

**MASS INTENTIONS
April 10 -15, 2018**

Tuesday, 10th - **Easter Weekday**
9:00 am +Sr. Agnetta & John Furtado – Gene Furtado

Wednesday, 11th - **St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**
9:00 am +Harry Restivo – Alice Soeder
7:00 pm Intentions of Madeleine Haller & Family – Marg Beckner
+Debbie Alamenciak – Madeleine Haller
+Marlene Preiditsch – Alice & Bernie Preiditsch
+René Simard – Victor Thibeault
+Frank Clifford – Gary & Marion Howell

Thursday, 12th - **Easter Weekday**
9:00 am +Marcella Eby – Ron Eby & Family

Friday, 13th - **Easter Weekday**
9:00 am Intentions of Maria Cabral

Saturday, 14th - **3rd Sunday of Easter**
5:00 pm Intentions of Donna Renaud – Michelle Krulicki
+Martin O’Grady – Maureen Kirvan
+Michael Fisher – Mildred Fisher & Family
+Ron Hummel – Marj Simon & Family
+Joseph Spilowey – Rita Spilowey
+Dino Domenico – Rose & Bernard Hanley

Sunday, 15th - **3rd Sunday of Easter**
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am +Albert McDougall – Jenny Burjoski & Family

April 8, 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Collection \$10,706.50
2018 Collection to Date **\$78,758.56**

Looking Ahead to April 15, 2018

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

1 John 2: 1-5a Luke 24: 35-48

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 9: **Rev. Aleksander Mazur, SAC**
Tues. Apr. 10: **Rev. George Stortz**
Wed. Apr. 11: **Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate**
Thu. Apr. 12: **Rev. Rafal Tomon**
Fri. Apr. 13: **Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, CR**
Sat. Apr. 14: **Rev. Raymond Reitzel, CR**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

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

Wednesday
Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am - noon
CWL General Mtg & Fashion Show (H) 7:30pm

Thursday
Health & Wellness Cmte (RR) 7:00 pm
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Sunday
1st Eucharist Mtg #2 (C) 1:00 pm

AROUND TOWN

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

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.

Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love Faith begins in the family: “The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. (CCC#2207)” Family ministry within a parish is essential to help parents and children thrive and grow in their faith, connect to their church community and invigorate parish life. An overview of Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, Amoris Laetitia, will be explored by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office in each deanery. Please consider attending one of these events, all from 7-9pm: April 11 at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, April 19 at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener. For more dates and info go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Formed in Faith: Practical-Prayerful-Ready for Sharing 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 this 3 week course on strengthening the foundation for sharing our faith. Mondays (April 16, 23, 30) at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener, from 1:30-3:30pm. Cost \$25 includes resources. For more info or to register call Monica 905-528-7988 ext 2338

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.

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 **Women's Weekend** is 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

“Love is the only invincible weapon, because it has the power to disarm the forces of evil.”



@Pontifex, April 4, 2018

From the Pastors Desk:

The author Kurt Vonnegut once wrote: "The only proof you need that there is a God is music". Music holds the potential to soothe the soul, to bring a smile to our face, to evoke memories which are joyful, painful, and everything in between, to elevate our heart to great heights, to transform one's life, to make a community one in voice, to take us to new places and new attitudes, to cause us to dance, to bridge the gap between generations and cultures, and with liturgical music, to bring us face to face with the Divine. Music is a powerful force made possible by the gifts bestowed upon us by God – God enriches the world with music. Music is central to all that we do liturgically in our church, it is not just background noise, or filler for what would otherwise be moments of silence. Music is intended to unite us together as we journey closer to our God. Music is a story of faith, it musically tells us the stories of our encounters with our God. A liturgy without music would be only half the story.

How blessed we are here at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish with our music ministry, seen so visibly during our recent Easter Triduum celebrations. The faith stories of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord so beautifully told in song. Our music ministry allowed our faith-hearts to soar, drawing us so powerfully into the arms of God. I could not dream of an Easter Triduum without music! Thank you to all who led us in sung prayer at the Easter Triduum, and continue to do so today.

~ Father Tim, CR



NYGARD FASHION SHOW

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women's League invites you to join us for an evening of fashions presented by Nygaard, 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. When culling your wardrobe this spring please consider donating used clothing to the less fortunate.

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.



WEEKDAY CONFESSIONS

Due to a lack of interest the Tuesday and Wednesday confession times will no longer be available. Fr. Tim will hear confessions in the St. Claire Chapel on Saturdays from 4 – 4:30pm or by appointment.



MONTHLY GAME DAY

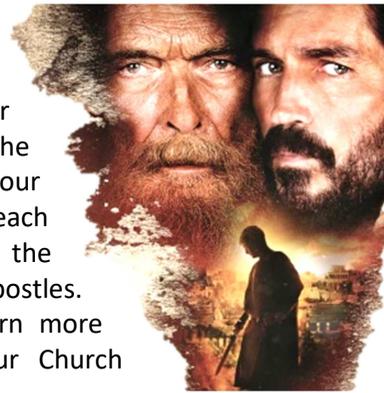
If you are a senior who would like to get out of the house, socialize with others and play a few games, join us on **THURS. April 19** from 2 – 4pm in the Assisi Room. Bring cards, board games, some friends! No cost, snacks provided. For info contact Barbara at 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com

1ST EUCHARIST

Our young people begin catechesis this weekend in preparation for receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep them in prayer, that our God who has hidden His wonders from the wise will reveal them to His children. (Mt 11:25)

MOVIE NIGHT!

You are invited to join us for a private screening of *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, on Monday April 23 at 7pm, at Landmark Cinemas 135 Gateway Park Dr, Kitchener. "Paul, Apostle of Christ" tells the story of the creation of the Acts of the Apostles. St. Luke risks his life to visit St. Paul who is awaiting his execution in prison in Rome. Paul is haunted by his past and worries that all his work has been for nothing. Luke decides that before Paul is killed they must write another book, one about the beginnings of what would become the Church. The movie is rated PG-13 for some violent content, visit www.paulmovie.com for more info and to see the trailer. Tickets for our private screening are on sale after weekend Masses and in the parish office during office hours. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ON APRIL 23.** Cost is \$8.50 per person. Discounts for concessions are detailed on the back of the tickets, please no outside food or drink. During the Easter Season our first reading each Sunday is from the Acts of the Apostles. Join us to learn more about how our Church began.



VOCATION CORNER

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations crvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 www.vocationculture.ca

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS

We have marked a milestone, the 108-year-old Kitchener Knights of Columbus, widely renowned for our community fund-raising events, have reached a pinnacle of charitable giving. Over the past 20 years alone, we've donated close to \$750 thousand dollars to many local organizations, parishes and individuals, a new record in charitable giving. The members of Council 1504 wish to thank you for your continued support. Without the sponsorship from our parishes and their parishioners, our task would indeed be much more arduous. You have helped the Kitchener Knights of Columbus make our parishes and neighborhoods better places today. Again, thank you for patronizing the K of C charitable events and God bless.

THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

On Holy Thursday you brought **664 lbs of food** for our Food Drive. Thank you for all your generous donations which allow our St. Vincent de Paul Conference to serve the needy in our neighbourhood. This parish truly embraces Jesus' call to love one another as He loves us.

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.

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.

An Evening of Light Piano Music performed by Michel Allard at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. Sat. April 14 at 7pm. The hour long programme will include selections from ragtime, Broadway, folk and popular song. All proceeds from a freewill donation will be given to The Working Centre.

Join us as we celebrate the **arrival of the Psalms volume of The Saint John's Bible**. Visit the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives (698 King St. West, Hamilton) to learn about the Bible and engage with this beautiful work of sacred art. The Library will be open **Sunday, April 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and April 17, 18, 19 from 10 am to 4 pm**. Come and enjoy a sneak peek of this stunning volume! All 7 volumes will be on display during the April

29 *Sing for Joy Concert* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. For more info: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>

THREE WEEKS TO GO! On April 27th and 28th 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 site. This summit will feature several world class Catholic speakers. For more info go to 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. Child care services for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 are also being offered on the Saturday however there are limited spots available. If you need additional information please contact Blessed Sacrament Church at (519) 742-5061 or Ian Mendes at ianmendes2@gmail.com. Check out the NES 2018 Promotional Video at https://youtu.be/1_n4760MS9w. **LIMITED SPACE SO REGISTER QUICKLY.**

Comboni Missionaries – Water with Blessings Help is needed for a special project for the Comboni Missionaries 150th 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.

Adoration for Life Come let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist and pray for respect for the dignity of human life. **Sat. April 28**, 6:15pm, St. John Kitchener, in Spanish, followed by Mass.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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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.

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| Pastor: | Fr. Tim Uniak, C.R. tuniak@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."

"You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."
~ John 20: 29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER April 8, 2018

