

**MASS INTENTIONS  
February 5 - 10, 2019**

<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>St. Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>	
9:00 am	+Dora Lamers – Mary Kuntz	
<b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>	<b>Sacrament of the Sick at Mass</b>
9:00 am	+Fr. Bernie Black – Bill & Pat Jeffrey	
7:00 pm	Intentions of Sandy & David Milne – St. Vincent de Paul Conference	
	+Dr. Joe Flood – Eleanor Buchanan	
	+Chris Oei – Anne Darby-Watchorn	
	+Don Cameron – Catholic Women’s League	
	+Barbara Diemert – Marj Simon	
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>	
9:00 am	+Dennis Lobsinger – Kay Warner	
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>	
9:00 am	+Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren	
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
5:00 pm	Intentions of Robert Allen – Eileen & Mary Longo	
	+ Lorne MacDonald – Margaret & Dana Marsh	
	+André & Rémi Larochelle – Victor Thibeault	
	+Diane Hinsperger – Betty Hinsperger & Diane Hoffman	
	+Dora Schaefer – Michael Schaefer	
	+Helen Hornyak – St. Francis Choir Community	
	+Ann Hutter – Rosemaire Ferko	
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
9:00 am	+Frank Prudnikowicz – the Prudnikowicz Family	
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi	

**February 3, 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Collection January 26/27 \$4,237.75  
**2019 Total Collection \$21,409.57**

**Looking Ahead to Feb. 10, 2019**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8  
 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Feb. 4: **Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma**  
 Tues. Feb. 5: **Rev. James McSharry**  
 Wed. Feb. 6: **Chaplains**  
 Thu. Feb. 7: **Rev. Toby Collins, CR**  
 Fri. Feb. 8: **Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.**  
 Sat. Feb. 9: **Rev. Franjo Sprajc**

**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  
 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR) 7:30pm  
**Thursday**  
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 9:00 am  
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 4:30 pm  
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm  
**Saturday/Sunday**  
 St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive At Masses  
 Valentines Collection At Masses  
**Sunday**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg #1 (C) 1:00 pm



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at [oneheartonesoul.ca](http://oneheartonesoul.ca).

**Are Parishes in a position to take on needed projects?**

This, of course, varies from Parish to Parish, but in general most Parishes are not in a strong position to take on major projects (those of \$250,000 or more), and many projects have been delayed because of a lack of funding. One of the main reasons for the diocesan capital campaign is to assist Parishes big and small to gain more solid footing for the future – whether that’s by completing an overdue project, retiring debt, building a contingency fund or looking ahead with a new ministry or new staff.

**What about Parish debt and Parish reserves – in general, where do things stand?**

The majority of the Diocese’s Parishes can meet their operating budget and can take on small capital projects. Only a few, however, have substantial savings. Some have incurred debt, and the Diocese assists where it can with donations and loans, some of which are interest-free, to Parishes.

**Will the Parishes or the Diocese take on debt because of this campaign?**

It’s possible for the right project and the right reasons, but that is to be determined by the Diocese and Parishes as the campaign planning moves forward.

**What is the Ex Corde Foundation and how does it work?**

The Ex Corde Foundation was established in 2011 with a gift of \$21.5 million from the Diocese of Hamilton and provides financial assistance to Parishes and other Catholic charities within the Diocese and across Canada. Ex Corde, which means “From the Heart,” is operated by a board of directors and provides grants to repair or renovate buildings; to provide and maintain religious artifacts and works of art; and to support religious education and catechesis. As of September 2018, the foundation had donated \$5.1 million, 90 percent of which has gone to parishes or other Catholic organizations within the Diocese. The grant amounts vary widely but commonly have been in the range of \$15,000 to \$25,000. The remaining 10 percent has gone to Catholic Parishes, dioceses or other organizations from outside the Diocese of Hamilton. The foundation board selects recipients twice a year from grant applications. **For a list of all the grants awarded, see the link on the Ex Corde website, [www.excordefoundation.com](http://www.excordefoundation.com).**

**AROUND TOWN**

**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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Let me continue to speak of the Season of Lent. This year during Lent we are offering three new spiritual activities here at St. Francis.

First, on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> there will a **retreat** for adult members of the parish from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. This retreat will have prayer as its theme. Four different styles of prayer will be presented: conversational prayer, Ignatius prayer, Eucharistic adoration prayer, and sacred reading prayer. After each presentation those on retreat will be given an opportunity to experience the prayer style they just learned. It is hoped that this retreat will help us to experience the very rich diversity of prayer styles our faith has to offer.

Second, on five consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning March 13<sup>th</sup> we will offer what we have entitled as "**Lenten Spiritual Nourishment**". Beginning at 7 pm we will celebrate Eucharist; the homily will be from 30 – 45 minutes, and will be a teaching homily on a specific theme. Each week will be a different priest: March 13<sup>th</sup> Father Dan Lobsinger, CR will preach on "Forgiveness: Seeking and Sharing this Grace from God"; March 20<sup>th</sup> Father Joseph de Viveiros, CR will preach on "Paschal Mystery: Central to our Faith"; March 27<sup>th</sup> Father Toby Collins, CR will preach on "Commandments: Living and Teaching God's Law"; April 3<sup>rd</sup> Father Sam Restivo, CR will preach on "Anointing: Raised to New Life"; and on April 10<sup>th</sup> I will preach on "Resurrection: Set Free in Christ".

Third, on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, each parish in the Hamilton Diocese will be having a **holy hour of prayer** for the victims of sexual abuse, our hour of prayer here at St. Francis will begin at 3:00 pm. By special decree Bishop Crosby

has mandated that on the second Sunday of Lent each year there will be a holy hour of prayer for the purpose of praying for victims of sexual abuse. This time of prayer will include some time to reflect upon the scriptures, to pray for an end to sexual abuse, and an opportunity for silent prayer before the Eucharist.

During Lent we will also continue to have our usual Friday evening **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 pm.

Father Tim, C.R.



## VALENTINES COLLECTION

As we celebrate love in its many beautiful forms, our Children's Liturgy Class will again be making Valentines Cards to share 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 entrance. Thank you for helping to share Christ's love with those who may feel isolated or lonely this Valentine's Day.



## FOOD DRIVE

There will be a Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul on Feb. 9/10. Please leave your donations on the carts provided at the entrance of the church that weekend. This winter weather is challenging for all of us, but so much more so for our neighbours in need. Thank you for warming their lives with a good meal.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Please pray for our candidates for Confirmation who will receive the sacrament today at 3pm with Bishop Douglas 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.

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](mailto: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!

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TRAINING

We would like to again offer a Bereavement Support Group here at St. Francis Parish, so we are looking for someone who would be interested in training to lead such a group. If you have experienced the death of a loved one and are interested in learning more about how to lead a support group, please contact Fr. Tim or the parish office. Helping others on their grief journey is an act of mercy which brings so many blessings for you and those you lead.

**DONATION TAX RECEIPTS** for those who donated to the parish or to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference in 2018 are available for pickup in the foyer by the church kitchen. If you have any questions concerning your receipt please contact Alice in the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WHAT KINDS OF PEOPLE...

become priests, sisters or brothers? Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others – people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a streetwise teen. They are people with the courage to touch lives, hearts and souls. Are you that kind of person? If you want to learn more, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations, at [vocationculture@gmail.com](mailto:vocationculture@gmail.com).

[www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)

*"The Spirit of God speaks freely to each person through feelings and thoughts. The Spirit cannot be confined with simple reasoning, but must be welcomed with the heart!"*



~ @Pontifex, January 16, 2019

**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:

- 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](mailto: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.

**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, plus mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables, buns, pickles, relish tray, dessert, coffee and tea. Call Mike Runstedler 519-580-5005, Tim Vegh 519-648-3952 or Jackie Peacock 519-823-5194 for tickets. Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill. Sponsored by Maryhill Knights of Columbus and St. Boniface Catholic Women's League.

**"NURSE ON BOARD" Information Session** Sun. Feb. 10, 3:00 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener. "Nurse on Board" is a new option in Canada, with Kitchener being one of the first cities to have this comprehensive service. Come to hear guest speaker Susan Hagar, RN, the founder of Nurse on Board. She will be speaking on a variety of interesting and relevant topics ranging from general information on health care navigation and advocacy to the medication de-prescribing movement that is currently underfoot. She will explain the myths and the realities of long-term care and share information on complementary treatments and things you don't hear from most doctors. The whole point of Nurse on Board is to help you stay in your home for as long as you want – which is, after all, the very best place to grow old. To reserve your seat, please call Blessed Sacrament church office at (519) 742-5061 or call Mary at (519) 744-6855.

**Valentine's Card Party!** Blessed Sacrament Parish CWL welcomes you to our Valentine's Evening Card Party Tues. Feb. 12. Dinner will be chili, salad, buns & dessert all for \$ 10.00. Bring your sweetie, bring your friends... all are most welcome. Tickets can be purchased by calling the office 519-742-5061 or by calling Judy 519-894-5599.

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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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	Mr. Gary Howell
<b>Seminarian:</b>	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](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)  
[www.vocationculture.ca](http://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

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
February 3, 2019**

