

**MASS INTENTIONS
September 11 - 16, 2018**

Tuesday, 11th - **Weekday**
9:00 am +Ellie Alston – Marilyn Alston

Wednesday, 12th - **Weekday**
9:00 am Intentions of Linda Carmichael – Eileen Cox, Barbara Diemert, Helen Shantz
7:00 pm Intentions of Barbara Diemert – Karin Manley
+Jennie Rodzen – Karin Manley
+Don Cameron – Bob & Jean Balahura
+Msgr. Peter Coughlin – Eleanor Buchanan
+Dora Lamers – Betsy Muileboom (Lamers)

Thursday, 13th - **St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
9:00 am +Deceased Members of the Magg Family – the Oei Family

Friday, 14th - **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
9:00 pm Intentions of Maria Cabral

Saturday, 15th - **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 pm Intentions of Mary Bergamin – Alvina Bergamin
+Michael Madlensky Sr. – the Madlensky Family
+Bernice Meyer – the Family
+Mary Margaret Dermody – Maureen Kirvan
+Carol Beckner – Marilyn Alston
+Sr. Cecilia Reitzel, SSND – Marilyn Alston
+Maria Sousa – Jose Lindo

Sunday, 16th - **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am +Debbie Alamenciak – the Westman / Voll Family

September 9, 2018

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection August 25/26 \$4,955.75
Collection September 1/2 \$5,062.90
2018 Collection to Date \$199,505.84
2018 Total Budgeted Collection \$366,600.00

Looking Ahead to Sept. 16, 2018

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 50: 5-9 James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 10: **Rev. Jerry Punnassery, CMI**
Tues. Sept. 11: **Rev. John Massari, cs**
Wed. Sept. 12: **Srs of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul**
Thu. Sept. 13: **Rev. Jose Plascencia, cs**
Fri. Sept. 14: **Rev. Joseph Durkacz**
Sat. Sept. 15: **Rev. Jarek Pachocki, OMI**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:00 pm

Tuesday
Immunization Seminar (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed) 10am-noon
Bazaar & CWL Exec Mtg 7:30 pm

Thursday
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Saturday/Sunday
Name Tag Sunday & Reception At All Masses
School Board Pilgrimage Cross At All Masses

"The love of Christ, welcomed with an open heart, changes us, transforms us, and makes us able to love." @Pontifex, August 31, 2018



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. We 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 Mass next weekend, or contact the parish office.

Hike for Hospice

It is that time of year again: Ruthann Fisher, Cathy Vanzelegem and Aida Barbosa-Haukentrers (members of our parish) are The Determinators, walking to raise funds for Hospice Waterloo Region. Many of the programs they offer are free of charge to people who are in need of palliative care. The walk will take place on Sun. Sept. 23 from 10am to 2pm. Next weekend, September 15/16, you will have the opportunity to sponsor The Determinators team or specific members for their 5K walk. Please help them help Hospice provide palliative care to all who have need of it. Thank you for all your support.

VOCATION CORNER

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? If you feel called to proclaim this Good News as 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@hamiltodiocese.com or 905-528-7988
www.vocationculture.ca

FLOODING IN KERALA, INDIA

As you may be aware, the Indian state of Kerala has suffered devastating floods in which hundreds have died and over a million have been displaced. Many concerned Catholics in the Diocese have enquired as to how they can assist. 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.

AROUND TOWN

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.hamiltodiocese.com (upcoming events)

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:

For many people summer is a time of relaxation, quiet and a significant reduction in responsibilities, a time to recharge one's batteries so to speak. These same people often see the arrival of September as anything but a pleasant experience, it becomes a time of increased stress, exhaustion and an endless list of things to accomplish each day. What is one to do? Certainly we cannot all retire, but I do believe we can continue the summer experience of relaxation and quiet, even if only in small ways, in the midst of busy lives. How so?

It should not surprise anyone when I suggest that prayer affords us the opportunity for relaxation and quiet. St. Teresa of Lisieux defines prayer as "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven; it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Or St. John Damascene says: "prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." Just as summer allows us to recharge our batteries, prayer gives us the same opportunity – in the stillness of the soul we find peace and rest.

I am sure we all see the importance of prayer, but we are not always certain where to turn for the source of our prayer. The Catechism (#2653-2658) tells us that in our hunger for prayer we should turn to the greatest sources of prayer: the word of God (scriptures), the sacraments of the church, and the rich traditions and examples of prayer we find in our ancestors in faith. Each of these three sources holds great spiritual richness for us, a place to begin all prayer.

Then, once we have found a source for prayer we find nourishing, how do we pray? Prayer is fourfold: listen, reflect, wait and respond. Seek to continue the summer experience of relaxation and quiet through daily moments of prayer.

~ Father Tim, CR

BE AWARE & BE PREPARED!



Tues. Sept. 11 the Health and Wellness Cmte invites you to Be Aware and Be Prepared! Come and learn how vaccines protect yourself and others. Speaker Ann Marie Sims, Public Health Nurse, will present on vaccines for influenza, shingles, pneumonia and more. Bring your family and friends. 7pm in the Parish Hall.

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING

If you have ideas for our annual Christmas bazaar or want to help with the bazaar in any way, please come to a meeting on Wed. Sept. 12 at 7:30pm in the Emmaus Room. **We need everyone's brilliant ideas and help** to make this year's bazaar our most joyful celebration yet! Our bazaar will be Sat. Nov. 10th from 9:30-2:00.

NAME TAG SUNDAY & SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE CROSS

On Sept. 15/16 we will welcome the Waterloo Catholic District School Board *People of Faith Pilgrimage Cross*. This cross has been visiting our region's parishes and catholic schools as a symbol of how intertwined our faith journeys are. On Sept. 15/16 we invite you to spend a few moments in prayer following the Masses, in solidarity with all our students. Then join us in the parish hall for a time of community fellowship for Name Tag Sunday.

If you are a **MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY** please fill out the availability survey, (found in the hospitality closet or emailed to you) and return it to the closet by Sept. 16.

You can still order your set of three **LITTLE BOOKS** for \$5 by calling the parish office by Sept. 17.

GARAGE SALE

Our annual Garage Sale is scheduled to take place Sat. Sept. 22 from 8am to 12noon. Donations accepted Sept. 20 & 21 from 6-9pm. Due to unforeseen circumstances our conveners have had to step back this year, and so we need your help to make the garage sale happen! **We need lots of volunteers, men, women and youth**, to help setup and price items Thursday and Friday, and to help sell and carry out during the sale. Please call Alice in the parish to volunteer for a time slot.



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.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

On this National Grandparents Day we thank God for the gift of grandparents in our lives:

Lord Jesus, look with love on grandparents the world over. They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Help us to value our grandparents, may they always encounter love and respect, and may we encounter you, oh Lord, through our grandparents' love. Amen

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.

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.



Christian Life Program Everyone, married, divorced, widowed or single, is invited to come to our Christian Life Program on Monday nights starting Sept. 10 at St. John's Church, Kitchener. Dinner is at 6pm and the inspirational talks start at 7pm. This program will help you grow in your relationship with our Lord. Come live a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, food, fellowship and song. A separate children's program is offered at the same time, same place, for a fun family event. There is no cost, sponsored by KW Couples for Christ. Please contact Len or Marie Solomon at 519-744-5198 with any questions or to register.

Grief Support Group St. Michael's is offering a 6 week grief support program to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster. Sessions will be held Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm, starting Sept. 19. There is no fee but please register by Sept. 11, by contacting the parish office at 519-884-9311.

Seniors Study Session: Creation Spirituality This seven week course offered by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D.Min will offer participants an opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian vision of Earth Centred Spirituality. The course will draw on scripture, poetry, ancient prayers and the lives of the saints and prophets. Held at St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener on Tuesdays from 1-3pm, starting Sept. 11. Cost is \$35 including text. To register please contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext 2238, or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com

Bible Study: Matthew The King and His Kingdom is a detailed study of the Gospel of Matthew. The second half of the study starts

on Sept. 12 and runs to Dec. 12 with a two week break between the six week sessions. If you missed the first half we encourage you to attend the second half as there is always something new to learn. St. Anne's Church, Kitchener, Wednesday evenings from 7-9:30 pm. Register by contacting the parish office 519-745-5302.

St. Joseph's CWL Fall Harvest Peach Tea
All are invited to attend our fall fundraiser on Sat. Sept. 15 from 1-3pm at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Kitchener. We will be serving a homemade fall peach delight dessert with a beverage. Save your spare change as there will be a penny table, large item raffles, baked goods and fancy cake table, and much more! Although admission is free donations will be gratefully accepted. Contact the church for more information 519-7445-9302.

38th World Religions Conference (WRC)
All are invited to attend the WRC being held on 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. Supported by contributions from many faith communities and organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, 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.

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Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 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."

"Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people."
Matthew 4: 23

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