

## MASS INTENTIONS -- March 26 - 31, 2019

<b>Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Bernice Koebel – Kay Warner
<b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Clyde Abott – Alice & Jack Soeder
7:00 pm	Intentions of Marilyn Alston – Anne Pritchard
	+Mildred Fisher – Bernard & Rose Hanley
	+Jennie Rodzen – Catholic Women’s League
	+Dora Lamers – Helen Shantz
	+Don Cameron – Maria Cabral
	+Barbara Diemert – Parish Friends
<b>Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Madeline & Neil Helmka – Joan Schefter
<b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Lenten Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Patricia Newbrough – Joy Campbell & Family
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Parish Retreat Day</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Marilyn Alston – Marg Beckner
	+Andre Vanzielegem – the Vanzielegem Family
	+Elsie Fernandes – Remy & Francis D’Souza
	+Helen Collins – Mildred Fisher
	+Mildred Fisher – Marj Simon
	+Barbara Diemert – Eileen & Mary Longo
	+Chad Masterson – Victor Thibeault
<b>Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	+Venette Padden – Betty Corrigan
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b>	
Picnic Planning Mtg (H)	6:30 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR)	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Mtg (H)	7:00 pm
Level Programs 1 & 2 (ER & RR)	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	1:00 pm
Mass with Extended Lenten Homily(C)	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	9:00 am
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
Stations of the Cross (C)	7:00 pm

### WHAT’S HAPPENING CON’T

<b>Saturday</b>	
Parish Lenten Retreat Day (C)	10:00 am
<b>Sunday</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Mtg #1 (C)	1:00 pm

### March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection March 9/10	\$4,347.57
Collection March 16/17	\$4,951.00
<b>2019 Total Collection to date</b>	<b>\$56,752.86</b>
<b>2019 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$322,300.00</b>

### Looking Ahead to March 31, 2019

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21    Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 25: <b>Rev. Chris Buda, CR</b>
Tues. Mar. 26: <b>Rev. Frederick Scinto, CR</b>
Wed. Mar. 27: <b>Chancery Staff</b>
Thu. Mar. 28: <b>Rev. Aleksander Mazur, SAC</b>
Fri. Mar. 29: <b>Rev. Pat Aiello, CR</b>
Sat. Mar. 30: <b>Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, CR</b>



### It’s KICKOFF time!

The preparation phase of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton is moving into the active phase! A campaign 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 in Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI. The 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](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca)

*“Prayer reconnects us to God, charity to our neighbour, fasting to ourselves. ... these are the realities that do not end in nothing, and in which we must invest.”*

~ @Pontifex, March 17, 2019



## AROUND TOWN

**Are you Separated or Divorced?** Separation and divorce can be a painful and confusing time for those living the experience. Learning how to cope and being supported by those who have lived through it as well is important to ensure future health. The Family Ministry Office offers Levels programs in Kitchener for you if you are in this situation, or may want to refer anyone else you may know that is in need. 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. We are still accepting new registrations this coming Tuesday March 26.

**Praying with the Labyrinth:** The Catholic Women’s League of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo, invite everyone on a **Lenten pilgrimage** in our parish hall on **Thurs. March 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 7:00 pm** Mass. Centuries ago, pilgrims who were unable to go to Jerusalem, would make a symbolic pilgrimage, following the path of the labyrinth in their own cathedrals. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to try this prayerful experience by putting on your indoor walking shoes and joining us in making that journey on a labyrinth in the parish hall. Praying with the labyrinth may help us see our own faith journey towards God and how we carry that faith to the world. Charlie Van Alphen, a retired principal and religion consultant in the Catholic School Board, will be our facilitator. *Everyone is welcome.*

**Prayer Vigil** Thurs. April 4, 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 across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

## From the Pastor's Desk:

For the past two weeks I have written about changes in culture, and in particular changes in Catholic culture, which have, or soon will have, a noticeable impact upon ministry in the Catholic Church. Let me add more to this topic.

In a very in-depth and insightful book entitled *The Future of the Church*, renowned Catholic author John L. Allen, examines ten trends currently developing in the world which will transform the Catholic Church by the 22<sup>nd</sup> century. In his book he explores such trends as evangelical Catholicism, Islam, expanding lay roles, globalization, ecology, bio-tech development, etc. The author looks at all these trends and asks the question: how will this affect the Catholic Church as it currently stands?

While many things grabbed my attention in the book, three factors, or impacts, facing the Catholic Church may very well affect ministry right here at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. One, the catholic population by the 22<sup>nd</sup> century will no longer be predominantly European or North American. So called third world countries and Latin American countries will have the largest catholic population in the world. Spanish culture will influence ritual and ministry in the church, reshaping how we act as church. Two, the decline in fertility rates in traditionally catholic countries will profoundly affect ministry in the church by the 22<sup>nd</sup> century. This is already seen here at Saint Francis as our pastoral concern for the aged, infirmed and those in hospital continues to grow as our population ages – not to mention the increasingly large number of funerals taking place here or the increasingly fewer number of baptisms. Three, the priest shortage will affect ministry in all kinds of ways

by the 22<sup>nd</sup> century. This will call for expanding lay roles in the church, especially by women. Priests will be called upon to focus exclusively on sacramental ministry, while the laity will be called upon to carry out all the other ministries in the church. There are exciting days ahead for our church. More next week.

Father Tim, C.R.



## 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 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 29, April 5 and 12.

## 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!

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

During the season of Lent God invites us to turn away from sin and follow Jesus. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the grace to be able to respond to God's invitation. See our website for an examination of conscience you can use to prepare for the sacrament. And then come and receive the peace and joy of 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 also be found on our website.)

## SENIORS SOUP LUNCH



All seniors of the parish are invited to join us for a hearty soup lunch on Thursday April 4 at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. (This will be our seniors luncheon for the month.)

There is no cost; free-will donations will be accepted and the proceeds will go to our Share Lent campaign. Join us for some heart-warming company, and soup! Please RSVP when you get a phone call or by calling the parish office by Mon. April 1.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Chrism Mass** April 15

Mass with Bishop Crosby, 7:00 pm  
Hamilton Cathedral

**Holy Thursday** April 18

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm  
(Will include the washing of feet, food collection for the poor and Eucharistic adoration)

**Good Friday** April 19

Children's Service, 11:00 am  
Solemn Service, 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday** April 20

Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm

**Easter Sunday** April 21

Mass 9:00 am & 11:00 am



**Our “Doll Lady” has Retired** For many years a very special lady has helped Canadian Food For Children – Kitchener Depot by repairing dolls that have been donated to us. The “Doll Lady” has retired and we have broken and worn dolls who need washing, combing and dressing. Then they will bring great joy to children in third world countries who would love to have them. Are you interested? Please contact Linda Lou Pennington at 519-894-5046 or [pinn@golden.net](mailto:pinn@golden.net).

**What is Mental Health and Why Does it Matter?** Join us for a presentation by Rebecca Pister, Canadian Mental Health Association, on Mon. March 25, 7pm at Forest Hill United Church. “Just snap out of it!” Is it any wonder 2 out of 3 people living with mental illness suffer in silence when that is often the response they hear? Come and learn how we can support each other in meaningful ways.

**Eucharistic Celebration & Healing Service**  
A Mass and Healing Service in the Charismatic tradition will be held at St. Joseph Church (Fergus) on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**In the Garden: The Easter Story in Song**  
Presented by the Wayne Gilpin Singers at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener on Sat. March 30 at 8pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, available at the door or call 1-800-867-3281.

**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.

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 Krysiak, 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!

**Adoration for Life** Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as we pray that all people may respect the dignity of life.

- Thurs. April 4, 11am, St. Mary Kitchener
- Thurs. April 4, 6pm, St. Agnes Waterloo
- Fri. April 5, 6pm, St. Teresa Kitchener

Adoration is followed by Mass at all locations.

Join us Fri. April 5, 7:30pm, for next **Lecture in Catholic Experience** hosted by St. Jerome’s University, entitled “Architecture for Social Transformation.” LGA Architecture Partner, Janna Levitt, believes that architecture is an essential tool for creating living, working and learning environments that celebrate diverse cultures, environments and social dynamics. Vanstone Lecture Hall, no cost, please register at [www.sju.ca/lce](http://www.sju.ca/lce) but it is not required.

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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> )
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<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.”*

*“Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

Matthew 4: 17

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 24, 2019**

