

**MASS INTENTIONS
September 18 - 23, 2018**

Tuesday, 18th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Barbara Diemert – Eileen Cox, Linda Carmichael, Helen Shantz
 11:00 am Funeral +Ann Hutter

Wednesday, 19th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am +Debbie Alamenciak – Joan Ferraccioli
 7:00 pm +Dora Lamers – Rob & Karen Wintonyk
 +Josie Côté – Joan Schefter
 +Venette Padden – Catholic Women’s League

Thursday, 20th - *Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest & Paul Chông Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs*
 9:00 am +Bernice Koebel – Madeline Haller

Friday, 21st - *St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*
 9:00 pm +Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

Saturday, 22nd - *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 pm Intentions of Barbara Diemert – Cathy Vanzieleghem
 +Edna Munro & Family – Barb & Donna Munro
 +Dave Hanley – Pat & Marianna Hanley
 +David Gray – Pat Gray
 +Jennifer Dosman – Betty Hinsperger & Family
 +Lorne MacDonald – Margaret & Dana Marsh
 +Deceased Members of the Tucker Family

Sunday, 23rd - *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 11:00 am +Jean Litt – St. Francis of Assisi Choir Community

September 16, 2018

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection September 8/9 \$4,921.00
2018 Collection to Date \$204,426.84
2018 Total Budgeted Collection \$366,600.00

Looking Ahead to Sept. 23, 2018

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20
 James 3:16 – 4:3 Mark 9: 30-37

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 17: **Rev. Heinner Paucar, OMI**
 Tues. Sept. 18: **Rev. Henryk Krajewski, CR**
 Wed. Sept. 19: **Congregation of Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians)**
 Thu. Sept. 20: **Rev. Michal Kruszewski, CR**
 Fri. Sept. 21: **Rev. Janusz Roginski, SAC**
 Sat. Sept. 22: **+Rev. Peter Coughlin**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
 Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

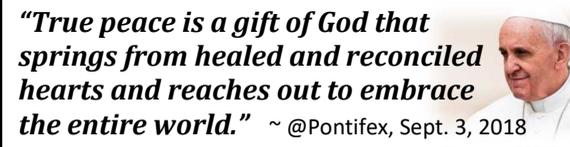
Tuesday
 Confirmation Registration (H) 7:00 pm
 Levels 1 & 2 (ER & RR) 7:00 pm

Thursday
 Garage Sale Setup (H) 6:00 pm
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday
 Garage Sale Setup (H) 6:00 pm

Saturday
 Garage Sale! (H) 8:00 am

Saturday / Sunday
 Ministry Volunteer Opportunities At Masses



**1ST COMMUNION &
CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

If your child is entering Grade 2 in Sept. 2018 and would like to receive the Sacrament of 1st Communion, please come to a registration meeting in the Parish Hall on Tues. Sept. 25 at 7pm. If your child is entering Grade 7 and would like to receive Confirmation, please come to the Parish Hall on Tues. Sept. 18 at 7pm. More information is available on our website under Sacraments. If your child is not entering grade 2 or 7 and you would like information on these sacraments please contact Ruthann in the parish office.

FLOODING IN KERALA, INDIA

The Indian state of Kerala has suffered devastating floods in which hundreds have died and over a million have been displaced. If you are looking for ways to help, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is supporting their partner, Caritas India, who is providing direct assistance on the ground in Kerala. Donations can be made directly to Development and Peace by visiting their website, www.devp.org which contains information about the floods and a link to an online donation page. Donations are also accepted through the mail, and address information can be found on the website.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 26 to November 4, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking, coordinated, international mobilization. We pray that, with God’s help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. To sign up for vigil hours please visit www.40daysforlife.com and click Find a Campaign. You can also contact Ewelina at ewelina@live.ca or 519-589-2919.

LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL

Sun. Sept. 30 from 2-3pm outside Kitchener City Hall. Bring your family and friends and hold a sign along King St. in silent prayer. A memorial service will be held at 2:50pm at the memorial site for babies lost to abortion, with speaker Stephen Woodworth. Table display with beautiful Christmas cards, T-shirts for sale and more.

DIOCESE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Diocese of Hamilton has decided to move forward with a Parish-focused capital campaign after a recent study found support from 83 percent of the respondents. The planning study was conducted from May through June by the Steier Group, a campaign consulting firm, and included more than 900 clergy and lay participants. Under the proposed campaign plan, 75 percent of the funds raised would go to the Parishes for projects of their choosing, 15 percent to diocesan ministries and 10 percent to support Parishes in need. On the diocesan campaign website www.hamiltondiocese.com/campaign, you can find a letter from Bishop Crosby about the study and the campaign, plus a more detailed summary of the planning study results.

AROUND TOWN

Carmel of St. Joseph Luncheon & Card Party will be held at St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener on Wed. Sept. 19 from 12 noon – 4pm. Doors open at 11:30am. Admission is \$15 which includes lunch and door prizes. Only advance tickets will be sold, contact Angie Bateman at 519-569-7493 or anabateman307@gmail.com.

From the Pastor's Desk:

The *Sacrament of the Sick* is one of the seven sacraments of the church, and one of the least understood of all sacraments. The lack of understanding concerning this sacrament is rooted in pre-Vatican II practice. Prior to the Second Vatican Council this sacrament was seen in practice, although not in actual church teaching, as being associated with viaticum, the last rites of the church (viaticum includes: anointing, eucharist and penance). The common practice more often than not was to seek the Sacrament of the Sick while one was on one's deathbed, or while in danger of immediate death. This practice resulted in a misunderstanding of the sacrament's purpose.

The Second Vatican Council sought to introduce reforms concerning the Sacrament of the Sick so as to restore the sacrament to its original and correct purpose. The reforms made clear that the sacrament is not to be confused with viaticum, they are uniquely different. The Sacrament of the Sick is administered to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit – administered to those who we hope will receive healing or the comfort and strength to continue to live in the midst of illness. Viaticum is administered to those where there is a clear certainty that death is immediate – it is “food for the journey” to heaven.

So, the Sacrament of the Sick is not viaticum; it is intended for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; it requires the conscious participation (they are awake and alert) of the one receiving the sacrament; we believe the sacrament can restore one to fullness of health; it should not be delayed until one is on their deathbed; and it can be received countless times throughout one's life. We offer the sacrament here on the first Wednesday of each month at both the 9:00 am and 7:00 pm mass.

~ Father Tim, CR

GARAGE SALE

Our annual Garage Sale is this Saturday, September 22 from 8am to 12 noon. Donations are gratefully accepted Sept. 20 & 21 from 6 - 9pm. Thank you to all who so generously stepped forward to help, but we still need some more volunteers to make the sale happen! **We need you, men, women and youth**, to help setup and price items Thursday and Friday, and to help sell and carry-out during the sale. We especially need people to clean up on Saturday from 12-2pm. Please call Alice in the parish to volunteer for a time slot.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy program started today, Sept. 9, during the 9am Mass. This is a wonderful program which helps our children from age three to eight understand the Gospel message each Sunday. They pray, do activities, make crafts and learn from each other. **If your child would like to participate** in Children's Liturgy please go down to the Assisi Room before or after Mass, or contact the office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you knit or crochet? We would love to have you join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Emmaus Room to share patterns and pray for those who will be receiving shawls. Yarn is provided. Our shawls help people celebrate milestones, comfort them in times of sorrow and wrap the sick in a warm hug of prayers. Come out to our first meeting of the fall on Sept. 26. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Children ages 3 – 6 are invited to join this faith formation activity guided by trained catechists who facilitate the child's relationship with God. Running weekly from September 27th until June, this is a hands-on, discovery-based approach that allows the children time and space to encounter the One who calls each of us by name. Sign up for Thursday morning sessions (9:00 – 11:00 am) or Thursday afternoons (3:45 – 5:30 pm). Note: the initial few weeks will be shorter sessions until the children are used to the format. To register, forms are available at the back of the church, or call the parish office. There is a small fee of \$25.00 for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?

Palliative care is for our loved ones who have life limiting illnesses. It manages physical and mental suffering and can happen in the home, hospices and hospitals. Palliative care supports families and caregivers, and integrates the patient's spiritual and cultural life. But palliative care is so much more than this. Come and learn more from a panel of speakers who have experienced the graces of palliative care: Judy Nairn (Hospice Director), Mary Gatschene RN (Nursing), Dr. Donna Ward (Palliative Care), Marj Goodyear (Volunteer), Brianna Flynn-Schlegel (Family), Fr. Sam Restivo CR (Spiritual Care) & Rob Wintonyk (Funeral Director).

Sun. Oct. 14 from 2-4:30pm in the parish hall.



Palliative Care is Life-Giving

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 4th



St. Francis of Assisi, a man born into a wealthy merchant family, who pursued a glamorous life of military fame and nobility, became one of the most recognizable icons of humility and service for our catholic church.

God called St. Francis to conversion, to live his life in service to the poor and in deep love for Christ. As a symbol of his humility and in solidarity with the poor and marginalized whom St. Francis came to love, he wore the peasant clothing of his time: an undyed, unbleached wool tunic with a simple rope tied around the waist to keep the clothing out of the way for work. On the weekend of Sept. 29/30 we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. **We invite you to wear Franciscan brown to Mass that weekend**, as a reminder to all of us of the important lessons we can learn from St. Francis; lessons of humility, service, love for all God's creation, and unrelenting faith. You can learn more about St. Francis on our website under the Aboutth tab.

Feast Day Weekend: Join us for coffee and treats in the hall after our Feast Day Masses on Sept. 29/30. **WEAR BROWN!**

Blessing of Animals: In the tradition of St. Francis who preached the Good News to all creation, bring your pet to our Peace Garden on Sun. Sept. 30 at 1pm for a special blessing.

Pasta Supper: Bring your family to our parish family meal, catered by Ennio's Pasta House, on Wed. Oct. 3 at 6pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, and will go on sale next weekend after Masses. If you have dietary needs please inform us when you purchase your ticket.



38th World Religions Conference (WRC)

All are invited to attend the WRC today, Sun. Sept. 16 at the Humanities Theatre, University of Waterloo at 1pm. This year's theme is "Experiencing God in today's world", scholars of 9 different faiths and philosophies will share their experiences of God. WRC has enriched our society by promoting peace, understanding and tolerance for 38 years. Come and join us!

The Mass DVD Series Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord. Starting Mon. Sept. 17 at 7:30pm at St. Louis Church Large Hall. Call 519-743-4101 for more info or to register, course is free, optional workbook is \$25.

Are you 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. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), \$45 (Level 2). Both programs offered Tuesday evenings at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener from 7-9pm, for 11 weeks starting Sept. 18. Call 519-745-7301 to register or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com (upcoming events)

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Little St. Therese, Sept. 23 to Oct. 1. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd. RR1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

Hour of Praise, Worship & Thanks After we are all back from our summer holidays and settled in, let us take an opportunity to join our voices together for an hour of singing, praise, worship and thanks to our God for the many blessings He gives to us. Sun. Sept. 23 at 7:30pm at St. Mark's Church, Kitchener. It is a joyous and spiritually uplifting time, followed by a time of fellowship.

Taize Ecumenical Worship At the heart of this prayer service is scripture, surrounded by silence and beautiful music to help you engage in meditative prayer. Sept. 23, 7:30pm at Erb Street Mennonite Church, Waterloo.

Alpha is a 10 week course that explores questions about life, faith and meaning. Have you ever wondered: Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus and why did He have to die? How can I pray? Why and how do I read the bible? Please join us as we explore answers to these questions. Enjoy a weekly home cooked meal, a short talk (DVD) and spend time discussing the topic for that evening. There is no fee for the course however we will pass a basket to help pay for the food. Sessions run Mon. Sept. 24 – Dec. 3 from 6-9pm in the St. Michael's Parish Centre. Registration is necessary, contact Chris at 519-886-7444 or chrismckenzie@hotmail.com.

VOCATION CORNER

"Who do people say that I am?" Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? Contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger 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

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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

Monthly, 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. Terrianne Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell
Seminarian:	Raphael Ma, C.R.

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."

"May I never boast of anything except the Cross of the Lord, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Galatians 6:14



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