

**MASS INTENTIONS  
April 24 - 29, 2018**

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>** - **Easter Weekday**  
9:00 am +Sr. Agnetta & John Furtado – Gene Furtado

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>** - **St. Mark, Evangelist**  
9:00 am Intentions of Kate, Peter & Freya McIntosh – Anne Pritchard  
7:00 pm Intentions of Beth Rowe – Catholic Women’s League  
Intentions of Dora & Gerry Lamers – Helen Shantz  
+Marcella Eby – Helen Shantz  
+Marion & Tom Mansfield – Laurie Walters  
+Marlene Preiditsch – Marj Simon & Family

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>** - **Easter Weekday**  
9:00 am +Domenico Trovato – Angela Ianni

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>** - **Easter Weekday**  
9:00 am +John Bauer – Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>** - **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
5:00 pm +Anne Marie Hyman – the Madlensky Family  
+John Barnes – Sr. Rose Gabriel & Sr. Anne Karges, CSJ  
+Anne Marie Schmalz – the Family  
+Fr. Bill LeFlamme, CR – Ruthann Fisher  
+Susan Borutski – Sylvester Borutski  
+Gerard Stemmler – Betty Corrigan & Family

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>** - **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 am +Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni  
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**AROUND TOWN**

We hope you can join us for the **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Waterloo Region Interfaith Community Breakfast**. Our speaker this year is Dr. Hind A. Al-Abadleh, professor of chemistry at Wilfred Laurier University. She will be speaking on the topic of Caring for our Common Home: Climate Change and Faith. Breakfast begins at 7am, Wed. April 25 in the Ballroom at Bingemans Conference Centre, Kitchener. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$175 for a table of 8. You can get tickets at Erb & Good Funeral Home or online at eventastic.com (search event 23352). For more info contact 519-745-8445 or [ICBreakfastTickets@gmail.com](mailto:ICBreakfastTickets@gmail.com). Sponsors are Interfaith Grand River and the cities of Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge.

**Garage & Rummage Sale** Fri. April 27 from 6-8pm and Sat. April 28 from 8-11:30am at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. Great bargains for everyone! Clothes, books, furniture, appliances, sporting goods.

St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira Catholic Women’s League is holding a **Garage Sale** on Sat. April 28 from 8am to noon. For more info call Carol at 519-669-5392.

**Motorcycle Blessing** All Motorcycle riders are invited for a beginning of the season motorcycles blessing. Weather permitting it will take place Sun. April 28 at 12noon in front of St. Clement Church, St. Clements. Please bring any friends who wish to join us. The blessing will be followed by a ride together.

**An April Afternoon Bridge & Card Party** presented by the St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Women’s League on Wed. April 25. Doors open 11:30am, lunch at 12 noon. Tickets \$15, please contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda at 519-893-2534.

**Water with Blessings** Help is needed for a special project for the Comboni Missionaries 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are making 150 knitted water “socks”. These socks cover a filter that will help purify water. They are about 6” long and have a crocheted drawstring. Yarn and directions will be provided. Please call Lynda Munz at 519-743-2465 for more info.

**NEXT WEEKEND!** On April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> join thousands of Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on **the New Evangelization** which will be webcast from Ottawa. This year Catholics in the Diocese of Hamilton have the opportunity to attend the New Evangelization Summit (NES) as Blessed Sacrament Parish is serving as a host viewing site. This summit will feature several world class Catholic speakers. For more info go to [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) or to register go to the ticket section and select Kitchener, ON as the host Site. The cost for the two day event is \$60 per person and includes snacks and lunch on April 28. For more info please contact Ian at [ianmendes2@gmail.com](mailto:ianmendes2@gmail.com).

**Marian Residence Retirement Home** is having an Open House on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 pm, located in Cambridge at 640 Hillview Rd. Come and bring a friend for a free tour and refreshments. Check out our website at [www.marianresidence.com](http://www.marianresidence.com)

**Sing for Joy!** A concert of music inspired by the illuminations of The Saint John’s Bible takes place on Sun. April 29 at 7pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Music will be performed by the Diocesan Choir, combined choirs of Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph and Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, as well as the Grand Philharmonic Choir. A highlight of the evening will be excerpts from Bernstein’s Chichester Psalms. All are welcome!

**April 22, 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Collection April 14/15 \$2,671.82  
**2018 Collection to Date \$88,861.88**  
**2018 Total Budgeted Collection \$366,600.00**

**Looking Ahead to April 29, 2018**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 9: 26-31  
 1 john 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Apr. 23: **Rev. David Mowat, CR**  
 Tues. Apr. 24: **Rev. Ernest Varosi, CR**  
 Wed. Apr. 25: **Pallottine Fathers (SAC)**  
 Thu. Apr. 26: **+Rev. Bill LaFlamme, CR**  
 Fri. Apr. 27: **Rev. Harry Reitzel, CR**  
 Sat. Apr. 28: **Rev. Peter Pigott, CR**

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH**

**Monday**  
 Movie Night @ Landmark Cinemas 7:00 pm  
 Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

**Tuesday**  
 Levels 1 & 2 (ER & RR) 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
 Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am - noon  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) 1:00 pm  
 CWL Executive Mtg (ER) 7:30 pm

**Thursday**  
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

**Friday**  
 Youth Appr. Bowling @ Victoria Bowl 6:30 pm

**Saturday**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Rehearsal (C) 10:00 am

**Saturday / Sunday**  
 Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist At All Masses

## From the Pastors Desk:

Last week I introduced the focus for today, Good Shepherd Sunday, when we are called to pray for vocations. What does it mean to the community of Saint Francis of Assisi that we are called to share in the responsibility of fostering a vocation culture, a culture where everyone is free to explore how Christ is calling them to live their lives of faith? Well first and foremost, if we all live the Christian life as Christ has called us to do, then we develop a culture where others will see the value and importance of a Christian life. Families, by living a family life of faith, love and reverence, will develop the culture that clearly says family life is of great value and importance to our community of faith. If our community of faith is spiritually active, a community of both communal and individual prayer, then we develop the culture that says our spiritual life aids in our work of answering the vocational call of Christ.

And even in a time when the Catholic church is struggling with issues of abuse (sexual, financial, power, etc) priests are called to live a life that models the value of priesthood, to develop the vocational culture where others may consider it safe to explore priesthood as a vocational option. Let us pray that every member of the Christian community of faith will open their hearts and minds to the vocational call of Christ, whatever that call may be.

~ Father Tim, CR



The **Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist** will be celebrated at all the weekend Masses on April 28/29. Join us to welcome our young people as they join us at the Table of the Lord for the first time.

## YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

All young people involved in ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish are invited to a night of bowling with a pizza party at Victoria Bowl on Friday April 27 from 6:30-9:00pm. Please contact Ruthann in the parish office to register or for more information. Thank you to all our amazing young volunteers for your dedication!

## SENIORS' LUNCHEON

The next Seniors' Lunch will be **Thurs. May 3**, at **The Concordia Club**, 429 Ottawa St. S. Kitchener at 12:00 noon. We will have a special lunch menu. Please RSVP when you receive a phone invitation or by calling the parish office **by April 30**.



## O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

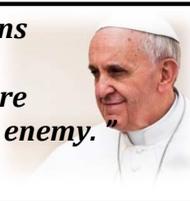
A Nurse's account of patient care in war torn Iraq, presented by Henrietta Hiemstra RN. Come and learn how caring for casualties of war revealed the presence of Jesus. Wed. May 2 at 7:30pm in our Parish Hall. Cost is free, a donation to Samaritan's Purse is welcomed. Bring a friend! Light refreshments provided. Hosted by our Health & Wellness Cmte.



If your child is interested in becoming an **ALTAR SERVER**, and has already received 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, please talk to Ruthann about signing up. Training will begin on Sun. May 27.

*"The Christian vocation means being a brother or sister to everyone, especially if they are poor, and even if they are an enemy."*

@Pontifex, April 18, 2018



## 12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

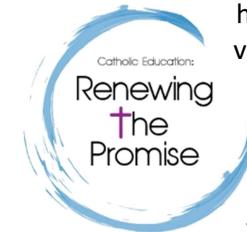
The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join in prayer on May 4 as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. There is a pressing need for all Canadians to have greater access to palliative care which allows individuals who are facing death to not be burdened by pain and suffering, but to receive the support that respects their dignity both physically and spiritually. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Francis CWL in prayer and solidarity on Fri. May 4 from 8am to 7pm, signup sheets are at the church entrances this weekend. We will conclude our day with Mass at 7pm, Fr. Dan Lobsinger presiding, followed by **special guest speaker John Milloy**, in the Hall. For more information please contact Barbara Diemert at 519-744-8955 or [bdiemert@rogers.com](mailto:bdiemert@rogers.com).

## PORNOGRAPHY IS HURTING OUR CHILDREN

**It's Time to Talk** By the age of 18, 90% of young people have viewed pornography on the internet, many on a daily basis. What they see are violent and degrading images; many are becoming addicted. By attending a showing of the documentary titled Over 18, you will learn more about the issue, its impact on our children and how to protect your children, grandchildren, or students from its influence. (See trailer: [www.over18doc.com/](http://www.over18doc.com/)) Take the time to find out more information – for the sake of our children. **Join us on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**, starting with a Marian Prayer Service followed by the movie. The mature content (be assured there are no graphic visuals) means that only those age 18 or over should attend. For more information contact the parish at 519-745-7301.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

begins on Sunday, May 6. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. More information about events at St. Paul's School will be available soon. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of Catholic School students will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is *"Renewing the Promise"* and speaks of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, combining the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. For more info go to [www.ocsta.on.ca](http://www.ocsta.on.ca). ***"For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."*** Acts 2:39



## VOCATION CORNER

Today is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations" when we publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to 'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest' (Mt. 9:30). While appreciating all vocations, the church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries, to consecrated life, to all societies of apostolic life, and to secular institutes. If you feel that God is calling you to one of these church vocations, contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations [rvocations@gmail.com](mailto:rvocations@gmail.com) or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528-7988 [www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)

An **Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering** will be held Tues. May 1 from 1-3:30pm at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo (accessible gymnasium entrance off Willow St.) If you are involved in Prayer Shawl Ministry or would like to learn about it, please come! The event is being hosted by the WK United Mennonite and St. Louis Prayer Shawl Ministries. Rev. Nancy Brubacher, Lead Pastor at First Mennonite Church, Kitchener, will be our guest presenter. Wear your own shawl and bring shawls and resources to share. There will be a free-will offering. To register or for more info contact 519-572-5435 or [prayershawl-gathering2018@gmail.com](mailto:prayershawl-gathering2018@gmail.com).

**Prayer Vigil** Thurs. May 3 from 9 – 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own. Parking across the street in Schneider Park. [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

St. Michael's Parish Youth Group presents **Youth Alpha** at 80 University Ave. W. Waterloo in the Parish Centre. Youth Alpha is a program for grade 7 to 12 designed to engage young people in dialogue, fellowship and spiritual growth. It begins with a hot meal, video talk and small group discussion with a new theme each week. Begins Thurs. May 3 from 6:15-8:15pm, runs every Thursday for 9 weeks. Contact Andrea Laughlin at 519-884-9311 ext 34 or [andrea@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:andrea@stmichaelw.ca). [www.alphacanada.org/try](http://www.alphacanada.org/try).

**Priesthood Ordinations** Please join us Sat. May 5 at 11am for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Grayson Hope, Christopher Tracey and Tim Theriault. Mass will be celebrated at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. All are welcome!

**Seeing the Word Session** On May 3 you are invited to ignite your spiritual imagination, praying with the Saint John's Bible using the method of *visio divina* to prayerfully reflect on Scripture. The session from 1:30-3:30pm will focus on Wisdom Woman. Anyone interested please contact Anthony in the Liturgy Office, 905-528-7988 ext 2336.

**St. Anne's Parish 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration** "Tell the Next Generation" All former parishioners and guests are invited to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of St. Anne's Parish on Sat. May 5. Jubilee Mass at 5pm with Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, former pastors and guest priests. Jubilee Banquet 7pm at Schwaben Club, dinner \$35 per person. For tickets call St. Anne's at 519-745-5302.

**Vegas Night** sponsored by Maryhill Knights of Columbus, Sat. May 5, 8pm at Bridgeport Rod & Gun Club. Evening of chance on a spin of the wheel for grocery hampers, meat spins, cash spins and more. Penny Table. Free Admission.

**KW Right to Life March for Life Bus Trip** Thurs. May 10 sends a bus to Ottawa Parliament Hill for the annual March for Life. Call 519-746-5433 or email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca) to sign up. Cost is \$50 or sponsor a student. This event usually draws over 20,000 participants.

**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 cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun. June 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30pm. See the poster at the main entrance of St. Francis Church for information on how to register or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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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

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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniak, C.R. <a href="mailto:tuniak@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniak@hamiltondiocese.com</a>
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a>
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	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](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."*

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me."*

~ John 10: 14

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 22, 2018**

