

MASS INTENTIONS
February 26 – March 3, 2019

Tuesday, 26th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am +Lucia Janusz – Grace & Kevin Grundy

Wednesday, 27th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Maria Albertina Aliees – Gracinda Branco
 7:00 pm +Don Cameron – Catholic Women’s League
 +Barbara Diemert – Barbara Coker
 +Ian Houston – Elizabeth MacKinnon & Jim Buschert
 +Rose Marie Overland – Marj Simon
 +Louis Kuntz – Mary Kuntz

Thursday, 28th - *Weekday*
 9:00 am +Chris Oei – the Oei Family

Friday, 1st - *Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Maria Cabral
 9:30 am Adoration & Benediction
 2:00 pm World Day of Prayer Service

Saturday, 2nd - *The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 pm Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family
 Intentions of Sharon Thibeau – Mike & Diane Uniac
 Intentions of the Fisher Family – Betty Warren
 +Mildred Fisher – Annabel MacDonald
 +Dora Schaefer – John & Doris Paprocki
 +Dorothy Herzog – Ethel Jones
 +Carter Querin – Helen Shantz

Sunday, 3rd - *The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 9:00 am +Jake Schramm – Stan Prudnikowicz
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

February 24, 2019

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection February 16/17 \$4,828.90
2019 Total Collection \$67,608.84

Looking Ahead to March 3, 2019

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27: 4-7
 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Luke 6: 39-45

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 25: **Rev. David Weise**
 Tues. Feb. 26: **Rev. Tom Moisan**
 Wed. Feb. 27: **Catholic Single Adults**
 Thu. Feb. 28: **Rev. Pablito Labado**
 Fri. Mar. 1: **Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger**
 Sat. Mar. 2: **Rev. Tim Theriault**

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) 10 am – noon
 Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) 1:00 pm
 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (H) 7:30 pm
 CWL Executive Mtg (RR) 7:30 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
 World Day of Prayer Service (C) 2:00 pm

Sunday
 1st Reconciliation Mtg #3 (C) 1:00 pm

CWL MEMBERSHIP DUE

Membership fees for 2019 are due for all members of the Catholic Women’s League. If you haven’t already sent in your dues please use the blue envelope in your 2019 church envelope box, or any envelope, and put it in the collection. Be sure to include your name, address and email address. Dues for this year remain the same at \$30.

**HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER
 FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

Bishop Crosby has decreed that EVERY parish in Hamilton Diocese will observe a Holy Hour of Prayer for victims of sexual abuse on the Second Sunday of Lent each year from this point forward. Join us on Sun. March 17 at 3pm.

AROUND TOWN

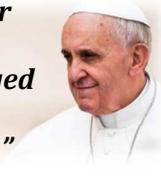
It’s the **3rd Annual KW Trivia Challenge**, where teams exercise their brainpower amid a battle of wits to become Trivia Champions. The Kitchener Knights of Columbus and Heffner Toyota are teaming up to support Hospice of Waterloo Region. As our aging demographic increases people require comfort and support to make their end of life experience as manageable as possible. Funds realized will aid the increased need for hospice service in our region. Police Chief Bryan Larkin will again MC this year’s event on Friday March 1, at 7:30 PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 105 King Street East in Kitchener. Go to snapd.at/pew9tcs for tickets

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11-19. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd. R.R.#1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0.

Lecture in Catholic Experience Please join us on Friday, March 1, 7:30 pm for the next Lecture in Catholic Experience hosted by St. Jerome’s University, entitled, “Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues.” Sr. Helen Prejean, SJ, is a southern storyteller who will bring us on a journey about her involvement with the Ministry Against the Death Penalty. This ministry believes in the dignity of all people, expresses mercy and justice by standing side by side with those who are outcasts, promotes compassionate alternatives to the death penalty, and supports victims’ families. Location: Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome’s University. This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at: www.sju.ca/lce. Tickets are not required at the door.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally! Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally. The theme is “Hope in the Midst of Suffering”. Sat. March 2, 9am – 5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo, is organizing transportation. Price including entry ticket and transportation to event is \$55. For more info and to purchase your ticket please contact Mel Raos at 519-504-9980.

“In the darkest moments of our history, the Lord draws near, opens paths, lifts up discouraged faith, anoints wounded hope, and awakens sleeping charity.”



~ @Pontifex, February 19, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk:

The season of Lent will soon be upon us, a period of spiritual preparation so that we can celebrate well the Paschal Mystery during the Easter Triduum (Holy Week). The great season of Lent is a time for us to seek conversion, to renew our minds and hearts, to come back to the Lord, as we journey through the dry desert towards the waters of new life, the waters of baptism that will return to our church during the Easter Vigil. Our church holy water fonts will be empty during Lent, there will be no celebrations of baptism during Lent, the baptismal font is moved out of the sanctuary and sealed with a purple cloth during Lent, we will fast from the Gloria and from the Creed and from the use of the word "alleluia" during Lent – after the dry days of Lent the waters of new life will return to refresh us with Easter joy.

Yet, before the waters of new life return we will have one important spiritual act to fulfill – to rid ourselves of personal sin, to receive the Sacrament of Penance (confession / reconciliation). Here at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish there are a number of opportunities for you to receive the sacrament during Lent, to wash yourself clean of sin in preparation for Easter. Each Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm you can receive the sacrament. If Saturday is not a convenient time you can call the office and schedule a time for confession more convenient for you. Continuing our tradition here there will also be a **Lenten Communal Service of Reconciliation** on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm. (For times of Communal Services in other churches in town refer to the parish web page for that information). At this Communal Service we will spend some time praying together as a community and reflecting upon God's Word – this is an

important stage in receiving the Sacrament, in a communal service such as this; one is **required** to participate in the prayer prior to confession and not just show up after the prayer for confession alone. Following this period of reflection there will be a number of priests available for individual confessions.



Father Tim, C.R.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry would love to welcome some new knitters and crocheters! The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month (next meeting is Feb. 27) at 1pm in the Emmaus Room to knit, share patterns and pray for those who will be receiving shawls. Yarn is provided. Come and give it a try!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday March 1 we join our voices in prayer with Christians throughout the world. World Day of Prayer began as a grassroots women's mission movement in the 19th century and continues to unite people today. This year's prayer service was prepared by the women of Slovenia and has the theme "Come – Everything is Ready!" So Come! We are ready to pray together for justice in our world. Join our brothers and sisters from the local ecumenical churches, here at St. Francis Parish at 2pm on March 1. Fellowship will follow in the hall.

Mark your calendars for our next **SENIORS' LUNCH, Thursday March 7, 12 noon, at Mandarin Restaurant** (4220 King St E, Kitchener). Enjoy the huge lunch buffet with Asian and Canadian choices for \$15.19 (plus tax and tip). Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office by Monday March 4.



Join us for our annual **Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party** on Shrove Tuesday, **March 5 at 6:00 pm**. Supper of pancakes,

sausages, real maple syrup and sherbet begins at 6pm. Come dressed in Mardi Gras colours! Bring your own mask or



make one here! Live music provided by Tim Moher and his Mardi Gras Jazz Band! Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale after Masses Feb. 23/24 and March 2/3, or in the Parish Office until March 4. Don't miss this fun-filled, family oriented party!



ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We will celebrate Mass with the distribution of ashes at 9:00 am, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm. The 12:15 pm Mass will be 30 minutes long to allow people to attend during lunch break. As we each begin our personal spiritual preparation for Easter let us join together as a faith community. May the mark of ashes on our foreheads be a sign for all we meet that we are ready to be refined and formed by our loving God.



LITTLE BOOKS FOR LENT can be picked up in the foyer by the church kitchen for all those who ordered them. There is no cost, you have already paid for the set.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

This is an opportunity for our Parish Community to nourish ourselves spiritually during the Season of Lent in preparation for Easter joy. The evening will be centered around the Eucharist. We will celebrate Mass together **beginning at 7:00 pm**, and during the homily the preacher will preach for about 30 minutes on the theme for that day. The readings and music will also focus on the theme of the day.

Wednesday, March 13

"Forgiveness: Seeking and Sharing this Grace from God"

Father Dan Lobsinger, C.R.

Wednesday, March 20

"Paschal Mystery: Central to our Faith"

Father Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.

Wednesday, March 27

"Commandments: Living and Teaching God's Law"

Father Toby Collins, C.R.

Wednesday, April 3

"Anointing: Raised to New Life"

Father Sam Restivo, C.R.

Wednesday, April 10

"Resurrection: Set Free in Christ"

Father Tim Uniac, C.R.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays in Lent we will pray together the Stations of the Cross. Each week will be led by a different group, using a different version of the stations (we've added some new ones this year) and a different way to symbolize walking the stations. Join us at 7:00 pm March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12.

Adoration for Life Join us to pray for respect for the dignity of life.

- Feb. 26, 6:15pm, St. John's Kitchener
- Mar. 1, 6:00pm, St. Teresa's Kitchener
- Mar. 7, 11:00am, St. Mary's Kitchener
- Mar. 7, 6:00pm, St. Agnes Waterloo

All Adoration Hours are followed by Mass.

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). *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 in Steubenville, Ohio. Join parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and others this summer to receive a deeper understanding of our Catholic 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 mackearns@hotmail.com or 519-578-6218.

St Agatha CWL is once again hosting their annual **St Patrick's Day Card Party**. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and enjoy a delicious homemade Irish Stew Dinner. Bring your cards, games, friends and green attire and get a table of good times going on! Sun. March 10 in the St. Agatha Church Hall. Doors open at 1:00 pm - \$10 admission at the door.

Lenten Preparation - Our Life in Community Tues. March 12, 7:30 - 9:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. Join us for a reflection on Our Life in Community through the lens of the illumination from the Saint John's Bible. Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton will lead us in this retreat steeped in the Word of God. Feel free to join us at 6:30pm for the Rosary and/or 7:00 pm for Mass. Sponsored by St. Michael's CWL, everyone is welcome, men and women!

Are you Separated or Divorced? Separation and divorce can cause you to feel as if you are on a roller coaster. Come and learn how to minimize the impact on yourself and how to feel stronger. Learning to Cope (Level 1) is a ten week support program offered here at St. Francis Parish on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30m, starting March 19. For more information please contact the Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext 2249. Cost is \$35. Have you already completed Level 1, 2 or 3? Join the next level and continue the journey towards healing. Find out more at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

eBooks The Bishop Farrell Library and Archives offers a wide selection of eBooks on topics related to the Catholic faith including scripture and bible study, family and relationships, ministry, social justice and church history. These can be accessed via at <https://hamiltondiocesebfl.overdrive.com/>. The eBook collection provides 24/7 access to our library resources and can be used by anyone regardless of location. For more information please call 905-528-7988 ext 2270. All are welcome to benefit from our resources!

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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."



"I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you."

John 13: 34

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