

**MASS INTENTIONS
March 20 - 25, 2018**

Tuesday, 20th - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am +Nicola Trovato – Angela Ianni

Wednesday, 21st - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am +Elizabeth Monigl – Kay Warner
7:00 pm Intentions of Selwyn Fernandes – Rena & Pat
+Bernice Meyer – the Family
+Reg Sellner – Mary Ann Sellner & Family
+Antonio DaCosta – Orlando & Rose DaCosta
+Marion & Tom Mansfield – Laurie Walters

Thursday, 22nd - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am +Daniel Kieffer – Leslie & Paul Fixter

Friday, 23rd - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am +Bill Braun – Ted & Mary Braun
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross – led by the Catholic Women’s League

Saturday, 24th - *Palm Sunday of our Lord’s Passion*
5:00 pm +Reg Sellner – Clark & Margaret Myers
+Dorothy Herzog – Karen & Dave Kowalski & Family
+John Barnes – Cathy Vanzielegem
+Dianne Flood – Elizabeth MacKinnon
+Morris Schnarr – Joan Ferraccioli & Family
+Oscar Lorentz – Gerry & Dora Lamers

Sunday, 25th - *Palm Sunday of our Lord’s Passion*
9:00 am +Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

March 18, 2018

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10/11 Collection \$5,876.85
2018 Collection to Date **\$57,429.26**

**Looking Ahead to March 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY OF LORD’S PASSION**

Mark 11: 1-10
Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians 2: 6-11
Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 19: **Rev. Francesco Cucchi**
Tues. Mar. 20: **Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo**
Wed. Mar. 21: **Legionaries of Christ (LC)**
Thu. Mar. 22: **Rev. David Wilhelm**
Fri. Mar. 23: **Rev. Scott Whitfield**
Sat Mar 24: **Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki DD**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

Tuesday
Celebrating the Word (RR) 1:30 pm
1st Eucharist Parent Mtg (H) 7:00 pm
Levels 1 & 2 (ER & RR) 7:00 pm

Wednesday
Days for Girls Speaker, CWL (H) 7:30pm

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

Friday
Palm Splitting Party (H) 9:30 am
Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

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! Please remember to only donate books on our faith. These books are intended to provide children with a faith experience they can understand while they attend Mass with their parents, not just for entertainment. Thank you.

VOCATION CORNER

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will “lay down their lives for their friends”. If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, 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

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, Waterloo requires a part time Custodian / Handy Person. 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.

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. St. Michael’s, Waterloo, 1-4:30pm. Register with Anthony in the Liturgy Office, 905-528-7988, ext. 2336.

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 are Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20, from 7-9pm here at St. Francis. 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: 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. 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

The National Catholic Mission 2018 The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation with Father Michael Coutts S.J. will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following Networks across Canada: VisionTV: Part 1 Mon. March 26; Part 2 March 27 at 8 pm ET. Salt + Light: Part 1 March 27; Part 2 March 28 at 8 pm ET. The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass. The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com. For more information please call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or by e-mail at info@ncbc.ca.

From the Pastors Desk:

Did you know that the season of Lent has no formal conclusion? Lent is simply over when the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday – there are no ritual prayers or actions to formally bring Lent to its end. Why? Lent is a journey of preparation, preparation to celebrate with minds and hearts renewed the Paschal Mystery. The expectation is that we have now completed all the necessary preparations over the past forty days; there remains nothing else to do but to celebrate the gift of our faith as expressed in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

Our spiritual movement into the Paschal Mystery will begin with the entrance procession on Holy Thursday when we will celebrate our “Passover Meal”. It is this meal that will permeate every ritual action during the Easter Triduum and the fifty days of Easter. Without this meal Good Friday lacks meaning, the Easter Vigil would make no sense, and the Easter season would be empty of meaning. Good Friday will remind us that sin stills remains in the world and we are called to work towards its eradication. The Easter Vigil will touch every one of our senses as we proclaim the greatness of all Christ has done for us, how awesome are the deeds of the Lord. We will then continue our Paschal meal for the next fifty days, when each day we will proclaim our Alleluia, the only word that can come close to expressing how the effects of the Paschal Mystery touches every aspect of our lives and our world.

~ Father Tim, CR



“Living the encounter with Jesus means allowing yourself to be turned inside out by Grace every day.” @Pontifex, March 12, 2018



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

CURSILLO INVITATION

AN INVITATION: To any adult interested in getting to know God in a more personal and intimate way. A three-day **Cursillo Weekend**, which is a short review of Christianity, is designed to help you on your journey. Beginning Thursday evening and ending Sunday evening, through a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and celebration of daily Mass, you will get to take a closer look at yourself, God and others. The next weekends are:

Men's Weekend - Thurs, Apr 12 - 15, 2018.

Women's Weekend - Thurs, Apr 26 - 29, 2018.

To find out more about making a Cursillo Weekend, please contact Ann Staines @ 519-669-9606 or Dan Brown @ 519-570-4105.

www.cursillohamilton.org

www.cursillo-canada.org

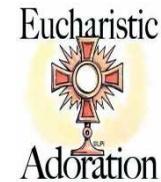
HOLY THURSDAY FOOD DRIVE

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.

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. Final day is **Sunday, March 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, **final day is March 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. This year's theme is Together for Peace. 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. Today is Solidarity Sunday, when we invite you to participate in our Share Lent campaign. Please use the envelopes in your parish envelope boxes, or take home one of the envelopes in your pew and return it next week. Cheques should be made out to St. Francis of Assisi Church. Thank you.



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!

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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Collection for the Benefit of the Holy Land is taken up annually on Good Friday. Once a year we are called to support Christians in the Holy Land, many of whom depend on this collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis these monies help to maintain Christian Holy Places, and support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out for our brothers and sisters living in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

SENIORS' LUNCHEON



The next Seniors' Lunch will be **Thurs. April 5**, at **Omega**, 685 Fischer-Hallman Rd. Kitchener at 12:00 noon. We will have our own space and the lunch menu includes many small portion and inexpensive meals. Please RSVP when you receive a phone invitation or by calling the parish office **by April 3.**

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.

Taizé Ecumenical Worship At the heart of this prayer service are Scripture readings surrounded by silence and music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. Palm Sunday, March 25, 7:30pm at St. Agatha Catholic Church, St. Agatha. (519-747-1212) Hosted by St. Agatha Christian Communities.

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.

Good Friday Fish Fry Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, Fri. March 30 from 11am – 7pm, eat in or take out. No reservations - first come, first served. Haddock with fresh cut fries served with coleslaw. 1 or 2 piece dinner available. Dessert, bar and refreshments also available. Cash only. Call 519-648-2939.

Seeing the Word Session On April 5 you are invited to ignite your spiritual imagination, praying with the Saint John's Bible, using the method of *visio divina* (divine seeing) focusing on the Illumination of the Resurrection as we glory in Christ's resurrection from the dead! 1:30-3:30pm at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. Contact Anthony at 905-528-7988 x2336

Formed in Faith Are you a grandparent or senior looking to know more about your faith and wondering about how best to share it with others? John David Dayler and Dr. Anne Jamieson for Formed in Faith: Practical-Prayerful-Ready for Sharing. This 3 week course will explore strengthening the foundation for sharing our faith. Mondays (April 16, 23, 30) at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener or Tuesdays (April 17, 24, May 1) at St. Ann's, Ancaster, from 1:30-3:30pm. Cost \$25 includes resources. For more info or to register call Monica 905-528-7988 ext 2338

13th Annual Bishop's Banquet in honour of the Bishop Crosby, OMI will be Tues. May 1 at 5:30pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Kitchener. Keynote speaker Bishop Crosby. For tickets and info contact Jody, 519-578-3660 ext 2373.

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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."

"Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; where I am, there will my servant be also."

~ John 12:26

5th SUNDAY OF LENT March 18, 2018

