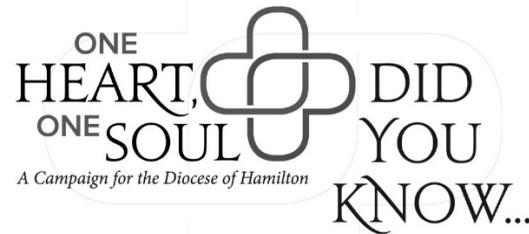


**MASS INTENTIONS
December 4 - 9, 2018**

Tuesday, 4th	- Advent Weekday 9:00 am +Debbie Alamenciak – Karin Manley
Wednesday, 5th	- Advent Weekday Sacrament of the Sick at both Masses 9:00 pm +Marica Babic – Karl & Judy Svab 6:00 pm Intentions of Raphael Ma, CR – Anne Darby-Watchorn Intentions of Alice Preiditsch – Anne Pritchard Intentions of Ann-Marie & Joe Filbey & Family – Marlene Barna +Jozsef Olah – Louis, Mary & Loretta Fulep +Bernice Koebel – Catholic Women’s League
Thursday, 6th	- Advent Weekday 9:00 am Intentions of Sr. Rose Gabriel, CSJ – Theresa Smith
Friday, 7th	- St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church First Friday 9:00 am +Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren 9:30 am Adoration & Benediction
Saturday, 8th	- 2nd Sunday of Advent 5:00 pm Intentions of Patti Kingson – Rita In Thanksgiving – Julie Wilkins +Bernice Meyer – the Family +Lorne MacDonald – Margaret & Dana Marsh +Venette Padden – Ruthann Fisher +Chris Oei – Margaret Boshart +Greg Armstrong – Walt & Gerry Runstedler
Sunday, 9th	- 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 am +Graham Schade – Stan Prudnikowicz 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

Who will actually conduct the campaign at each Parish?

The Diocese, with the help of the Steier Group, will manage the overall campaign effort, including the preparation of materials. At each Parish, the Pastor will identify campaign leaders who will work with the Steier Group. Those Parish leaders will help recruit other volunteers to form a campaign team that will conduct the personal visits and other elements that are the key to the success of the campaign.

How much help with the campaign can our Parish expect to get from the Diocese and the consulting firm?

The Diocese will pay the financial costs of the campaign. Parishes will not be responsible for any campaign expenses such as postage, printing or diocesan events held at the parish. If a Parish hosts an event to promote the campaign to its parishioners, the Parish will bear those costs. In addition, several Steier Group campaign managers will guide the Parishes through the campaign process. Each Parish will be assigned to one of four “waves.”

The Parish will be responsible for forming a team of volunteers that implements the necessary elements of the process.

How long will this take?

On a diocesan level, the entire campaign will run through early 2021. On a Parish level, there will be four campaign “waves.” A Parish’s particular wave will run for six to seven months. That includes preparation, solicitation and follow-up phases. The active solicitation period will last three to four months.

What happens if our Parish doesn’t hit its financial goal?

A clergy committee will implement policies that all parishes will follow on such questions. There will be incentives for Parishes to reach their goals. Parishes not reaching their goals face the prospect of not being able to complete needed projects.

ADVENT EMAILS FOR CHILDREN IN JUNIOR GRADES

Children in grades 4-6 are invited to join an Advent "Name-a-day" email group. Each day of Advent you will receive an email with a picture that represents a name for Jesus found in scripture. These many names of Jesus help us understand who he is and why God became human like us. You can spend the day trying to figure out what name the picture represents. The answer, with a scripture reference telling you where to find that name in the Bible, will be sent the following morning, along with a new picture to puzzle out. If you would like to receive these emails throughout Advent, please have a parent or guardian send Paula Rush an email at paulacatechist@gmail.com before Sunday, December 2, the first Sunday of Advent!

December 2, 2018

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collection November 24/25	\$4,555.50
2018 Collection to Date	\$264,969.23
2018 Total Budgeted Collection	\$366,600.00

Looking Ahead to Dec. 8, 2018

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baruch 5: 1-9
Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11 Luke 3: 1-6

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 3: Rev. Octavio Cidado
Tues. Dec. 4: Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Wed Dec. 5: Discalced Carmelite Sisters (OCD)
Thu. Dec. 6: Rev. Peter Raymond
Fri. Dec. 7: Rev. George Nowak, CR
Sat. Dec. 8: Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, CR

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday	
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR)	7:30 pm
Wednesday	
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10am-noon
Christmas Supper (H)	6:30 pm
Thursday	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	9:00 am
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
Friday	
Adoration & Benediction (C)	9:30 am
Saturday	
Special Confession Times	10 am – noon
Sunday	
Confirmation Mtg #3 (H)	12:30 pm

From the Pastor's Desk:

Over the past number of weeks our bulletin has included information concerning the Hamilton Diocese "One Heart, One Soul" campaign. A fund-raising campaign seeking to raise 35 million dollars, of which 75% will go directly to parishes, an additional 10% to those parishes most in financial need, and 15% towards what we call "shared ministries" (school campus ministry, hospital ministry, prison ministry and migrant workers ministry).

Each parish in the diocese is expected to participate in this campaign, and as mentioned above, 75% of what each parish raises will remain in the parish for its use. The amount each parish is expected to raise is based upon the total income for 2017. In our case here at Saint Francis the amount we are being asked to raise is \$373,985.61.

How will these funds be raised? Each household of the parish will be **invited** to make a financial pledge towards this campaign over and above their regular giving to the parish (the diocese is fully aware that not everyone will be able to contribute financially towards the campaign, or if they participate it could be in a limited way). The pledges will be paid over a three year period. Not all the parishes will begin the campaign at the same time, they will begin in waves. I have requested that our parish enter the campaign in the wave beginning in the Fall of 2020. (This is not yet confirmed).

Between now and then we are being asked to begin a needs assessment of the parish, in other words, what does our parish need and how will we use the monies raised to meet those needs. Early in the new year we will call a general meeting of the parish to begin our

parish assessment. To help you prepare for this parish meeting our assessment will look at seven areas. Do we need to enhance current ministries or develop new ministries? Do we need to increase the paid staff in order to meet ministerial needs? Do we need to see to any maintenance, repairs, or up-dating of the church/rectory? Any new construction necessary? Do we need to purchase any equipment or upgrade our current technology? Do we need to reduce or eliminate any debt? Do we need to build a reserve fund, or endowment fund for future needs? You will receive lots of notice once the date for this parish meeting is set.

~ Father Tim, CR



CHURCH ENVELOPES 2019

Church envelopes for 2019 are available for pickup now in the parish hall. If you use **Direct Deposit** please note you still have a small box of special envelopes to pick up. If you wish to sign up for Direct Deposit please call Alice in the parish office for details. Direct Deposit helps us be good stewards of creation by decreasing the amount of envelopes used.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

During this Advent period of spiritual preparation we are providing more opportunities to receive Reconciliation. Fr. Tim will be available to hear confessions on:

- Sat. Dec. 8 from 10am – 12 noon
- Sat. Dec. 15 from 1pm – 3pm
- Sat. Dec. 22 from 2pm – 4pm

(Regular confession times of 4-4:30pm are cancelled these days.) If you wish to attend a Penance Service there are many in the area, please see the insert from last week or our website for a listing of services.

ADVENT CHARITIES COLLECTION

Every year we invite you to make a donation as part of your Advent preparation. This year all monies donated to our Advent Charities Collection will go the Hospice of Waterloo Region, who provide "Whole Person care focused on supporting and improving the quality of life for persons who are living with or dying from advanced illness and for those who are bereaved by the loss of a loved one." Hospice Waterloo Region is also building a new facility in North Waterloo to continue their mission, so the extra donation they will receive from our collection will be greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in your boxes (or mark any envelope Advent Charities) and make cheques payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Thank you!

BAMBINI JESU

For the past several years, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the Bambini Jesu reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. **All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines** from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 16 to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing please take your Bambini Jesu home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day - as you lay Jesus in the manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to donate towards our Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your box. We will pray collectively for our deceased loved ones at all the Christmas Masses.

SONGS OF ADVENT & THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Join us for an evening of traditional and contemporary seasonal music on Fri. Dec. 14 at 7pm in the church. Led by John B. Miller and Friends, a group of professional musicians featuring Andrea Weber Steckly, Steve Martin, Donna McLellan and Joe Orlando. This will be a fun and prayerful event, a great break from the bustle of Christmas preparations. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas season approaches and the day get darker, we invite you to join us for an ecumenical service on Fri. Dec. 21, the longest night of the year. This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer in solidarity with one another. The service will begin at 7pm and a time of fellowship will follow in the hall. No one should be alone at this time of year, so please come and spend some time with us. Everyone is welcome.



"Faced with the tragedies of life, we are called to look to the horizon, because we have been redeemed and the Lord will come to save us."

~ @Pontifex, November 29, 2018



LET'S TALK...

IN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN about their dreams for the future, have you raised the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes picked up in childhood begin to influence how a child conducts himself/herself in life. A vocation or a talent grows to fruition when it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent. If you want to learn more about church ministry, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations, at vocationculture@gmail.com.

www.vocationculture.ca

AROUND TOWN

Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 16 – 25. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? Send your prayer intention with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd. R.R.#1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

Prayer Vigil Thurs. Dec. 6 from 9:00 to 10:00 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 road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

The St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Dinner is on Fri. Dec. 7 at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira, at 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387. Adults \$20.00; Children 6-12 years \$10.00 and Children 5 & under are free. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity

to purchase tickets on a 50/50 draw and gift baskets! Last chance to purchase tickets is Mon. Dec. 3. All are welcome!

Lecture in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University Please join us on Fri. Dec. 7, 7:30pm for the next lecture, entitled, "Beyond the Altar: Canadian Women Religious Confront Patriarchal Power in the Roman Catholic Church" Christine Gervais, associate professor of sociology at the University of Ottawa, will introduce us to resourceful, strategic and resilient women religious across Canada who overcome sexism through transformative, and sometimes subversive, strategies because they want to effect change both within and outside the Roman Catholic church. Vanstone Lecture Hall, doors open 6:45pm, please register at www.sju.ca/lce.

40th Annual Advent Novena Nine daily Masses at 6:30am, St. Agnes Church, Waterloo Fri. Dec. 7 – Sat. Dec. 15. Breakfast in the parish centre following Mass on Dec. 15, free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Coffee and fellowship follow each Mass, bring a friend! Lots of time to get to work afterwards.

THE BIGGEST CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY EVER, #3!!! If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, and single, couple or married, this will be the place to BE to meet other Young Adult Catholics. Sat. Dec. 15, 5:00 Mass; 6:00 Cocktail Social; 6:45 – Catered 3-course Dinner. Followed by Live Entertainment, Activities, DJ Dance, Cash Bar, and so much more! Asking a suggested \$25 per person. Menu is still being finalized but it will be surf n'turf! St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Waterdown. Please RSVP before Dec. 12. Contact: Justin Peter at 905 689 4857 ext. 8 or jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com. Please include dietary requirements

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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:	Rev. Mr. 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."



**1st SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

December 2, 2018



"Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation." Psalm 85: 7