

**MASS INTENTIONS
September 25 - 30, 2018**

Tuesday, 25th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Marcella Eby – Ron Eby & Family

Wednesday, 26th - *Srs. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs*
9:00 am +Don Cameron – Madeline Haller
7:00 pm Intentions of Barbara Diemert – Catholic Women’s League
Intentions of Joan Ferraccioli & Family – Marlene Barna
+Larry Collier – Barbara Diemert & Karin Manley
+Ann Hutter – Anne Darby-Watchorn
+Bernice Koebel – Anne Darby-Watchorn

Thursday, 27th - *St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*
9:00 am +Marija Vrljic – her children

Friday, 28th - *Weekday* **School Mass**

9:30 am +Dora Lamers – Marj Simon

Saturday, 29th - *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*
5:00 pm +Mary McCarville – the Family
+Ida Degilio – Alvina & Mary Bergamin
+Mary Lou Yanchus – Alvina & Mary Bergamin
+Cassie Forte – Donna & Michelle Renaud
+Venette Padden – Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem
+Jennie Rodzen – Marilyn Alston

Sunday, 30th - *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*
9:00 am +Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

September 23, 2018

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection September 15/16 \$4,678.50
2018 Collection to Date \$209,105.34
2018 Total Budgeted Collection \$366,600.00

**Looking Ahead to Sept. 30, 2018
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Genesis 1:1 - 2:2
 Ephesians 5: 6-14 Matthew 16: 24-26

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 24: **Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan**
 Tues. Sept. 25: **Rev. Archange Kebe**
 Wed. Sept. 26: **Congregation of the Sisters of
St. Joseph in Canada (CSJ)**
 Thu. Sept. 27: **Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD**
 Fri. Sept. 28: **Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba**
 Sat. Sept. 29: **Rev. Tony O’Dell, OMI**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) 1:00 pm
CWL Executive Mtg (RR) 7:30 pm

Thursday
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Saturday / Sunday
Feast Day Fellowship (H) After Masses

Sunday
Animal Blessing (Peace Garden) 1:00 pm

*Don't forget to
WEAR FRANCISCAN BROWN
for our feast day next weekend!*

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Our Children’s Liturgy program started Sept. 9, and runs weekly 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 26 to November 4, our KW 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 (near Kitchener City Hall), with speaker Stephen Woodworth. We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation.

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.

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)

“Jesus came down on earth so that we could go up to heaven: this is the mystery of the Cross.”
 @Pontifex, Sept. 11, 2018



AROUND TOWN

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Therese, the Little Flower, 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.

From the Pastor's Desk:

On Thursday, September 27th the church's liturgical calendar recognizes the memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul. Vincent was a presbyter (priest), the founder of a religious community, the Vincentians, and the inspiration for the establishment of the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** around the world.

Vincent was born in the village of Pouy, France in 1580; Vincent was one of six children born to peasant farmer parents. Even though poor, Vincent received a good education which opened up all kinds of possibilities for him. Following ordination Vincent was named chaplain to Queen Margaret of Valois, permitting Vincent to freely move among the elite of society, a world unheard of to most peasant farmers. However, his experience of poverty, and the reality of always being in need while growing up, was an experience that Vincent could not erase from his memory. His spiritual journey, his prayer life, was calling Vincent to open his heart to the concerns of others.

Vincent left the court of Queen Margaret and moved to a small country church. Here he organized the parish membership into groups to provide food and clothing to the poor. It is here that the first fruits of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society are found. This approach to parish ministry would soon begin to grow and spread. These humble beginnings would result in the forming of the Vincentians, a religious community dedicated to ministry with the poor; the establishment of homes for orphans, reformed prostitutes, physically handicapped, and the elderly; and the establishment of Saint Vincent de Paul Societies in countless parishes around the world. Vincent believed that the rich of his day had a **need** to share their wealth in the service of others – and his experience in

the court of Queen Margaret allowed him to very boldly call the rich elite of his day to share their wealth.

Our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society follows in the footsteps of Vincent by assisting those in need. They remind us by their generous care for the poor that this is what a Christian community is called to be and do. They remind us of our **need** to share with the poor from the graces we have received from God, so that on our deathbed, like Saint Vincent we too might say: *"I believe, I trust, I am ready."*

~ Father Tim, CR



1ST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

If your child entered 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. More information is available on our website under Sacraments. If your child is not entering grade 2 and you would like information on the sacraments please contact Ruthann in the parish 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 knit, 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, starting just after Thanksgiving 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 About 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 are on sale after Masses. If you have dietary needs please inform us when you purchase your ticket.



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

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations rvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Diocesan Director of Vocations, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 www.vocationculture.ca

Adoration for Life

Sept. 25 after 7pm Spanish Mass, St. John's
Oct. 4, 6pm followed by Mass, St. Agnes
Oct. 5, 6-7pm, St. Teresa's, Kitchener
Oct. 6, 11am-12noon, St. Mary's

Fashion Show Our Lady of Lourdes CWL of Waterloo is hosting a fashion show on Sept. 26, 6:30pm with clothing by Unique Boutique. Tickets \$15, please invite your friends and family. Proceeds will be donated to charities that the CWL sponsors. For more information or tickets please contact the parish office at ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Workshop is being offered on Sat. Sept. 29 at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph from 9:30am to 2:30pm. If you wish to register please call the diocese at 905-528-7988 ext. 2236.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Workshop will be held Tues. Sept. 25 at St. Anne's Church, Kitchener from 7-9pm. To register contact the diocese at 905-528-7988 ext. 2236.

Catechesis Connections Are you a catechist? Do you help pass on the faith to others in your parish, through sacramental prep, at home? Join us as we consider the connection between evangelization and catechesis with the help of a new book by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, "Evangelization & Catechesis: Echoing the Good News Through the Documents of the Church". Wednesday evenings Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7, 14 & 21 from 7-8:30pm at St. Gregory Parish, Cambridge. Cost \$35, includes text. Call Monica to register, 905-528-7988 ext 2238

Stress in your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. For confidential information about the program starting Oct. 12 please call 905-664-5212.

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

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. Terrienne 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."

"God has called us through the good news, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Thessalonians 2: 14

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