

MASS INTENTIONS -- April 2 - 7, 2019

Tuesday, 2nd	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Czeslaw Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family
7:00 pm	Lenten Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, 3rd	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Mary Hehn – Bill & Pat Jeffrey
7:00 pm	Intentions of Gail & Ruthann Fisher – Gene Furtado In Thanksgiving – Julie Wilkins +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margaret & Dana Marsh +Gordon Jackson – Sharon Viscardi +Reg Sellner – Mary Ann Sellner & Family
Thursday, 4th	- Lenten Weekday
9:00 am	+Ann Hutter – Maria Cabral
Friday, 5th	- Lenten Weekday First Friday
9:00 am	+Dora Lamers – Maria & Dionisio Cabral
9:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 6th	- The 5th Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family Intentions of Sue Hartman – the Schnarr & Bishop Families +Joseph Crovetto – the Family +Mildred Fisher – Bob Adams +William Poole – Madeline Haller +Maurice Dowdall – Anne Darby-Watchorn +Baptis & Zena Fernandes – Remy & Francis D'Souza
Sunday, 7th	- The 5th Sunday of Lent
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Theresa Lindo – Jose Lindo

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday

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

Tuesday

Lenten Reconciliation Service (C)	7:00 pm
Level Programs 1 & 2 (ER & RR)	7:00 pm

Wednesday

Mass with Extended Lenten Homily(C)	7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR)	following Mass

Thursday

Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	9:00 am
Seniors Soup Lunch (H)	12 noon
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
Catechesis Parent Meeting (Atrium)	7:30 pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING CON'T

Friday

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction	9:30 am
Stations of the Cross (C)	7:00 pm

Sunday

1 st Communion Mtg #2 (C)	1:00 pm
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March 31st, 2019

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection March 23/24	\$6,040.00
2019 Total Collection to date	\$62,792.86
2019 Total Budgeted Collection	\$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to April 7, 2019

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Philippians 3: 8-14 John 8: 1-11

If you have not picked up your Lent or Easter **Little Books** please pick them up in the office or call 519-745-7301 to arrange to pick them up.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 1: **Rev. Philip Reilly, CR**

Tues. Apr. 2: **Rev. David Walter**

Wed. Apr. 3: **Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans, CSSp)**

Thu. Apr. 4: **Rev. George Stortz**

Fri. Apr. 5: **Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot**

Sat. Apr. 6: **Rev. Robert Stainsby**

"Lent is rediscovering that we are made for the flame that always burns: for God, for the eternity of Heaven, and not for the world."

~ @Pontifex, March 20, 2019



Extra! Extra! Read all about the Diocese of Hamilton! The Catholic Register, Canada's largest Catholic newspaper, will soon include a two-page insert featuring happenings in the Diocese of Hamilton! The insert will appear every other week in The Register, beginning with the March 31st issue. The insert will include news and updates about the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*, as well as features and news about the other good works that take place in the Diocese. Copies of the paper are available at the main entrance of the church. Please take a copy, read it and pass it on to a friend. Let's spread the Diocese's good news!

AROUND TOWN

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.

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.

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 but it is not required.

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!

From the Pastor's Desk:

Once again, for the fourth week now, I would like to address how changes in the world and in the church will affect the ministerial and ritual face of the church in the years ahead. While some of the influences impacting the church can clearly be defined as negative, a great many influences will have positive impacts on the church, something for which we ought to be excited and hope-filled.

In the book I referred to last week by John L. Allen, *The Future Church*, he gives over a significant amount of space towards the end of his book addressing the question: how do we anticipate where current trends will take us in our strategic planning for the future? The author prefaces his comments by reminding his readers that any strategies for the future, intended to address influences impacting the church, built on the assumption that the future will be like the past, is doomed to failure. Planning strategies are called to anticipate where things are moving, not where they have been.

What are some of the trends that the author suggests need to be included in future strategy planning in the church? One, the rise in moral conservatism. Without saying whether the trend is good or bad, it is pretty safe to conclude that today's young people tend to be more conservative than the previous generations. Two, the liberalization of social justice issues. The cry of the poor is being heard more loudly than ever before from people critical of Western culture. The current generation we refer to as the Millennial's appear to be the most social justice oriented generation in history, a generation that speaks out and works for justice. Three, the rise in numbers in the Catholic Church of biblical

literalist's. Some argue this rise is the result of the lack of biblical study by "pew Catholics". Four, an African church that is young and optimistic. The huge numbers, that continue to grow, of young Catholics in Africa will surely impact the face of the church.

The above trends, while only a few that Allen mentions in his book, will surely impact what our church looks like in the future. Allen's challenge to us today is to pro-actively plan for the future while keeping these trends in mind – to ignore them would result in a church that is out of touch with reality.

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, 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 on April 5 and 12.

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.)

SHARE LENT

This weekend there is an insert in the bulletin about our annual Share Lent campaign. Development and Peace invites us to Share the Journey with the 68.5 million displaced children, women and men throughout the world. Please read the insert this week and next week you will have the opportunity to make a donation. Please use the envelopes in your envelope boxes marked Share Lent, or write your name and contact info on one of the extra envelopes in the pews next weekend. Cheques should be made payable to St. Francis Church so we can make one large donation from the parish. 100% of your donations go to Development and Peace. Thank you for your generosity and compassion as we walk with our brothers and sisters in need.



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

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



Mini Lenten Retreat: "Journeying with Jesus to Jerusalem" Sat. April 6th at St. Mark Parish, Kitchener. Beginning with Mass at 9 am, ending by 2 pm with Fr. Steve available for confessions. Join Sr. Jocelyn Monette, N.D.S. as she leads us on a visual experience of the journey of Jesus as He walks from Galilee to His last days in Jerusalem. New insights from the Bible, history and archaeology will help connect Jesus' story and give examples to our lives today. A video, "How Jesus died: the final 18 hours" will show the facts of Jesus' crucifixion. There will be time for prayer and sharing. CWL will provide light refreshments through the day and a variety of warm homemade soups for lunch. A goodwill offering will be collected. Register no later than April 2 to reserve your spot – call Anna at 519-577-8519 or St. Mark parish office at 519-571-9200. All are welcome!

Heartache to Healing St. Michael's 6 week grief support group sessions will be available again starting May 1st. The program assists those who have lost a loved one, or who have experienced another significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5), at St. Michael's, Waterloo. There is no fee, but you must register by April 12th. To register, or for more information, please contact the parish office 519-884-9311.

Ecumenical Service with Taizé Songs Join us to pray with Scripture and meditative songs for peace and reconciliation, unity and harmony in the church and the world. Palm Sunday, April 14, 7:30pm at St. Agatha RC Church, hosted by the St. Agatha Christian Communities.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

An April Afternoon Bridge & Card Party Tickets are now available for the annual card party on April. 24th in the St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30am, lunch served at 12 noon. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch, refreshments, prizes and lots of fun playing your favourite game with friends! Hosted by the CWL. For tickets contact the parish at 519-893-6960.

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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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."

"I will get up and go to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."
 Luke 15: 18



**4th SUNDAY OF LENT
 March 31, 2019**