

MASS INTENTIONS -- April 9 - 14, 2019

Tuesday, 9th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Alice Ma – Marj Simon

Wednesday, 10th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Maria Cabral
 7:00 pm Intentions of Sr. Anne Rektor – Mary Ann Sellner
 Intentions of Julie Wilkins
 Intentions of Al Hoediano – Cathy Vanzielegem
 +Barbara Diemert – Ruthann Fisher
 +Mildred Fisher – Anne Darby-Watchorn

Thursday, 11th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Diane Cross-Venner – Joan Scheffter

Friday, 12th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Bruce Jackson – Jane Jackson
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 13th - *Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion*
 5:00 pm +Gerald John MacDonald – Sonia Fitzpatrick
 +Mary McCarville – the Family
 +André Vanzielegem – the Vanzielegem Family
 +Tom Logel – Janet Logel & Family
 +Jeannette Larochelle – Victor Thibeault
 +Helen Livingstone – Bob Livingstone & Family
 +Patricia Marion – Betty Hinsperger & Family

Sunday, 14th - *Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion*
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 11:00 am +Roly Alston – Marilyn Alston

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
 Parents for Community Living (H) 7:00 pm
 Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm
 Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday
 Mass with Extended Lenten Homily(C) 7:00 pm

Thursday
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 9:00 am
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:30 pm
 Picnic Planning Mtg (H) 6:30 pm
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday
 Palm Splitting Party (H) 9:30 am
 Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

Sunday
 1st Communion Mtg #3 (C) 1:00 pm

April 7, 2019

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection March 30/31 \$5,790.73
2019 Total Collection to date \$68,583.59
2019 Total Budgeted Collection \$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to April 14, 2019

**PALM SUNDAY OF
 OUR LORD'S PASSION**

Luke 19: 28-40 Isaiah 50: 4-7
 Philippians 2: 6-11 Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

"The courage to encounter one another and extend a hand of friendship is a pathway of peace and harmony for humanity.

~ @Pontifex, March 30, 2019



DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 8: **Rev. Mark Sullivan**
 Tues. Apr. 9: **Very Rev. Ian Duffy**
 Wed. Apr. 10: **Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ (IHMMC)**
 Thu. Apr. 11: **Rev. Joseph Akanbi**
 Fri. Apr. 12: **Rev. Piotr Golinski**
 Sat. Apr. 13: **Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, SAC**

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!

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 for more information.

AROUND TOWN

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.

Join us for a special screening of the film *Pope Francis: A Man of his Word* Written and directed by Academy Award nominee Wim Wenders, the film provides a personal journey, combining archival footage with direct interviews with Pope Francis in which he responds to questions about death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family. April 9, 7pm at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph. For more info visit the Reel Justice page at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY – Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, Friday, April 19th 11 a.m. 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.

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.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Next weekend the Passion account will be proclaimed as we celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday, and then again on Good Friday (April 19th) we will proclaim the Passion. It is important to understand the teachings of the church regarding our Jewish brothers and sisters before the proclamation of the Passion. And while I spoke of this last year I feel it so important that it bears repeating, and this is what we believe:

"As we read or meditate on the Passion accounts during Holy Week, we must be careful that we do not unwittingly or unwillingly carry away or transmit anti-Jewish or anti-Semitic impressions, especially with respect to the account of Saint Matthew or Saint John. Historically, these later accounts reflect first century conflicts between Jewish Christians and the synagogue over the identity of Jesus. Taken and used out of context, they have been responsible for great harm in relations between Christians and the Jews throughout the history of the Church. Before reading these accounts (especially according to John) it would be well for us to recall that when the evangelist refers to "the Jews", we know he is not saying that all Jews, either of Jesus' time or our time, are responsible for his death. Pilate, along with some members of the Sanhedrin, cannot avoid their responsibility, but as Christians we must remember 'Christ out of infinite love, freely underwent suffering and death because of the sins of all people, so that all might attain salvation.' It is the duty of the Church, therefore, in its preaching to proclaim the cross of Christ as the sign of God's universal love and the source of all grace."

(The Second Vatican Council, Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, paragraph 4).

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 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 12.



Share the
Journey
#sharejourney

This weekend Ruthann spoke about our **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. To learn more visit www.devp.org. You can still make donations next week, 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. 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.

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



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.

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!

PALM SPLITTING PARTY

After morning Mass on Fri. April 12 join us in the parish hall to prepare the palms for Palm Sunday and enjoy some fellowship!



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.

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

44th 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 7pm at Bingemans Conference Centre. Tickets are \$25 each, table of 8 for \$175. Purchase tickets online at Eventastic: www.eventastic.com/events/25905 or email 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.

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.

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.

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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."



"Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord, for I am gracious and merciful."

Joel 2: 12-13

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