

**MASS INTENTIONS
January 8 - 13, 2019**

Tuesday, 15th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Joao Pedro Branco – Gracinda Branco

Wednesday, 16th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Pat Newbrough – Elaine & Anna
7:00 pm Intentions of Ike Collantes – Alison Collantes
+Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margaret & Dana Marsh
+Monica Buckle – Dorothy MacDonald
+Rose Marie Overland – Bernie & Alice Preiditsch
+Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

Thursday, 17th - *St. Anthony, Abbot*
9:00 am +Marcella Eby – Ron Eby & Family

Friday, 18th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Joao Branco – Gracinda Branco

Saturday, 19th - *The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 pm Intentions of Joao & Rosalina Pereira – Maria Cabral
+Joe Stegne – Marie Stegne
+James Valampampil – the Valampampil Family
+Don Cameron – Max & Jane Rausch & Family
+Ann Hutter – Ruthann Fisher
+Dora Lamers – Mary Anderson
+Ralph Strauss – Cathy Vanzielegem

Sunday, 20th - *The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am +Doreen Hehn – the Family
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

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Collection Jan. 1, 2019 \$2,755.46
Collection Jan. 5/6 \$4,386.00
2019 Total Collection \$7,141.46

Looking Ahead to Jan. 20, 2019

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 John 2: 1-12

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 14: **Rev. Todd Arsenault, LC**
Tues. Jan. 15: **Rev. Pierre Caouette, LC**
Wed Jan. 16: **Consecrated Men & Women**
Thu. Jan. 17: **Rev. Thomas Flynn, LC**
Fri. Jan. 18: **Very Rev. John Van Hees**
Sat. Jan. 19: **Very Rev. Con O'Mahony**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Parents for Community Living (H) 7:00 pm
Celebrating the Word Potluck (RR) 7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

Thursday
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 9:00 am
Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 4:30 pm
Parish Picnic Mtg (ER) 7:00 pm
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Sunday
Pulpit Exchange At Masses
Ecumenical Prayer Service (C) 2:00 pm

AROUND TOWN

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.

Faith Enrichment at St. Louis Church:

Mondays, 7:30 - 9 pm – Frances Hogan's Gospel of Luke, starting on Jan. 14th. Join us for a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel which we hear on Sundays during 2019. No cost. Bring your Bible.

Thursdays, 1 - 2:30 pm – *Lectio: Mark: Faith not Fear* series led by Dr. Tim Gray, starting on Jan. 17th. Do you follow Jesus 'on the way'? Is the Gospel of Mark only a "condensed" version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful fourteen-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. No cost for the course. Workbook \$25.

Both studies will be held in the Large Hall of St. Louis Church, Waterloo. Enter via side elevator. For more info call 519-743-4101.

KW Right to Life Candle-Light Prayer Vigil

will be Mon. Jan. 28 at 6pm for one hour in front of Kitchener City Hall. Refreshments to follow at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Church with speaker Stephen Woodworth. On Jan. 28, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all legal abortion restrictions. Call 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net for more information.

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

Ecumenical Prayer Services with Taizé Songs

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates one's being to the heart... After 20+ years of co-facilitating these ecumenical prayer services in Waterloo Region and beyond; months of prayer and seeking God's direction, we are preparing to pass the opportunity to others to continue offering similar ecumenical prayer services, to build bridges and break down walls among Christians and act as a leaven of reconciliation with all peoples. We are planning with host Churches until the end of May and trust that other leadership will come forward. Please contact us for more information if need be or to share ideas or suggestions. Thank you. ~Gerry and Pat Co-facilitators, pagrundy16@yahoo.com

"Love does not tolerate indifference; love is compassionate. Love means putting your heart on the line for others."



~ @Pontifex, January 8, 2019

AN UPDATE FROM CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD...

We have been very busy in the atrium this autumn. We have become familiar with the basic altar materials: altar cloth, chalice, paten, crucifix, and candles. We have visited the Tabernacle in the church and noticed the red sanctuary lamp that is a sign that the bread that is holy is in the ciborium in the Tabernacle. We have made our selves small (genuflection) before the presence of Christ in the Tabernacle.

In Advent, we introduced two messianic prophecies: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light," (Isaiah 9:2) and "Behold, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14). We reflected on the Annunciation and the Birth of Christ. We found the land of Israel on the globe, and worked with a Topographical Map that shows the three important cities: Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. It was a busy, joyful time!

The children have also been "pouring beans". You may wonder what on earth this has to do with Jesus! Pouring exercises are a preparatory work. The child practices dry pouring—spills are easily picked up—until comfortable. Then the child is shown "wet pouring": pouring coloured water from one container to another through a funnel. Later a more difficult pouring work will be introduced. The goal of these exercises is 1) to help the child move in a controlled and focused way and 2) to prepare the child for theological presentations. Later in the year the child will be shown the preparation of the chalice: s/he will pour wine into a wine glass and add just a single drop of water. The child will reflect on why it is prepared this way. (This is one of my favourite presentations—children and adults of all ages find this meditation deep and powerful.)

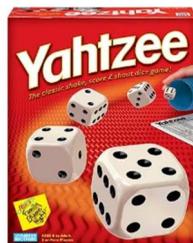


It has been a blessed autumn in the atrium, and we thank everyone who helped furnish our sacred space, and all those families who are participating. Together we will continue to grow in our relationship with God.

CATECHIST TRAINING

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Francis needs more catechists! We invite you to consider training to be a catechist so we can keep this initiative going in our parish. A training program will be offered here at St. Francis this winter-spring over five weekends. Please see our website for all the details. Come, re-discover the joy of relationship with the one who calls you by name, and learn how to accompany 3-6 year old children on the path to the holy while deepening your own faith. Parishioners of St. Francis, we need you!

MONTHLY GAME DAY



On the third Thursday of each month we get together and play silly games! Join us on **THURS. Jan. 17** from 2 – 4pm in the Parish Hall. Bring cards, board games, some friends! No cost, snacks provided. For more info contact Jane Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2019

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

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS for 2018 will be available in late January. Thank you for your generosity over the past year!

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 Community Churches invite you to

A FAITH CELEBRATION



prepared by the Churches of Indonesia, Jan. 20 at 2:00 pm. Organized by Forest Hill United Church, hosted at St. Francis Parish. The Theme for this year's prayer and musical event is: "Justice and only justice you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20) A time of fellowship will follow in the parish hall. All are Welcome! Forest Hill Community Churches include: St. George's Anglican, Calvin Presbyterian, Forest Hill United, Highland Baptist, Faith Lutheran, St. Stephen's Lutheran and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic.

And join us for the concluding event:

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZÉ SONGS

Jan. 27 at 7:30 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Rd E. Kitchener.

POST BAZAAR MEETING

On Wed. Jan. 23 at 7:30pm in the Resurrection Room. All convenors are encouraged to attend to share their experiences. Any volunteers from the bazaar who have suggestions are welcome to come and share. If you have questions please call Linda at 519-742-0656. CWL Executive Meeting will follow Bazaar Meeting.

1st RECONCILIATION & 1st COMMUNION PARENT MTG

This is a reminder to all parents whose children are registered to receive 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion this spring, of the parent meeting on Tues. Jan. 29 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Ruthann if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Please pray for our candidates for Confirmation who will receive the sacrament on Sun. Feb. 3 with Bishop Crosby presiding. Our candidates have been working hard preparing for this important step on their faith journey, including this Saturday when they participated in an afternoon retreat. May all those being confirmed truly be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and may the fire of God's love burn within them.

CHILDREN OFTEN TALK...

...about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? You are the hand of God – encourage your children to consider church minister. If you want to learn more, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations, at vocationculture@gmail.com .
www.vocationculture.ca

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 info or to register contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext 2249 or visit Upcoming Events at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Adoration for Life Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist and pray for respect for the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death. 4 locations:

- Tues. Jan. 29 (Spanish) 6:15 pm at St. John Church, Kitchener, followed by Mass at 7
- Thurs. Feb. 7, 11am – noon at St. Mary Church, Kitchener
- Thurs. Feb. 7, 6 pm at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, followed by Mass at 7
- Fri. Feb. 8, 6pm at St. Teresa Church, Kitchener, followed by Mass at 7pm

Annual Bible Sunday The 2nd Annual Bible Sunday will be observed in Hamilton Diocese on Sun. Feb. 3. The focus of this year's observance is "Listening to God's Word at Mass". Two special presentations on the Gospel of Luke will be offered by Fr. Michael Patella, OSB: at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo (2-3:30pm) and at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton (7-8:30pm). Plan to attend one of these presentations which will outline what to listen for during this Year of Luke.

You are invited to a Valentines Dance! Campus Ministry at St. Jerome's University is hosting a Valentines Dance on Fri. Feb. 8 from 8 pm – midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. This dance is in support of the renovations of Notre Dame Chapel. The evening will include music provided by Michael Kelly alternating with Djing from Dennis Wallace. It promises to be a fun evening! A light lunch will be provided. Cost of tickets is \$20 for adults, \$15 for students. Contact Martha, Director of Campus Ministry at mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca or 519-884-8111 ext 28215 for tickets. We hope you can make it!

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.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register, just come and join us at the Chancery Office, Hamilton from 7-9m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext 2249. No cost.

Diocesan Newsletter For information about activities and events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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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 Uniack, C.R. (tuniack@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."

"John said: One more powerful than I is coming; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Luke 3: 16



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