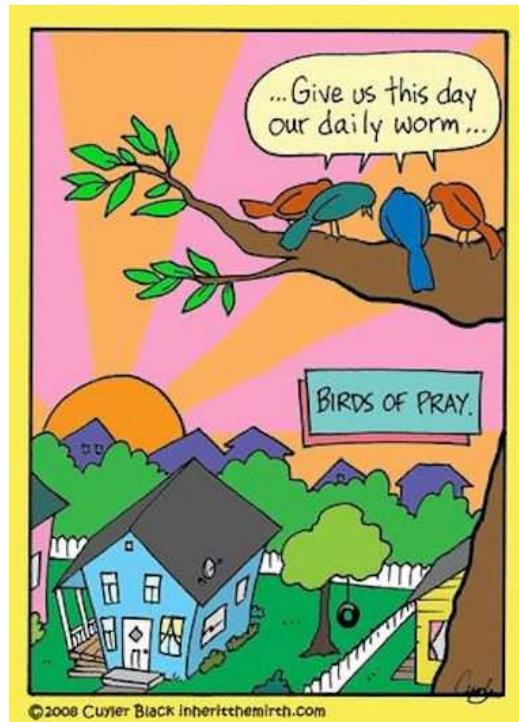
The Beat Goes On! Community Event at St. Mary's General Hospital for Heart Month. Ensuring equitable and seamless cardiac care across Waterloo Wellington. Learn how cardiac services will be expanded at St. Mary's and beyond, get an update on advanced heart rhythm services coming next year, hear why St. Mary's is among top Canadian cardiac centres for patient outcomes. Tues. Feb. 27, 7-8:30pm at Delta Waterloo, free admission and parking, light refreshments, plan to arrive by 6:30pm. Register by calling 519-749-6536 or at www.supportstmarys.ca/heartmonth.

Lenten Retreat: A Time for Renewing our Faith Where is my faith? What am I most grateful for when it comes to faith? How can I dispose myself more to this precious gift? Facilitated by Rev. Toby Collins, CR. Fr. Toby is a professed member of the Congregation of the Resurrection, a community reaching out to people through pastoral-educational ministry and joining in solidarity with people diminished by unjust structures. He is also responsible for the ministry of "Creating a Vocation Culture." and is the Spiritual Animator for the WCDSB. Join us for this enlightening retreat, Sat. March 3, 10 am - 1 pm at St Anne's Parish, Kitchener.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2018? You are invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on June 10 at 1:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Space allows for anniversary couples only, those married 60+ years may bring one guest if they require assistance. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board at the main entrance of our church for information on how to register, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Entrust Yourself To God's Mercy! During lent Blessed Sacrament Parish is offering 33 Days to Merciful Love, a group retreat in preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the Board Room, beginning Thursday March 1. To Register or if you have any questions, contact Yvonne 519-570-9029

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 or visit 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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Pastoral Minister: Miss Ruthann Fisher
rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com
Music Ministry: Mrs. Terriane 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."

"Christ took our infirmities and bore our diseases."
~ Matthew 8:17

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