

**MASS INTENTIONS -- April 16 - 21, 2019**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>** - *Tuesday of Holy Week*  
 9:00 am Intentions of Betty Corrigan – Anne Pritchard  
 Intentions of Deacon Raphael Ma, CR – Margaret Boshart  
 In Thanksgiving – Srs. Anne Karges & Rose Gabriel, CSJ  
 +Stephen Wiper – Mike & Diane Uniac  
 +Barbara Diemert – Alice & Bernie Preiditsch

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>** - *Wednesday of Holy Week*  
 9:00 am +Carl & Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren  
 +Mildred Fisher – Betty Corrigan  
 +Dana Woito – Ruthann Fisher  
 +Dr. Jack Sehl – Madeline Haller  
 +Michael Schmitt – Gary & Marion Howell

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
 7:00 pm Intentions of St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Good Friday*  
 11:00 am Children's Service  
 3:00 pm Solemn Service

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>** - *Holy Saturday Easter Vigil*  
 8:30 pm New Catholics

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>** - *Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection*  
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**April 14, 2019  
 PALM SUNDAY OF  
 OUR LORD'S PASSION**

Collection April 6/7 \$5,753.70  
 2019 Total Collection to date **\$74,337.29**  
 2019 Total Budgeted Collection **\$322,300.00**

**Looking Ahead to April 21, 2019  
 EASTER SUNDAY OF  
 OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION**

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43  
 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Apr. 15: Rev. Paul Hrynczyszyn  
 Tues. Apr. 16: Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, CR  
 Wed Apr 17: Diaconate Formation Candidates  
 Thu. Apr. 18: Holy Thursday  
 Fri. Apr. 19: Good Friday  
 Sat. Apr. 20: Rev. John Redmond

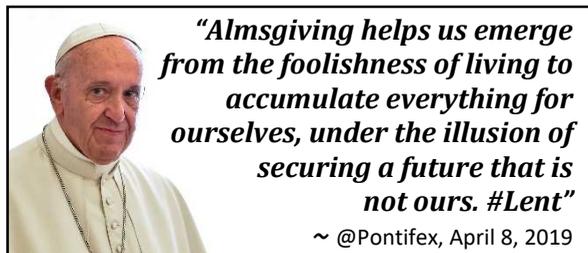
**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH**

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

**Tuesday**  
 Level Programs 1 & 2 (ER & RR) 7:00 pm

**Thursday**  
 Office Closes at Noon

**Friday**  
 Office Closed for Good Friday



**2019 National Catholic TV Mission: Sin, Forgiveness & Reconciliation**

Cardinal Thomas Collins is this year's Mission leader, and he will explore the healing power available to all of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Mission will air on Salt + Light and VisionTV during Holy Week. Please check your local listings, call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or visit [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) for more information.

**FASHIONS BY NYGARD**



St. Francis CWL is hosting an evening of fun, fashion and friendship, featuring our very own ladies as models, wearing the styles of Nygard. Wed. May 1, 7pm in the parish hall. Bring your family and friends, refreshments provided, free will offering gratefully appreciated. For more info contact Lorraine 519-498-4526.

**PARISH PICNIC**

Save the date, Sun. June 2 after a special 10:30am Mass. BBQ lunch, bouncy castle, face painting, mini-golf, games, prizes and more! Come kick off our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an afternoon of family fun!



**AROUND TOWN**

**Ecumenical Lenten Evening** Join us for Lent Hymn Sing on Tues. April 16, 6:30pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. All are welcome!

**Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** Join us for this extraordinary pilgrimage through Mary's life, and see why she is an essential part of our faith. Guided by Dr. Edward Sri, we will be introduced to the Blessed Mother on a personal level showing how scripture, history and Jewish culture reveal the sorrows, anxieties and joys Mary held in her heart. Six Wednesday afternoons beginning May 1, 1:30-3:30pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. Cost is \$35 and includes materials. **Please register by April 22** by contacting Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-528-7988 ext 2238.

**GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY** – Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, Friday, April 19th 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO reservations – First Come, First Served. Haddock with fresh hand cut fries served with coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 piece (\$14) or 2 piece (\$16) dinner available, kids under 12 half price. Dessert, bar & refreshments also available, and new this year, hot dogs for those who don't eat fish. Cash only. Phone (519) 648-2939.

**Calvin's Spring Garage Sale!** Fri. April 26 from 6-8pm and Sat. April 27, 8-11:30am, at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Great bargains for everyone! For more info call 519-744-4061 or visit [www.calvinchurch.ca](http://www.calvinchurch.ca)

**An April Afternoon Bridge & Card Party** Tickets are now available for the annual card party on April. 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## From the Pastor's Desk:

*Why does the Easter Vigil have to be so long?*

This is a question I often hear at this time of the year, especially with the Vigil taking place next Saturday. In response I remind the questioner that the Easter Vigil is considerably shorter than it originally was, for a great number of centuries! Vigil originally meant just that – VIGIL – to keep watch until dawn when the news of the resurrection is made known. So Vigil, if we were to adhere to tradition, would begin at sundown Saturday and continue until sunrise Sunday. So the better question would be: *Why is the Easter Vigil so short?*

So today the Vigil is shorter than tradition would have it, yet certainly longer than our usual Sunday celebration. Why? Simply put, this is the most important celebration of the entire liturgical calendar, even more important than Christmas. Everything we do during liturgical celebrations throughout the year both point to, and flow from, the Easter Vigil.

The Easter Vigil does a number of things. For instance Vigil brings the light of Christ back into the church after its long Lenten absence. Perhaps you have noticed that the Easter Paschal candle has not been in the church since Pancake Tuesday. At Vigil we light the new Easter candle from a fire outside in front of the church and then process it into the darkened church. This is to remind us that the light of Christ dispels the darkness, especially the darkness cast upon the church on Good Friday – not even death itself can stop the light of Christ from shining.

During Vigil we reflect upon the Word of God – nine readings in total. This is intended to show us our salvation history revealed since the dawn of creation.

During Vigil our baptismal font is unsealed. The dryness of Lent is now refreshed with the waters of new life, and from this new water people are invited to renew their baptism – finally after forty days of Lent we can touch and feel the waters of new life.

Vigil touches all our senses; Vigil deepens our faith; Vigil reminds us of salvation history; Vigil dispels darkness; Vigil reminds us how much our God loves us. Come and celebrate Easter Vigil next Saturday at 8:30 pm.



Father Tim, C.R.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Chrim 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



## SHARE LENT

Development and Peace invites us to Share the Journey with 68.5 million displaced children, women and men throughout the world. To learn more visit [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org). You can still make donations, please use the envelopes in your envelope boxes marked Share Lent, or write your name, contact info and Share Lent on any envelope. Cheques should be made payable to St. Francis Church so we can make one large donation from the parish.

## HOLY THURSDAY FOOD DRIVE

As we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, let us share the gift of nourishment with our brothers and sisters in need. Please bring non-perishable food items for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Hamper Program; they especially need canned fruit, peanut butter and jello/pudding. You will be invited to bring your donations forward during Offertory. Thank you for your generosity!

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Collection for Christians and Churches in the Holy Land takes place on April 19, 2019. Each year our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land, many of whom depend on the collection for their lives. Requested by Pope Francis, this collection benefits the Holy Places in the Holy Land and the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to care for our Christian brothers and sisters and the local population. Envelopes can be found in your church envelope boxes, or extras will be at the entrances of the church on Good Friday. Cheques should be made out to St. Francis Church so we can send our donation together. Last year the Diocese of Hamilton contributed \$175,000 to the Holy Land Commissariat, thank you to all who were so generous!

## MONTHLY GAME DAY



This month come out on a special day, **THURSDAY APRIL 25** 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION

Please keep our young people in prayer as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on the weekends of April 27/28 and May 4/5. May they know Jesus as a friend who walks with them each day.

## MONEY 101: A FINANCIAL WELLNESS SESSION

Did you know that 41% of Canadians rank money as their greatest stress – over health, work and relationships? Sadly, 51% of Canadians feel embarrassed about the lack of control they have over their finances. Join us on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall for 'Money 101', a financial wellness presentation by Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management and long-time Head of Business & Co-op at Resurrection CSS. Topics will include the importance of the earn/save/invest cycle, credit cards that pay you and understanding how robo advisors work. The session promises to be entertaining and practical! Please contact the Parish Office to pre-register. Admission is free; food donations to St. Vincent de Paul are greatly appreciated.

*"#Lent invites us to look upward with prayer, which frees us from a horizontal, flat life, where we find time only for our ego, but forget God."*

~ @Pontifex, April 7, 2019



**The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild** invites everyone to attend the Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower (no meat) to be held Sat. April 27 from 10:45am – 2pm at the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. Guest speaker: Very Rev. Michael King, Vocation Director for Hamilton Diocese.

**Maryhill Knights of Columbus Vegas Night** Saturday April 27 at the Bridgeport Rod & Gun (1229 Beitz Road, R. #1, Breslau). Doors open at 7, fun begins at 8 p.m. Free Admission. Fast Food available. Many generous prizes to be won at the “Big Wheel” – grocery hampers, meat boxes, cash prizes and others. Penny Table, other games of chance. A light lunch will be served at the end of the evening. Arrive early to get a good seat. ALL proceeds are given to charity to be announced that night. Contact Mike Runstedler (519) 648-3394 or Doug Zinger (519) 648-2939

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterloo Region Interfaith Community Breakfast** This year’s theme is *From Settler to Sojourner*, with guest speaker Rev. Rosalyn Elm, Oneida Nation. Join us Wed. May 1 at 7am at Bingemans Conference Centre. Tickets are \$25 each, table of 8 for \$175. Purchase tickets online at Eventastic: [www.eventastic.com/events/25905](http://www.eventastic.com/events/25905) or email [ICBreakfastTickets@gmail.com](mailto:ICBreakfastTickets@gmail.com) or at Erb & Good Funeral Home. Sponsored by Interfaith Grand River, helping all faiths work together to build up our community in Waterloo Region.

**Heartache to Healing** Have you experienced the death of a loved one, or another type of loss? Join our St. Michael’s Grief Support Group. 6 weekly sessions are offered May 1 – June 5, 7-8:30pm. Ongoing grief support sessions, guest speakers and socials are held every couple of months following the 6 week program. These provide familiar support from

the group as you continue your grief journey. For more info and to register contact the parish office, [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca) or 519-884-9311. The support of others who are on a similar journey will help you move forward.

**THE GIFT** Following their joyful reunion with Jesus after his Resurrection, the disciples were instructed to *“Wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father.” (Acts 1:8)* Celebrate Pentecost this year by taking part in **“THE GIFT,”** a 6 week DVD series focusing on the role of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Join us as, like the disciples, we prayerfully wait, ponder and rediscover this great gift of the Father. The Gift begins on Thursday, May 06, at 7pm at St Anne’s church hall, Kitchener. For Information, please call Patrick or Rita: 519 748 5548

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.newevangelization.ca) for more info, or contact Blessed Sacrament’s chairperson Ian Mendes at [ianmendes2@gmail.com](mailto:ianmendes2@gmail.com).

Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Sat. May 4** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira. Continuous seating 6:30-8:30pm, take out at 6pm. Cost is \$12 adults, \$6 kids 12 and under. Tickets available until May 2, call 519-669-3387.

*“Lenten fasting frees us from our attachment to things, from the worldliness that anaesthetizes the heart. #Lent”*

~ @Pontifex, April 8, 2019



# 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.

<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. Terriane 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.”*

# Hosanna in the Highest!

## PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD’S PASSION

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