

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

Tuesday, 5th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Marlene Lobsinger – Kay Warner
+Dora Lamers – Eileen Cox & Gail Moir
+Monica Buckle – the Ferraccioli Family
+Ron Jackson & Family – Jane Jackson
+Dora Schaefer – Madeline Haller

Wednesday, 6th - *Ash Weekday*
9:00 am +Ann Hutter – Betty Corrigan
10:15 am AT ST PAUL SCHOOL +Jennie Rodzen – Louise & Edward Rodzen
12:15 pm +Shawn O'Malley – Frank & Cleo O'Malley
7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, 7th - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am +Beatrice Scheffter – Joan Scheffter

Friday, 8th - *Lenten Weekday*
9:00 am +Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 9th - *The 1st Sunday of Lent*
5:00 pm Intentions of Kathleen O'Grady – Eileen & Mary Longo
Intentions of Stella Struthers – Cathy & Lucille Vanzieleghem
+Dorothy Herzog – Karen & Dave Kowalski & Family
+Matthew Hanson – Margaret Boshart & Family
+Hipolito & Josephine Fernandes – Remy & Francis D'Souza
+David Fransisco Calles – Marta Calles
+Helen Hornyak – Louis, Mary & Loretta Fulep

Sunday, 10th - *The 1st Sunday of Lent*
9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am +Ruth Hymers – Wayne & Peggy Marlatt

March 4th, 2019

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection February 23/24 \$4,769.45
2019 Total Collection to date **\$42,378.29**
2019 Total Budgeted Collection **\$322,300.00**

Looking Ahead to March 10, 2019

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

Tuesday
Mardi Gras & Pancake Supper! (H) 6:00 pm

Thursday
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 9:00 am
Seniors Lunch (Mandarin) 12 noon
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

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

Saturday
Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation (C) 10:00 am

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.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 4: **Rev. Ernest Varosi, CR**
Tues. Mar. 5: **Rev. Jim Donohue, CR**
Wed. Mar. 6: **Ash Wednesday**
Thu. Mar. 7: **Very Rev Murray McDermott, CR**
Fri. Mar. 8: **Rev. Sam Restivo, CR**
Sat. Mar. 9: **Rev. Rafal Tomon**

AROUND TOWN

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 N0B 2L0.

Prayer Vigil for Babies being Aborted Join us on Thurs. March 7 from 9-10am in front of Freeport Hospital. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but our own. Parking is usually across the road at Schneider Park, but the snow currently has the entrance blocked. If the barricades are still across the entrance the vigil will be cancelled.

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

- Mar. 7, 11:00am, St. Mary's Kitchener
 - Mar. 7, 6:00pm, St. Agnes Waterloo
- All Adoration Hours are followed by Mass.

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.

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!

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.

"Lord, you know how we resist placing the sufferings of others in our heart. Open our hearts and shape them in your image."



~ @Pontifex, February 21, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

“Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example and by prayer labours for conversion” (C.C.C. Paragraph 1422). This quote from the Catechism addresses an aspect of sin that all too often goes unnoticed when it speaks of individual sin and its effects. Individual sins impact negatively not only our personal relationship with God, but also our relationship with the church and its membership, the community of faith. In other words there is no such thing as a “private” sin in that it affects no one other than the sinner. Sin affects our relationship with God most certainly, but individual sin also affects and directly damages the people who form the community of faith. Simply put, there is no such thing as a sin that does not harm someone else. In response to this the church offers us the ritual of the Sacrament of Penance to seek forgiveness of sin, to experience God's mercy for us and to reconcile ourselves with the community of faith.

Interestingly enough we can also pray for others who have sinned, that they may seek God's mercy and forgiveness. Our Lenten Communal Service of Reconciliation on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm affords our parish community the opportunity to pray together for our own sinfulness and the sinfulness of others, especially those who are incapable of seeking forgiveness or are not aware of their own sinfulness. Even if you find yourself not in need of forgiveness of sins at this point it would be good for you to participate in the Communal Service and pray

for others who find themselves in need of forgiveness. Hope to see a large crowd in attendance the night of our Communal Service.

Father Tim, C.R.



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.



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.

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.



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 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.

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.

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.

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener, Ontario N2M 4E2
519-745-7301 www.stfranciskw.ca
stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: www.resurrectionists.ca

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.”

*“Shine like stars in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.”*

Philippians 2: 15-16

**8th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
March 3, 2019**

