

MASS INTENTIONS
January 22 - 27, 2019

Tuesday, 22nd	- Weekday	
9:00 am	+Chris Oei – Anne Pritchard	
Wednesday, 23rd	- Weekday	
9:00 am	+Teresa & Cody Springall – Victor Springall & Family	
7:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Cabral	
	Intentions of Estrela Correia – Maria Cabral	
	+Barbara Diemert – her parish friends	
	+Rita & Ron Roberts – Anne Darby-Watchorn	
	+Guy Sr. & Guy Jr. Ferraccioli – Joan Ferraccioli	
Thursday, 24th	- St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	School Mass
9:30 am	+Don Cameron – Ruthann Fisher	
Friday, 25th	- Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle	
9:00 am	+Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren	
Saturday, 26th	- The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 pm	Intentions of Rosemary Cady – Bill Jeffrey	
	Intentions of Roland Lobb – Iona, Rena, Rita & Pat	
	+Mary McCarville – the Family	
	+Ed Yendruck – June Yendruck & Family	
	+Majda Zupan – Jozef Zupan & Family	
	+Gordon Jackson – Jane Jackson	
	+Jack Fischer – Eileen & Mary Longo	
Sunday, 27th	- The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni	
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi	

January 20, 2019

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection January 12/13 \$5,195.62
2019 Total Collection \$13,297.83

Looking Ahead to Jan. 27, 2019

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10+
 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 21: **Rev. Felix Nwatu**
 Tues. Jan. 22: **Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, SAC**
 Wed Jan. 23: **Disalced Carmelite Fathers OCD**
 Thu. Jan. 24: **Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, OCD**
 Fri. Jan. 25: **Rev. Louis Lenssen, CRSP**
 Sat. Jan. 26: **Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, CRSP**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday	
Celebrating the Word Potluck (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR)	7:30 pm
Tuesday	
60 th Anniversary Cmte Mtg (RR)	7:00 pm
Wednesday	
Post Bazaar & CWL Executive Mtg (RR)	7:30pm
Thursday	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	9:00 am
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10:30 – noon
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm

AROUND TOWN

Don Cameron Potato Night at the Kitchener Auditorium is Fri. Jan. 25! Bring a bag of potatoes or a cash donation to the Rangers game this Friday and support the House of Friendship's Potato Blitz. Let's make Don proud!



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

St. Jerome's Lectures Please join us on Fri. Feb. 1, 7:30 pm for the next Lecture in Catholic Experience hosted by St. Jerome's University, entitled "Illuminating Justice: The Ethical Imagination of the Saint John's Bible". Scripture scholar, Jonathan Homrighausen, will explore how the Saint John's Bible is a call to social ethics for the 21st century, as it intertwines

beauty and justice, especially in terms of justice for women, care for creation, and dialogue between Jews and Christians. Location: Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University. There is no cost, please register at www.sju.ca/lce.

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... We have spent 20+ years co-facilitating these ecumenical prayer services in Waterloo Region and beyond. After months of prayer and seeking God's direction, we are preparing to pass the opportunity to others to continue offering similar ecumenical prayer services. We pray that these services will continue 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

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.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Last weekend the liturgical season of Christmas came to an end with the celebration of the *Baptism of the Lord*. It is now time to begin planning for the next significant liturgical season – the Season of Lent. Yes, Lent does not begin until March 6th when we celebrate Ash Wednesday, however, it is important to now begin preparing ourselves spiritually for Lent. With this in mind, over the next number of weeks I will address different aspects of Lent in this column.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council the Season of Lent was seen exclusively as a penitential period. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, a document of the Second Vatican Council, presented a double focus for the Season of Lent: penance and baptism.

This double focus for Lent is in fact nothing new, but it is rather a re-capturing of the original focus and character of Lent. The original character of Lent was a preparing for the sacrament of baptism – baptism of adults. Adults wishing to become members of the church would use the period of Lent to prepare for baptism by studying our faith and praying for enlightenment from God. At the conclusion of Lent these adults would be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This is our current practice for adults who wish to be baptized.

And so, while Lent continues to hold fast to its penitential character, it is also a time for us to reflect upon the saving waters of baptism. The absence of holy water in the church during Lent is to further heighten our thirst for the graces offered through baptism.

Why is it important to focus upon both baptism and penance during Lent? *"The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent – the recalling of baptism or the*

preparation for it, and penance – should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter".
(Constitution #109).

Father Tim, C.R.



CATECHIST TRAINING



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechist training has been postponed until the Fall. Please watch the parish bulletin and website for details later in the year. Please continue to pray and discern whether the Lord is calling you to walk the faith journey with our children through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

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 next gathering on January 30 at 1pm in the Emmaus Room. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Forest Hill Community Churches invite you to

A FAITH CELEBRATION

prepared by the Churches of

Indonesia, **today, 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. Come join us in meditative songs and prayer for the unity of the church throughout the world.

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!

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.

CELEBRATING THE WORD

It's the beginning of a new year, and this is an excellent time to reflect on your faith life and discern whether it needs more nourishment. If you would like to spend more time reading the Scriptures and reflecting on their meaning in your life today, consider joining our small group. We meet Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9pm in the Resurrection Room and new members are always welcome. Using the publication *Celebrating the Word*, which is written by six Resurrectionist priests, including our own Fr. Tim, we reflect on the Sunday readings and discuss the relevance of the message in today's world. All are invited to come and see!



Start the new year with a new appreciation for scripture.

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 last 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.



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

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!

Valentine Rolled Rib & Ham Dinner – Saturday Feb. 9th - sittings 5 & 7 p.m. Adults \$20 per person, kids under 5 free, 5 to 11 \$12. It is a two meat dinner (not one or the other but both if desired). Mashed Potatoes, creamy coleslaw, mixed vegetables, buns, pickles, relish tray, dessert, coffee and tea. When ordering tickets please let us know what sitting you would like. Call Mike Runstedler 519 580 5005, Tim Vegh 519-648-3952 or Jackie Peacock 519-823-5194 for tickets. Location: the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill. Sponsored by Maryhill Knights of Columbus and St. Boniface Catholic Women's League.

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.

"Let us look at our hands, often so empty of love, and today let us try to think of some gift we can offer freely."

~ @Pontifex, January 14, 2019



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. Terriane 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."

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

2 Thessalonians 2: 14

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