

MASS INTENTIONS
January 29 – February 3, 2019

Tuesday, 29th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Dennis Lobsinger – Kay Warner
Wednesday, 30th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of June Yendruck – Bill & Pat Jeffrey
7:00 pm	Intentions of Marg Sehl – Eleanor Buchanan +Patricia Newbrough – Joy Campbell & Family +Bryan Foerster – Alice & Bernie Preiditsch +Carla Nyitrai – Luis, Loretta & Mary Fulep +Mary Leigh Boudreau – Anita Stalzer
Thursday, 31st	- St. John Bosco, Priest
9:00 am	+Albert Schefter – Joan Schefter
Friday, 1st	- Weekday First Friday
9:00 am	+Michael Schmitt – Ted & Mary Braun
9:30 am	Adoration & Benediction
Saturday, 2nd	- The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family Intentions of Judith Schlegel – Bill Jeffrey Intentions of Cathy Moore – Victor Thibeault Intentions of Fr. Tim Uniac, CR – Catholic Women’s League Intentions of Maria Cabral – Cathy Vanzielegem +Tillie Helm – Cathy Vanzielegem +Pauline Quinn – Ruthann Fisher
Sunday, 3rd	- The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	+Herb Brine – Stan Prudnikowicz
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
3:00 pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

January 27, 2019

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection January 19/20 \$3,892.99
2019 Total Collection \$17,135.82

Looking Ahead to Feb. 3, 2019

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19
 1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13: 13 Luke 4: 21-30

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon Jan 28: **Rev Fernando Ferreira Pinto CSSp**
 Tues. Jan. 29: **Rev. Tim Hingston**
 Wed Jan. 30: **Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ**
 Thu. Jan. 31: **Rev. David Avila**
 Fri. Feb. 1: **Rev. Jerzy Tomon**
 Sat. Feb. 2: **The Presentation of the Lord**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday	
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR)	7:30 pm
Tuesday	
1 st Recon. & Com. Parent Mtg (H)	7:00 pm
Wednesday	
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10 am – noon
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	1:00pm
Thursday	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	9:00 am
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
Saturday	
Confirmation Rehearsal (C)	10:00 am
Sunday	
Sacrament of Confirmation (C)	3:00 pm

AROUND TOWN

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.

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

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.

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.

Prayer Vigil Thurs. Feb. 7 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 at Schneider Park, and queries please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

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!

Bach Vespers in Epiphany: Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach Cantata 48 “ich elender Mensch” and Brahms’ Geistliche Lied, Op. 30 as part of a service of Vespers at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener. Sun. Feb. 10 at 4pm, Jennifer Enns Modolo and Steve Surian, soloists. Admission is free, donation requested.

From the Pastor's Desk:

As mentioned last week I will use this column over the coming weeks to address different aspects of Lent. This week: the Stations of the Cross, an ancient and popular Lenten spiritual activity. The Stations of the Cross (sometimes called the Way of the Cross) are a form of Christian devotion intended to honour the sufferings and death of Jesus. The devotion developed from people visiting the various sites in the Holy Land where the events of Jesus' passion and death occurred – it would not be until the 15th century that the Stations we are familiar with today came into being.

While the Stations honour the suffering and death of Jesus they also commemorate the journey Jesus walked from the court of Pilate, the praetorium, to Calvary, the place of his death. The distance of this journey was about one mile and followed the Via Dolorosa, Latin for the "way of sorrow". While on this journey to Calvary various events took place, what was originally simply called the "steps" of the journey, what we call today the "stations".

While the names of the various stations changed over the years to reflect current spirituality and thought, the events they commemorate have not changed. What we might call the "traditional" stations include fourteen steps: Jesus is condemned, Jesus takes up his cross, his first fall, Jesus meets Mary, Simon of Cyrene helps, Veronica wipes his face, his second fall, he meets the women, his third fall, Jesus is stripped, Jesus is nailed to cross, Jesus dies, taken down from the cross, placed in tomb.

It is the custom of the Catholic church to pray the stations on the Friday's of Lent (Friday because our understanding is that Jesus died

on a Friday). During the Friday's of Lent stations will be prayed communally at 7:00 pm here at St. Francis – a different form of the stations used each week. Please consider praying the stations with others in our community on these nights (March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12).

Father Tim, C.R.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Concludes with an:

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.

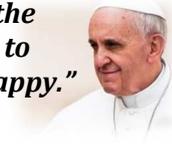


PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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.

"Saying 'yes' to God's love is the first step to being happy, and to making many other people happy."

~ @Pontifex, January 22, 2019



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. 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.



VALENTINES COLLECTION

As we celebrate love in its many beautiful forms, our Children's Liturgy Class will again be making Valentines Cards to share the love with those living in nursing homes in Forest Hill. Please help them by donating small NEW gifts, such as toiletries for men and women, cosmetics, socks, scarves, handkerchiefs, puzzles or games, figurines, etc. which will also be distributed at the nursing homes. Please bring your items to the church by February 9/10, baskets will be in the main foyer. Thank you for helping to share Christ's love with those who may feel isolated or lonely this Valentine's Day.



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.

let's do
lunch

Mark your calendars for our next **SENIORS' LUNCH, Thursday February 7, 12 noon, at Montana's** (740 Ottawa St S, Kitchener). The lunch menu has choices ranging from \$10 - \$16, not including coffee/tea and dessert. Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office by Monday February 4, stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com or 519-745-7301. Please join us for our monthly lunches at local restaurants, get to know other parishioners and enjoy some fabulous food!

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

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.

Alpha ... Come and See! Looking for answers? The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low-key, friendly and fun. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session, which gives you the opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. **The Alpha Course will begin Feb. 28th and run until May 2nd at St. Mark's Parish** (55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener). You are invited to a **"Come and See"** on **Thursday, Feb 14th at 7:00 p.m.** There will be an opportunity to ask questions and check out a sample video. Refreshments will be provided. *Questions?* ... Please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 226-808-4733 or stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE (ADULT) July 26-28, 2019 Steubenville, Ohio Join parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish and others this summer to receive a deeper understanding of our Catholic Church teachings

and experience a greater sense of confidence in our faith. Bus arrangements have been made. Discounts are given for registrations made before February 28, 2019. A group discount can apply too. For information contact Mary Anne Kearns 519-578-6218 or mackerns@hotmail.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.

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.

Parenting Tip of the Month: February is the month we celebrate love on Valentine's Day, but the commercialism of the day can confuse children and make them believe that love is only about giving and/or receiving something. While that may be part of love, true love unfolds every day in the way we treat each other, help each other and care for each other. True love takes work, requires action and seeks to meet the needs of the one we love. Talk to your children, no matter the age, about what real love actually looks like, so they can grow up to give and expect that kind of love in their lives.

~ Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton

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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."

"The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives." Luke 4: 18-19



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