

**MASS INTENTIONS -- April 30 – May 5, 2019**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am  
**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00 am  
**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
9:00 am  
**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
9:00 am  
9:30 am  
**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 pm  
**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am  
11:00 am

- *St. Marie de l'Incarnation, Religious*  
Intentions of the Congregation of the Resurrection  
- **Easter Weekday** **Sacrament of the Sick during Mass**  
Intentions of Deacon Raphael Ma, CR – Anne Pritchard  
Intentions of Alice Preiditsch – the Westman / Voll Family  
+Wilbert Voll – the Voll / Westman Family  
+John Bauer – Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth  
+Dianne Sprenger – Victor Springall  
- **St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
+Lloyd Hummel – Marge Hummel & Family  
- **Sts. Philip & James, Apostles** **First Friday**  
+Domenico Trovato – Angela Ianni  
Adoration & Benediction  
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family  
Intentions of Deacon Raphael Ma, CR – Margaret Houston & Elizabeth  
+Denise Vachon – Victor Thibeault  
+Rose Marie Overland – St. Francis of Assisi Choir Community  
+Kathleen O'Grady – Maureen Kirvan  
+Jean Mansfield – Margaret Boshart  
+Majda Zupan – Joe Zupan & Family  
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
+Wilbert Voll – the Voll / Westman Family

**April 28, 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Collection April 13/14 \$5,800.02  
Easter Collection \$10,535.65  
**2019 Total Collection to date \$90,643.93**  
**2019 Total Budgeted Collection \$322,300.00**

**Looking Ahead to May 5, 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 5: 28-32, 40b-41  
Revelations 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Apr. 29: **Rev. Janusz Roginski, SAC**  
Tues. Apr. 30: **Rev. Jacek Kryn, SAC**  
Wed. May 1: **Ursuline Sisters (o.s.u.)**  
Thu. May 2: **Rev. Robert Sims**  
Fri. May 3: **Rev. Godwin Pinto, OCD**  
Sat. May 4: **Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH**

**Monday**  
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm  
Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm  
**Tuesday**  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Mtg (H) 7:00 pm  
Level Programs 1 & 2 (ER & RR) 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday**  
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed) 10am - noon  
Fashion Show by Nygard (H) 7:00 pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR) 7:00 pm  
**Thursday**  
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 9:00 am  
Seniors Lunch @ Montana's 12 noon  
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:30 pm  
**Saturday**  
1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Rehearsal (C) 10:00 am  
**Saturday/Sunday**  
Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist At All Masses

**ANNUAL CARD PARTY**



Come one, come all to the St. Francis Annual Card Party! Wed. May 15, doors open at 12:30pm, light lunch served at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$15, purchase them at the parish office or contact Karin Manley at 519-576-6587. (No tickets will be sold at the door.) Proceeds will go to Hospice of Waterloo Region. Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon of cards, games, prizes and fun!



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**  
**May 5 – 10, 2019**

Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841. This year's Catholic Education Week theme, "Living as Joyful Disciples", was inspired by *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exsultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. The theme is very much directed to our students, especially their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocations. In *Renewing the Promise* we read, "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve." "Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." 1 Peter 1:8

**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 Prayer Vigil** In response to last Sunday's **bombing in Sri Lanka** of churches and hotels, the Steering Committee of Christians Together Waterloo Region has organized a Prayer Vigil in support of our local Sri Lankan community. Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge, and Guelph have a great number of Christians, Hindus, and Buddhists with deep roots in Sri Lanka. It is appropriate that we set aside time to have the whole community come together, mourn, and pray. Please join us this **Sunday, April 28, at 6:30 pm**, at the Kitchener City Hall Rotunda.

**Prayer Vigil** Thurs. May 2 from 9:00 to 10:00 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 in Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

**The Francis Impact**, will premiere on Sun. May 5th at 6pm and 10pm on Salt and Light Television. All of the major cable carriers are currently offering a "free view" of Salt and Light until mid-May. You can also watch it online at: <https://saltandlighttv.org/live/> at the times indicated.

## From the Pastor's Desk:

We now find ourselves in the beginning stages of the Easter season, a season fifty days in length which calls us to continually proclaim Christ risen from the dead. As the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar* remind us – we are to treat these fifty days of Easter as one great feast, or one great unending Sunday celebration. This celebration of Christ risen continues until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the day the church was formed, Pentecost Sunday.

As reminder to all of us: what will we do liturgically to recognize and celebrate the Easter season? On Sundays, during the Gloria we will have the sprinkling rite with holy water to remind us of our own baptism (we make the sign of the cross when sprinkled with holy water); the Creed is replaced with the renewal of baptismal promises in order to recognize our common baptism; the Easter Paschal candle will be lit for every liturgical celebration throughout the season; and there will be the double Alleluia dismissal at the conclusion of each Eucharist during the Easter season.

We will also celebrate the sacraments of initiation as often as possible during the Easter season, most especially baptism and first Eucharist. As we all witness others receiving the holy sacraments we witness the growth of our church and are hopefully renewed in our own call to celebrate these sacraments of our faith.

Father Tim, C.R.



## FIRST COMMUNION

May all our First Communicants, from this weekend and next, know Jesus as a friend who walks with them each day. Blessings to you all!

## EASTER THANK YOU'S

**THANK YOU to everyone who ministered** during our Holy Week liturgies: the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, hospitality ministers, gift bearers, oil bearers, those who hosted our Easter Vigil reception and St. Vincent de Paul members who sorted the food donations. A special thank you to our exceptional choir members for their dedication in preparing for Easter and for helping us make a joyful noise unto the Lord! We are so blessed to have such prayerful volunteers in our parish community, thank you for helping us celebrate the Easter Triduum well! May the continued 50 days of Easter enliven our hearts to the resurrected Christ in our midst.

**THANK YOU** for your donations to our Holy Thursday **Food Drive**. You brought in 434 pounds of food to share with our neighbours in need. Thank you for your generosity as we extend the table of the Lord to all in our community.

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to our **Good Friday collection** for the needs of the Church in the Holy Land. We collected \$4,006.22 which will go to support Christians and sacred places in the Holy Land.

## RESURRECTION GARDEN

You may have noticed part of the decorations in our sanctuary this Easter is a Resurrection Garden, created by our Children's Liturgy group. Each child made one of these gardens to take home, as well as this one to share with the parish. The grass is already starting to grow on our "Calvary" and the sign of new life in the midst of a place of suffering and death is such a beautiful depiction of the Resurrection. Thank you to all the Children's Liturgy leaders and participants for sharing this with us!

## 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.

Come out to our next **SENIORS' LUNCH, Thursday May 2, 12 noon, at Montana's Restaurant** (740 Ottawa St S, Kitchener).



Enjoy the delicious lunch menu with selections ranging from \$10.99 to \$15.99. Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office by Monday April 29. Sorry for the short notice!

## 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.

## ROSES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus Roses for Life Program freely distributes small rose stickers which attach to the lapel of jackets or coats. These roses are a symbol of our support of pro-life causes and raise awareness of these issues. The Knights will be distributing roses here next weekend, May 4/5. They will also be accepting donations to provide financial support for pro-life organizations.

## CROWNING OF MARY & SPEAKER

All members of the parish are invited to a Crowning of Mary prayer service on **Wed. May 8 at 7pm**, followed by guest speaker David Dayler, Director of Discipleship and Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton. David will speak on "Mary and Discipleship", a topic sure to inspire us during this Easter Season. All are welcome, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Thursday May 9 we want to honour all our volunteers here at St. Francis Parish. If you are involved in ministry or volunteering in our parish community please join us for Evening Prayer at 7pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. Please RSVP on the evite sent to you or by calling the parish office at 519-745-7301. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, without you we could not be the vibrant parish we are!



*"Christ is risen, and with Him our creative hope arises to face the problems of our day, because we know we are not alone. #Easter"*

~ @Pontifex, April 25, 2019



**The Big Spring Cleanup!** The snow is gone and the robins are back! The Kitchener Knights of Columbus Annual Big Spring Cleanup is set to go on Sat. May 4 from 8am to 12 noon in the St. Anthony Daniel parking lot at Ottawa and Franklin. We'll take all your electronic waste and scrap metal of any kind. For a food bank donation the K of C Shred All truck will securely destroy your important papers. All donations help the Knights raise funds for local charities. This year Girl Guides will also be there offering their popular cookies for sale!

**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:** *"The desire and work of the Spirit in the heart of the church is that we may live from the life of the risen Christ."* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1091.) In these upcoming weeks of the Easter season, you are invited to join us we allow the Holy Spirit to teach us how to live this new life through a 6 part DVD series, **"The Gift."** Experience a renewed taste for prayer, a deeper understanding of the sacraments and the Mass and fellowship with other parishioners. Series begins Thurs. May 2 at 7pm in St Anne's church hall, Kitchener. Please register in advance (no fee), so course materials can be prepared. Call: Patrick or Rita, 519 748 5548.

**Shalom Counselling Services Spring Breakfast** is Sat. May 4, 8:30 – 11:00 am at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Join us for guest speakers: Mardi Tindal, educator, author, broadcaster and church leader; and Alex Tindal, award-winning comedian, teacher, writer and actor (also Mardi's son!). Tickets are \$30 (tax receipts will be issued for \$15 of the ticket price and for any other donations). 519-886-9690 or visit [www.shalomcounselling.org/breakfast](http://www.shalomcounselling.org/breakfast).

**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).

**March For Life** Join thousands at the March for Life in Toronto this year at Queen's Park. On Thurs. May 9 we will call for justice for the preborn. KW Right to Life is taking a bus from Kitchener leaving at 7:15am, returning by 6pm. March for Life begins at 10am for one hour, followed by speakers in the afternoon at St. Michael's University College. Bus seat \$25 (students ride free), conference \$20. For details call 519-746-5433 or email [kwrtl@golden.net](mailto:kwrtl@golden.net).

**#RallyUp 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hamiltondioceseyouthrally.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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<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."*

***"You believe me, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."***

John 20: 29

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 28, 2019**

