

MASS INTENTIONS
December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Monday, 31st - *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*
 5:00 pm Intentions of our Mothers, Living and Deceased
Tuesday, 1st - *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*
 10:00 am Intentions of our Mothers, Living and Deceased

NO WEEKDAY MASSES JANUARY 2 - 4

Wednesday, 2nd Funeral for +Heinz Bechtloff at 11:00 am
Saturday, 5th - *Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*
 5:00 pm Intentions of the Bechtloff Family – Bob & Bev Shanahan
 Intentions of Maria Ferreira and Family
 +Dorothy Herzog – Shirley & Charles Daub & Family
 +Jack Soares – Maria de Lurdes Soares
 +Don Cameron – Mike & Marg George
 +Teresa Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family
Sunday, 6th - *Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*
 9:00 am +Larry Collier – Marilyn Alston
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

December 30, 2018

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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| Collection December 15/16 | \$6,527.70 |
| Collection December 22/23 | \$7,725.26 |
| Christmas Collection | \$13,632.00 |
| 2018 Collection to Date | \$305,511.84 |
| 2018 Total Budgeted Collection | \$366,600.00 |

Looking Ahead to Jan. 6, 2019
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60: 1-6
 Ephesians 3: 2 – 3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 31: **Rev. Peter Meyer**
 Tues. Jan. 1: **Rev. Jim Petrie**
 Wed Jan. 2: **Holy Cross Fathers (CSC)**
 Thu. Jan. 3: **Rev. Kevin Cull**
 Fri. Jan. 4: **Rev. Stephen Gilbert**
 Sat. Jan. 5: **Rev. Marko Puljic, OFM**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
 Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm
Wednesday
 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (RR) 7:30 pm

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Christmas decorations in memory of loved ones who have died. A list of those in whose memory flowers were donated can be found on our website on the Bulletin page. In addition, donations were made in memory of: Francis Blake, Daniel Burjoski, Mike & Maureen Crolla, Marie & Jack Daley, Taya Marie Flores, Betty & Bart Klaver, Mary & Scotty Lorentz, Albert McDougall, Patricia Newbrough, Lisa Quinn, deceased members of the Hammond, Quinn & Turcotte families, and the friends and family of Gracinda & Joao Branco and Leonard & Marcella Reist.

NEW YEARS MASS TIMES
& OFFICE HOURS

**FEAST OF MARY,
 MOTHER OF GOD**

New Year's Eve
 Monday, December 31st
 5:00 pm

New Year's Day
 Tuesday, January 1st
 10:00 am



*There will be **NO Weekday Masses**
 Jan. 2 - 4*

*Parish Office will be closed
 Dec. 31 at noon and re-open with
 regular hours on Jan. 3*



Mark your calendars for our next **SENIORS' LUNCH, Thursday January 10, 12 noon, at the Concordia Club.** We will have a special menu with choices ranging from \$15.50 – 17.50, including coffee/tea and dessert. Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office at 519-745-7301 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

Please join us for our monthly lunches at local restaurants, get to know other parishioners and enjoy some fabulous food!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING



We are blessed to have very generous parishioners here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and we'd like to thank you for your support. We would also like to

remind you that we have a Pre-Authorized Giving Program, where you can sign up to have weekly or monthly donations automatically withdrawn from your bank account and given to St. Francis Parish. You set the amount you want to give, and you can change it whenever you need to. The program is easy to sign up for and has many benefits for you, the parish and the environment:

- you don't have to remember a cheque or scramble to find cash every weekend
- when you cannot be with us in person your automatic donation still helps support the parish needs
- you save paper by getting a smaller box of special occasion envelopes instead of the regular box
- you save our volunteers and parish staff time since processing automatic giving is much faster and easier

If you want to learn more about Pre-Authorized Giving please contact Alice in the parish office.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2019

are available for pickup in the parish hall. If you use **Pre-Authorized Giving** please note you still have a small box of special envelopes to pick up.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Thank you from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference for your generous donations to our Christmas Food Drive. You brought in 438 lbs of food to share with those in need at Christmas!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



runs January 18 – 25, culminating on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. We will celebrate with our ecumenical brothers and sisters in the Churches of Forest Hill with a pulpit exchange on the weekend of Jan. 19/20, where we will have a guest speaker at both the 9am and 11am Masses. Forest Hill United Church is also organizing a music and prayer service for Sun. Jan. 20 at 2pm, which will be held here at St. Francis Parish. Mark your calendars now and don't miss this annual event! We gain so much strength and peace when we pray together, come and join us.

AROUND TOWN

Prayer Vigil on Thurs. Jan. 3 from 9-10 am in front of Freeport Hospital for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own. Parking is across the street in Schneider Park. Any queries please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills Come and learn more! "Keys to Loving Relationships" is a 10 week video-based program that all people (married, dating or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! Program is offered in Kitchener at St. Mark's Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm, Jan. 22 – March 19, 2019. Cost is \$45. For more information or to register please call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext 2249 or visit www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

Theology on Tap will be hosting our 3rd event of the season on Tues. Jan. 15, from 7-9pm at the Albion Hotel in Guelph. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living Life in a Throw Away Culture". Free finger food will be provided. A special invite goes out to all young adults between the ages of 19 and 40. For more information please visit us on facebook "Theology on Tap Guelph" or email theologyontapguelph@gmail.com.

Seeking the Sacred: The Soul's Slow Ripening A Senior Adult Workshop Series taking place 7 Tuesday afternoons, starting Jan. 29, from 1:30-3:30pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. This series will explore twelve unique Celtic-Christian spiritual practices. These 12 practices are intended to give practical ways for us to deepen our relationship with God and all of creation. The course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND. Cost is \$35 which includes the text. Please register by Jan. 25. For more information please call 905-528-7988 ext 2238 or check the website: www.hamiltondiocese.com

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, 2019 call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca. Visit www.retrouvaille.org.

"Looking at Jesus we see the face of the God who is love, and we learn to recognize Him in the faces of our brothers and sisters."

~ @Pontifex, December 27, 2018



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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.

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| 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."



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY December 30, 2018

"Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son." Acts 16: 14