

MASS INTENTIONS

March 19 - 24, 2019

Tuesday, 19th	- St. Joseph, Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am	+Nicola Trovato – Angela Ianni
Wednesday, 20th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Antonio DaCosta - Family
7:00 pm	+Dora Lamers – Catholic Women’s League +Dr. Jack Sehl – Marj Simon +Sr. Virginia Hamilton, CSJ – Marj Simon +Michael Fedy – Karen, Rob, Becca & Bella Wintonyk +Barbara Diemert – Karin Manley
Thursday, 21st	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Elizabeth Monigal – Kay Warner
Friday, 22nd	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 23rd	- The 3rd Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Thelma Walter – Mom and Siblings +Daniel Kieffer – Paul & Leslie Fixter +Mary McCarville – the Family +Helen Livingstone – Jane Jackson +Jose Eduardo Gouveia – Maria Gouveia +Don Cameron – Max & Jane Rausch & Family +Carole Cameron – Ruthann Fisher
Sunday, 24th	- The 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi



‘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.

AROUND TOWN

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.

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, 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.

Bach St Mark Passion: Spiritus Ensemble performs this rarely heard Bach setting of the Passion story with Stratford actor Scott Wentworth providing English narration. With soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo, and Bud Roach; Kenneth Hull conducting. Sun. March 31 at 4:00 pm at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Kitchener. Tickets available at the door and through Eventbrite. Regular \$30 | Senior (65+) \$25 | Students \$10 | High school and under 13 \$5.

March 17th, 2019

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection Information will return next week.

Looking Ahead to March 24, 2019

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 18: **Rev. Harry Reitzel, CR**

Tues. Mar. 19: **Rev. Florian Stasinski, CR**

Wed. Mar. 20: **Sisters of our Lady Immaculate**

Thu. Mar. 21: **Rev. Chester Chmurzynski, CR**

Fri. Mar. 22: **Rev. Jim Valk, CR**

Sat. Mar. 23: **Rev. Raymond Reitzel, CR**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday

Parish General Meeting (C) 7:00 pm

Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

Tuesday

Levels 1 & 2 (RR & ER) 7:00 pm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 9:00 am

Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm

Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:30 pm

Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday

Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

From the Pastor's Desk:

I would like to continue the conversation begun in this column last week when I wrote about the "un-churched" and how ministry is effected by the growing numbers of Catholics who neither participate regularly in the rituals of the church, nor know much about faith intellectually.

The lack of faith knowledge was recently highlighted in a survey entitled *Pew: Forum on Religion and Public Life*. While this survey was conducted in the United States the results can equally apply to Canada. The survey asked 3000 Catholics, over the age of 18, thirty-two questions about levels of faith knowledge. The average score was 16 out of 32 – the first indication that levels of faith knowledge are poor.

Some examples of the results. Those who conducted the survey concluded: *half of those surveyed know very little either about their own faith or about the faith of others living side by side to them*. Only half of those surveyed knew that the Golden Rule is not one of the Ten Commandments. Only half of those surveyed were able to correctly name the four Gospels of the New Testament. When asked whether or not the body and blood at Mass is the actual body and blood of Christ, or simply a symbol, 55% said it was actually the body and blood of Christ. Thus 45% of those surveyed thought it to be merely symbol.

As I mentioned last week, these factors profoundly impact how ministry takes place in the church. Ministry is no longer a black and white issue, gray areas are rapidly expanding. More on this next week.

Father Tim, 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 this afternoon, Sun. March 17 at 3pm.**

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 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

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 22, 29, April 5 and 12.

ONE
HEART,
ONE SOUL

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!

THIS MONDAY!

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 Uniac, 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!

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sometimes it can be difficult to recognize that we need forgiveness; it can be hard to identify our sins because life is messy and the situation is usually complicated. Try asking yourself, "Did I do or not do anything that hurt my relationship with God, that created a wall or distance between myself and God?" Ask, "Have I damaged my relationship with family or friends or neighbours? Have I been true to the person God made me to be?" (There are more reflection questions like these on our website, www.stfranciskw.ca.) When we spend some time considering these questions we come to understand that we all need forgiveness, we all need to be reconciled to God and to our community. Come and receive the peace and joy of that Reconciliation on **Tuesday April 2** at our Communal Service starting at 7pm. Even if you do not feel the need for individual confession, come and pray for the reconciliation of all in our parish and indeed for the whole world. There is power in communal prayer, and together our voices can bring peace. (A listing of other Reconciliation Services in the region can be found on our website.)

"Jesus asks us to produce just one work of art, which is possible for everyone; that of our own life."

~ @Pontifex, February 16, 2019



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.

We are inviting all parishes to **Our Lenten Project**, Sat. April 6 at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre from 10am – 12:30pm. Guest speaker is Ania Krysciak, chaplain at the University of Guelph and a much respected speaker. Her topic is “How do we save ourselves – Our Salvation”. Refreshments and a snack will be provided at break. A small free will offering would be appreciated. Please call 519-648-2939 with numbers so we have an approximate idea of attendance. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

New Evangelization Summit You are invited to come and listen to a gathering of world class speakers who will talk about the joy that comes with growing in our faith. This year for the first time the event is FREE! It is being held May 4th in Ottawa, and will be broadcast live to host sites around the world, one of which is Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener. Visit www.newevangelization.ca for more info, or contact Blessed Sacrament’s chairperson Ian Mendes at ianmendes2@gmail.com.

#RallyUp 4th Annual Diocesan Youth Rally will be May 25 at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. All young people grades 7 to 12 are invited to join hundreds of other youth from across the diocese. The theme is “According to Your Word”. To learn more and to register visit www.hamiltondioceseyouthrally.com.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated Sun. June 9 at 1:30pm at the Cathedral in Hamilton. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019 are invited to join Bishop Crosby for Mass. Register at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by filling out a form on the poster at the main entrance of St. Francis Church.

Quebec Pilgrimage, August 5-9 Visit Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Sacred Heart Shrine, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. 4 nights accommodations, meals, and all religious activities included, cost per person (double occupancy) is \$725. Contact Erna Spoenlein (519-743-1030), Rose Gunn (519-744-5923) or Angie Hunt (519-766-5262) for more details.

Camp Brébeuf Summer Camp! CYO Camp Brébeuf offers Leadership Camp, Overnight Camp and Day Camp programs each summer. Dates and themes for 2019 are now available on their website or the brochures at the main entrance of the church. To register or for more info visit www.campbrebeuf.ca. Experience. Fun. Outside.

Diocesan Newsletter For information about activities and events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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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.”

*“From the bright cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.”*
Luke 9: 35

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT March 17, 2019

