

MASS INTENTIONS
March 12 - 17, 2019

Tuesday, 12th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Michael Schmitt – Betty Corrigan & Michael Hirschberger

Wednesday, 13th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Eric Pedersen – Kay Warner
 7:00 pm Intentions of Fr. Harry Reitzel, CR – Marilyn Alston
 Intentions of the Barho Family – Peter & Chris Higgins
 +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margaret & Dana Marsh
 +Barbara Diemert – Peter & Chris Higgins
 +Pat NewBrough – Marj Simon & Family

Thursday, 14th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Marcella Eby – Ron Eby & Family

Friday, 15th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Joey Malleck – Michael Sauchuk & Jane Brenner
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 16th - *The 2nd Sunday of Lent*
 5:00 pm +Deceased Members of Longo & O’Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
 +Nancy Troyak – Mildred Fisher & Family
 +Mildred Fisher – Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem
 +Ann Hutter – Donna & Michelle Renaud
 +Georgie & Joyce George – Mike & Marg George
 +Tillie Helm – Ruthann Fisher

Sunday, 17th - *The 2nd Sunday of Lent*
 9:00 am +Josephine Bohnert – the Prudnikowicz Family
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

March 10th, 2019
1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection March 2/3 \$5,091.00
2019 Total Collection to date \$47,469.29
2019 Total Budgeted Collection \$322,300.00

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 11: **Rev. Edwin Lapinski, CR**
 Tues. Mar. 12: **Rev. Patrick McKelvie, CR**
 Wed. Mar. 13: **Legionaries of Christ (LC)**
 Thu. Mar. 14: **Rev. David Mowat, CR**
 Fri. Mar. 15: **Rev. Peter Pigott, CR**
 Sat. Mar. 16: **Rev. Frank Reitzel, CR**

We pray that our young people who received the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** for the first time this weekend experienced the peace of forgiveness and the joy of God’s unending love for each of His children.

Looking Ahead to March 17, 2019
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18
 Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 Luke 9: 28b - 36

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

Wednesday
 Mass with Extended Lenten Homily(C) 7:00 pm

Thursday
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday
 Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

Sunday
 Holy Hour of Prayer for
 Victims of Sexual Abuse (C) 3:00 pm

CWL GENERAL MEETING

All CWL members are asked to come to a brief general meeting on **Wednesday March 13** following the Extended Lenten Mass which starts at 7pm. We will be looking ahead at our spring events and we need everyone’s participation. See you Wednesday in the Hall!

Thank you to all who participated in the World Day of Prayer on March 1, especially our music ministry. It was a blessed service which really connected us to our brothers and sisters in Slovenia. The collection taken for the Women of Slovenia raised a record \$835, so thank you for your generosity.

MONTHLY GAME DAY



On the third Thursday of each month we get together and play silly games! Join us on **THURS. March 21** 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.

ALL TOO OFTEN WE...

forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, “It’s their job to help.” Priests and religious aren’t superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel. If you want to learn more about the priesthood and religious life, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations, at vocationculture@gmail.com .
www.vocationculture.ca



‘One Heart, One Soul’ campaign nears kickoff! Months of preparations are leading us to the next step of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton. **A public kickoff Mass will be held at noon on Monday, March 25**, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, and followed by a reception at the Cathedral. The campaign’s Pilot Wave parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well. A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website – www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

“Sometimes we may feel we are alone in facing difficulties. But, even if He doesn’t intervene immediately, the Lord walks by our side and, if we keep going forward, He will open up a new path.” ~ @Pontifex, March 2, 2019



AROUND TOWN

Open House Marian Residence Retirement Home. Come out and have a tour from 1 - 4:30 pm on Saturday, March 16. We are located at 640 Hillview Rd., Cambridge. 519-653-0363 www.marianresidence.com

From the Pastor's Desk:

Throughout human history there have been many trends within cultures that have come and gone, seemingly each generation has a particular flavour in everything from dress, styles of music and even language usage. The culture of the Catholic Church has also followed various trends, particularly in terms of spirituality, styles of worship, and understanding of faith from a theological perspective.

There is a trend in our church that may very well call for change in the way that ministry takes place. In the church we are now dealing with a generation of people who can best be described as the "un-churched". These are folks who do not attend Sunday Eucharist on a regular basis and whose faith knowledge does not seem to have progressed beyond what was attained at the time of their confirmation – there has been no formal study of the faith on their part since confirmation (if they even received confirmation at all). Some have even argued that this trend is now into a second generation. Those currently in the 40 to 50 age bracket were the first generation, and now their children make up the second generation of the "un-churched".

How does this effect ministry? The first and obvious effect is in the low attendance numbers for Sunday Eucharist. Even though the Catholic Church says that attendance at Eucharist every Sunday is what defines a faithful and true Catholic, a significant number of Catholics chose not to attend. This then directly effects whether or not these folks can avail themselves of the services of the church such as marriage, funeral, baptism for their children, letters of reference for Catholic's seeking a job in the Catholic school system,

and so on. When they come to church seeking these services they do so with the attitude that says they have a right to the sacraments even though they themselves have not fulfilled all the obligations of what it means to be Catholic. Pastorally this calls for greater sensitivity by providing for them the sacrament, or service, they request with the hope that by being welcoming and hospitable they may then more regularly attend Sunday Eucharist. While the "un-churched" approach the church seeking some kind of service with an attitude of entitlement, we are still called to welcome them with Christian joy – a pastoral challenge indeed.

More next week on this topic.

Father Tim, C.R.



THANK YOU to the HEALTH & WELLNESS CMTE

We would like to thank the members of the Health and Wellness Cmte for their many efforts to educate us, encourage us and inspire us to lead healthy lives. Over the past five years you have hosted a Health Fair and various great speakers, led us on a Walk to Assisi and to Jerusalem, bought the parish an AED and provided training for it, shared your experience and knowledge with us through newsletters and supported the health of our parishioners in so many other ways. Thank you for your enthusiasm! Due to the shifting needs of the parish the committee will no longer be meeting regularly, but we thank the members for being willing to help again in the future.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday in Lent a different group will lead us in praying different versions of the Stations of the Cross, including some new ones. Join us at 7:00 pm March 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12.

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 Uniak, C.R.

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.

PARISH RETREAT DAY

Saturday, March 30, 2019



This Lent all parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi are invited to enrich their prayer lives through a parish retreat presented by Fr. Tim Uniak, CR. Learn about and experience Conversational Prayer, Ignatius Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Reading Prayer. Beginning with Mass at 10 and running until 3:15pm, please set aside some time for prayer during the season of Lent and join us. Bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided. For a full schedule for the day please see the Lenten brochure available at the entrances of the church, or the parish website. Allow yourself to grow closer to God and prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection at Easter!



A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

A campaign to help every parish in the Diocese raise funds for projects of their choosing, thus enhancing parish life across the Diocese.

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

Monday March 18, 7:00pm

In the Church

Topic for the meeting: An explanation concerning the purpose of the campaign and how it works. How to use the funds raised to enhance St. Francis Parish for today and tomorrow.

All are welcome, please plan to attend!

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.

Reel Justice: On March 19th, the film *Poverty, Inc.* will be shown at St. Michael's Church, Waterloo, at 7:30pm. The film focuses on the challenge of fighting poverty; however, this effort has led to a vast multi-billion dollar poverty industry — the business of doing good has never been better. Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, *Poverty, Inc.* unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore. The film is sponsored by The Diocese of Hamilton and Development and Peace. Free admission. All are welcome.

Heartache to Healing – Music Therapy Wed. March 20, 7-8:30pm at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. If you have, or are, experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, we invite you to join guest speaker, Courtney Harris, an Accredited Music Therapist. Music Therapy is proven to help decrease the feeling of isolation, encourages positive connections and promotes relaxation. There is no charge, although seating is limited. Please register by March 6 by contacting Kathy Shaw, 519-886-2117 or shawbing@rogers.com. At registration you will be asked to provide the name of a song that you can relate to or prefer.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 22** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating – 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 pm. Cost is Adults \$16.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take Out is \$16.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 20th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call (519) 669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Eucharistic Celebration & Healing Service A Mass and Healing Service in the Charismatic tradition will be held at St. Joseph Church (Fergus) on Friday, March 29th beginning at 7pm. The main celebrant will be Fr. Matthias Kotoka Amuzu, and our Fr. Ken Miskiewicz will con-celebrate. Worship Music will be provided by Heart Two Heart Ministries. While not everyone has had experience with the Charismatic Movement, we invite you to come and experience joy, renewal of faith and hopefully healing of one kind or another (spiritual, emotional or physical). For more info call 519-843-2006.

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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."



"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that come from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4: 4

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
March 10, 2019