

MASS INTENTIONS
March 27 – April 1, 2018

Tuesday, 27th - **Tuesday of Holy Week**
 9:00 am +Willard Siegfried – the Madlensky Family

Wednesday, 28th - **Wednesday of Holy Week**
 9:00 am +Ron Pritchard – Anne Pritchard
 7:00 pm Intentions of Dora Lamers – Gerry Lamers
 Intentions of Helen Shantz – Gerry & Dora Lamers
 Intentions of Venette Padden – Gene Furtado
 +Anne Mary Schmalz – the Family
 +Deceased Members of the Kastelec Family – Matt & Anny Kastelec

Thursday, 29th - **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 8:00 pm For Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday, 30th - **Good Friday Passion of the Lord**
 11:00 am Solemn Service
 3:00 pm Solemn Service

Saturday, 31st - **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, 1st - **Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION
 March 17/18 Collection \$4,776.75
2018 Collection to Date \$62,176.01

Looking Ahead to April 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Acts 10: 34a, 37 – 43
 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-9

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 26: **Rev. David Reilander**
 Tues. Mar. 27: **Rev. Tom Moisan**
 Wed. Mar. 28: **Chaplains**
 Thu. Mar. 29: **Holy Thursday**
 Fri. Mar. 30: **Good Friday**
 Sat Mar 31: **Rev. Andrew Quarshie**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

Tuesday
 CWL Executive Mtg (AR) 7:00 pm
 Levels 1 & 2 (ER & RR) 7:00 pm

Wednesday
 Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am - noon
 Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) 1:00pm

Holy Thursday
 St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive 8:00 pm

Good Friday
 Office Closed for Good Friday

"During this Holy Week let us focus our gaze on Jesus and ask for the grace to better understand the mystery of his sacrifice for our sake."

@Pontifex, April 10, 2017



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

AROUND TOWN

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.

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: 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.

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.

St. Clements Parish, St. Clements, will be hosting a **Spring Card Party** in the parish hall on Wed. April 4. Doors open at 6pm, lunch at 6:30. There will be lots of prizes, share the wealth and quilt raffle. Admission is \$10. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the St. Clements Christian Mothers' Society.

Adoration for Life Come let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist and pray for respect for the dignity of all human life. Three locations: **Fri. April 6**, 6-7pm, St. Teresa Kitchener **Sat. April 7**, 11am-12noon, St. Mary Kitchener **Sat. April 28**, 6:15pm, St. John Kitchener, in Spanish and followed by Mass.

From the Pastors Desk:

On Holy Thursday each year the ritual action of "Mandatum" takes place (the washing of feet). Four things of importance regarding Mandatum: one, it is a ritual, solemn, spiritual action; two, it is not a dramatic re-enactment of the gospel; three, no words are said during the ritual; and four, it is intended to remind all of us that we are called to both serve and be served.

The liturgical guidelines for this ritual tell us that because it is only done once a year it ought to be done well, and should include as many of the assembly as possible. Every effort is to be made that those whose feet are washed reflect the diversity of the parish: old, young, male, female, rich, poor, etc. Thus, for this reason you will not see twelve men having their feet washed here at Saint Francis – again it is not to be a re-enactment of the gospel. With this in mind no one will be pre-selected to have their feet washed. At the appropriate time the entire assembly will be invited to have their feet washed (voluntarily) – if one set of feet are washed, or 200, it matters not, for no set number is required. Nor will I be doing all the foot washing. Husbands will be invited to wash their wives feet, and wives their husbands, children their parents and parents their children, grandchildren their grandparents and grandparents their grandchildren, and on and on it goes. The assembly is not to be passive observers of this ritual, no, they are to participate. Some suggest this is an uncomfortable ritual action, why not wash hands instead? My response to that, Pilate washed his hands at the time of Jesus' judgement, we do not, I hope, want to emulate that action.

~ Father Tim, CR



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**.

NYGARD FASHION SHOW

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women's League invites you to join us for an evening of fashions presented by Nygard, on Wed. April 11 at 7:30pm (following the 7pm Parish Mass). Come check out the new spring line for ladies! Freewill donation will go the Working Centre.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY

Join us for an afternoon of fun at the annual Card Party! Wed. April 18, from 1-4pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm, tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the parish office. Proceeds will go to Hospice of Waterloo Region. We are also in need of **door prizes** and **major draw prizes**. If you have anything to donate please bring it to the church by April 12, thank you! This popular annual event is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.



VOCATION CORNER

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations rvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, 905-528-7988 or mking@hamiltondiocese.com.
www.vocationculture.ca

HOLY WEEK at ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8:00 PM

FOOD DRIVE: On Holy Thursday we celebrate the 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 Preparation of the Gifts you will be asked to bring your donations to the altar. We are especially in need of cookies, crackers, pasta, hamburger helper and soup. Thank you for your generosity!



GOOD FRIDAY – PASSION OF THE LORD

11:00 AM & 3:00 PM

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. Please use the envelope in your church envelope box, or one of the extras available at the church. Cheques should be made out to St. Francis of Assisi Church. Thank you.



HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL SACRAMENTS & RECEPTION: This Easter Vigil we will welcome four new young people into our faith community! Three of these new Catholics have gone through our RCIC program and will be Baptized, Confirmed and will receive Holy Communion for the first time. A younger sibling in one family will also be Baptized. It is always a profound blessing for a parish to witness the fullness of these sacraments during our Easter Vigil Mass, and so we thank these young people and their families for allowing us to celebrate with them! As we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection to new life, and the new life our new Catholics will begin in our community, all are invited to join us for a reception in the parish hall following the Easter Vigil. Good food and good drink, good friends and the Good News; Happy Easter!



EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY: Easter Sunday Masses are virtually identical to every other Sunday Mass, however, we recommend arriving early since there will be more people than usual.

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

The Gift You are invited to join with St. Anthony Daniel parish community as we prepare for Pentecost, by taking part in "The Gift", a six week DVD series focusing on the role of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. We will begin Mon. April 9 and continue for 6 consecutive weeks. Please call Marg (519-894-5424) or Patrick (519-748-5548) for more info.

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

Grief Relief Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone. Grief Relief is a six week educational and support series, running Tuesdays, April 10 – May 15 from 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. Facilitated by Karen Hulley, RP. No cost to participate, you are free to attend all sessions or any one or more you can. To register call the Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext 2249 www.hamiltondiocese.com

Please join us **Fri. April 13** for the next **Lecture in Catholic Experience** hosted by St. Jerome's University, entitled "Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues..." Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*, will talk about her longtime involvement with the Ministry Against the Death Penalty, a ministry that believes in the dignity of all people, expresses mercy and justice by standing side by side with death row inmates, and supports victims' families.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend a **Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower** (no meat) to be held Sat. April 14 from 10:45am at the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master will be Rev. Ron Voisin.

St. Joseph Church, Kitchener Craft & Vendor Sale, Sat. April 14, 9:30am – 12:30pm. Hand-made crafts, home business products, and décor! Over 20 vendors! Knit/crochet, jewelry, woodcrafts, sewing, artwork & paper crafts, décor & religious articles, food items and baking, plus reps from Pampered Chef, Epicure, doTerra, Arbonne, Thirty-One, Isagenix, Avon, Stampin' Up and Scentsy. Check our Facebook event or call Cathy at 519-578-0785.

Looking for All Camp Brebeuf Alumni! Visit campbrebeuf.ca and share your Camp Brebeuf story before midnight on April 15 to be entered to win a Broil King Signet 70 BBQ. For more details call 519-856-4671.

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 Uniac, C.R. (tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com)
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."



"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" ~ Mark 11: 9

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
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