

**MASS INTENTIONS
March 13 - 18, 2018**

Tuesday, 13th - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Elizabeth Pritchard, Tony & George Papeleo – Anne Pritchard

Wednesday, 14th - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Dora Lamers – Gerry Lamers
7:00 pm Intentions of Colin Westman – Anita Stalzer
Intentions of Fr. Harry Reitzel, CR – Karin Manley
+Mary McCarville – the Family
+Marlene Preiditsch – Anne Darby-Watchorn
+Laura & Kay Logel – Marj Simon

Thursday, 15th - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am +Eric Pedersen – Kay Warner

Friday, 16th - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Iona Lobb – Roland, Rena, Rita & Pat
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** – led by the St. Francis Choir Community

Saturday, 17th - *5th Sunday of Lent*
5:00 pm Intentions of Syl Borutski – Donna Renaud & Michelle Krulicki
Intentions of Rayden Morris – Cathy Vanzielegem
+Josephine Bohnert – the Prudnikowicz Family
+David Gray – the MacDonald Family
+Martin O’Grady – Mark Kirvan
+Betty Germann – Joan Ferraccioli & Family

Sunday, 18th - *5th Sunday of Lent*
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am +Rosemary Voll – the Voll / Westman Family
3:00 pm **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

March 11, 2018

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3/4 Collection \$5,683.22
2018 Collection to Date **\$51,552.41**

Looking Ahead to March 18, 2018

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Hebrews 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-33

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 12: **Rev. Toby Collins, CR**
Tues. Mar. 13: **Rev. Daniel Lobsinger, CR**
Wed. Mar. 14: **Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)**
Thu. Mar. 15: **Rev. Martin Mikulski, SAC**
Fri. Mar. 16: **Rev. Msgr. Edward House**
Sat. Mar. 17: **Rev. William Trusz**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Parents for Community Living (H) 7:00 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

Tuesday
Celebrating the Word (RR) 1:30 pm

Thursday
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday
Parish Office Closes at 12 Noon
Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

Sunday
Adoration & Benediction (C) 3:00 pm

“When you meet other people in the Lord, you can be sure God’s surprises will follow.” @Pontifex, March 4, 2018



Wanted: Retired Teacher to Volunteer
Sr. Ann Marshall, CSJ has been working with a 21-year old refugee to help her complete her secondary education through St. Mary’s CSS here in Kitchener. Sr. Ann is looking for a retired teacher to help the student work through the online course. If you are interested please contact Sr. Ann at 905-528-0138. Thank you for considering this ministry.

VOCATION CORNER

St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be as 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

AROUND TOWN

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11 – 19. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to St. Joseph by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd. R.R.#1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0.

Retrouvaille Do you feel alone in your marriage? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for, the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, please call 905-664-5212, or hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Twilight Retreat hosted by the St. Teresa of Avila, Kitchener CWL on Wed. March 14. The focus will be *A Journey to the Cross: Reflections on our Lord’s Passion*. Led by Fr. David Walter, we begin with the Rosary at 5pm followed by a talk, dinner at 6pm followed by the second talk, concluding with Mass at 8pm. Dinner is \$15, call Pat at 519-885-9593 for tickets.

St. Patrick’s Day Dance Sat. March 17, 7-11pm at St. Joseph’s Church Hall, Kitchener. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, age 19+ event. Light lunch, coffee and tea provided, cash bar and pop for sale. For tickets call the parish at 519-745-9302 or Julie at 519-569-8775. Door prizes, spot dances, toonie drop. Music by DJ Dan Rocha.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo is looking for a full time administrative assistant. For details follow the link on the home page www.ourladyoflourdeswaterloo.com or call 519-886-0342 ext. 3 to have the job description sent to you. Applications will be accepted until March 19, 2018.

St. Louis Parish in Waterloo requires a Custodian / Handy Person: Part Time. Reporting to the Pastor, the position requires a flexible time commitment averaging 9 hours a week. Full details by calling the parish 519-743-4101 or: www.hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities. Interested applicants are to send a resume and cover letter to the parish office by March 19, 2018.

Praying with Imagination On Tues. March 20 all are invited to an afternoon of Visio Divina with The Saint John’s Bible followed by an intuitive collage process. This event will be held at St. Michael’s Parish, Waterloo from 1-4:30pm. To register please contact Anthony in the Liturgy Office, 905-528-7988, ext. 2336.

From the Pastors Desk:

This coming week the greatest and most important feast day in the entire liturgical calendar of the Catholic church will take place – that of St. Patrick, a bishop and missionary to the people of Ireland. A feast day like no other in all the world; a feast day when all Catholics are Irish; a feast day when people of all religious denominations wish they were Irish-Catholic; and a feast day when lovers of beer suggest this feast day should happen more than once a year. Only those of Irish ancestry, such as me, can dare to refer to Patrick as the greatest of saints in the church, (as well as mention an amazing book everyone should read, “How the Irish Saved the World”) everyone else will need to lament the fact they lack Irish blood coursing through their veins and have to be satisfied with wishing they were Irish on this great day. Perhaps I should have begun by mentioning I have kissed the Blarney Stone – by kissing the stone one receives the gift of a true Irish tongue which brings with it an incredible poetic license, the gift of story-telling, and the ability to weave the truth into a story in order to extol the virtues and greatness of the Irish peoples, whether it is 100% truthful or not (everything I say concerning the greatness of the Irish people is true, and some of it actually happened). There are in fact no greater story-tellers in all the world than the Irish, and the amount of Blarney we are able to share is proof positive of the greatness of the Irish. The fact that this feast falls within the season of Lent is of no concern to the Irish, for a glass of Jamieson Whiskey will quickly cause one to forget their Lenten resolutions, however, on the following day all good Irish people will avail themselves of confession. From Irish whiskey, to Irish stew and soda bread, to

Guinness beer, to colour photography and some of the greatest literary figures and artists in the world, the Irish have done it all. Not to mention some inventions whose greatness was never appreciated: the underwater hairdryer, the inflatable dartboard and the waterproof teabag. So wear some green this day and remember to say a prayer of thanks to God for blessing the world with the Irish.



~ Father Tim, CR

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Kitchener Knights of Columbus are facing a challenge, to increase the membership of Council 1504. Being a Knight is not just about camaraderie, it is being involved with the community; it's supporting the Church while growing one's own faith. It's about protecting and enhancing family life. Consider being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others by making a difference. Take advantage of the opportunity to know more about this leading organization of Catholic laymen. This weekend members of the Kitchener Knights are available after Mass to answer questions and accept requests to join this renowned charitable organization.

MONTHLY GAME DAY

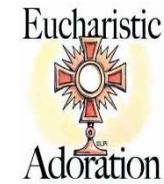
If you are a senior who would like to get out of the house, socialize with others and play a few games, join us on **THURS. March 22** from 2 – 4pm in the Assisi Room. Bring cards, board games, some friends! No cost, snacks provided. For info contact Barbara at 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com



LENT AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Adoration and Benediction

On the Sundays of Lent we will be offering an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, from 3-4pm, ending with Benediction. Please join us and spend some quiet time in reflection with our Lord of Mercy. **Sunday, March 11, 18.**



Stations of the Cross

This Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7pm, in remembrance of that Good Friday when Jesus gave his life out of love for us. Join us as a different parish group leads each evening, **March 16 and 23.**



Share Lent – Together for Peace

As we do each year, we invite you to make the annual Share Lent Campaign a part of your Lenten almsgiving. In the bulletin this weekend is a mini magazine which explains the focus of Development and Peace' campaign this year. Peace comes through dialogue. Peace comes through justice and tolerance. Peace comes from each one of us in our own hearts, in our families, in our communities, our country and our world. When we look around the world and see all the small initiatives which create peace, we know that peace in our world is possible. If you do not have parish envelopes there will be extras in the pews next weekend.



DAYS FOR GIRLS

St. Francis of Assisi CWL members invite women and girls to our next meeting on **Wed. March 21** for a presentation from DAYS FOR GIRLS, a grassroots non-profit organization that is creating a more dignified, humane and sustainable world for girls and women through advocacy, reproductive health awareness, education and sustainable feminine hygiene kits. Some of our Muslim sisters will be attending the meeting as well. It begins at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please join us!

CHILDREN'S FAITH BOOKS

We have had many wonderful donations of children's books for our Parents and Babies corner in the main foyer. Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to only donate books on our faith. These books are not intended simply to keep children entertained during Mass; they provide children with a faith experience they can understand while they attend Mass with their parents. Thank you.

1st EUCHARIST PARENT MTG

All parents of children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time in April are asked to attend a meeting on Tues. March 20 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Tim and Ruthann will explain the program the children will go through and go over important dates.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOD DRIVE

On Holy Thursday we celebrate Mass of the Lord's Supper. Over 2000 years ago Jesus gave his body and blood to nourish us with His mercy and strength. We are called, in turn, to nourish all of His children. You are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food items to Mass on Holy Thursday to share with our neighbours in need. During offertory you will be asked to bring your donations to the altar.

We invite University of Waterloo students, staff, and community to join us at the next UofW **Contemplative Service of Taizé Prayer & Song** on Sun. March 18 at 4:00pm at the Brubacher House on the University Campus. For more information contact Laura Enns, 519-886-3855 or bhouse@uwaterloo.ca. Please go around to the back of the building to the basement entrance

Separated or Divorced? Level 1 (Learning to Cope) and Level 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce/separation. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1) and \$45 (Level 2). Both programs will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20, from 7-9pm at St. Francis of Assis Church, Kitchener (here!). Contact the Family Ministry Office (950-528-7988 x 2249) or the Parish Office (519-745-7301) to register or at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Seniors Study Session: Creation Spirituality This six week course offered by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D.Min will offer participants an opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian vision of Earth Centered Spirituality. The course will draw on Scripture, poetry, ancient prayers and the lives of the saints and prophets. It will be held at the Chancery Office, Hamilton on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost is \$35. Register with Monica at 905-528-7988 x 2238 or mverin@hamiltondiocese.com

Reel Justice – A Justice Film Festival (A Partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library) Join us for a movie and discussion evening in a parish near you! Film: **After the Last River**, St. Paul the Apostle, Burlington on March 20, 7:30pm.

Faith and the Ontario Election Faith communities have traditionally helped form public policies that have shaped our communities. The June 7th election is another opportunity for Ontarians to voice what matters most for our future together. Join us to consider some of the issues, and to discuss how faith groups can mobilize to effect positive change in this election and beyond. Tues. March 20, 7pm at Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Speakers are Robert Fisher (Queen’s Park journalist), responses by Fauzia Mazhar and Rev. Michael Pryse. Followed by Q&A and discussions. Free to attend, for more info Dorinda Kruger Allen, 519-884-0710 ext 3241.

The True Cost a Reel Justice Film brought to you by the St. Agatha Social Justice Cmte and Development and Peace. Fri. March 23, 7-9pm at St. Agatha Parish Hall. This is a story about clothing, about the people who makes it and the impact the industry is having on our world. This groundbreaking documentary takes you from the slums to the runways. Free popcorn!

Fish Fry! The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a Fish Fry on Fri. March 23 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira. Continuous seating 5:30-7pm, take out from 5-5:30pm. Cost is \$16 for adults, children 12 and under \$8, take out is \$16. Advance tickets only, available until March 21, call 519-669-3387. Don’t miss out on this popular annual dinner! Proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Charities.

Mass of Chrism All are welcome to join Bishop Crosby at the annual Diocesan Mass of Chrism on Mon. March 26 at 7pm in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. During this Mass Oil for the Sick and for Catechumens will be blessed and Sacred Chrism will be consecrated.

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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
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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.”

**“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,”**
~ John 3:14



**4th SUNDAY OF LENT
March 11, 2018**