

MASS INTENTIONS -- May 14 - 19, 2019

Tuesday, 14th	- St. Matthias, Apostle +Lloyd Hummel – Marge Hummel & Family
Wednesday, 15th	- Easter Weekday Intentions of Sr. Rose Gabriel, CSJ – Gene Furtado
Thursday, 16th	- Easter Weekday +Chris Oei – the Oei Family +Theresia Bauer – Patrick & Mary Ann Dodsworth +Pauline Sehl – Eleanor Buchanan +Marion Campkin – Frank Guyett +William Poole – Theresa Kelly
Friday, 17th	- Easter Weekday +Richard Jackson – Sharon Viscardi
Saturday, 18th	- 4th Sunday of Easter Wedding of Rebecca Frank & Brian Her +Bert Rowe – Beth Rowe & Family +Ann Hutter – Mary & Alvina Bergamin +Eugene & Patsy George – Mike & Marg George +Kathleen O'Grady – Mary Anderson +Ronald Meechan – Maureen Kirvan +Bill Renaud – Michelle Krulicki +Deceased Members of the Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
Sunday, 19th	- 4th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi 11:00 am +Albert McDougall – Jenny Burjoski

May 12, 2019

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collection May 4/5	\$6,461.25
2019 Total Collection to date	\$103,745.03
2019 Total Budgeted Collection	\$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to May 19, 2019

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14: 21-27

Revelations 21: 1-5a John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. May 13: Rev. Ronald Hodara
Tues. May 14: Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, SAC
Wed. May 15: Society of Christ (S.Chr.)
Thu. May 16: Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Fri. May 17: Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Sat. May 18: Rev. Malcolm Ratzenberger

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday	
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
Tuesday	
Level Programs 1 & 2 (ER & RR)	7:00 pm
Wednesday	
Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10am - noon
Card Party! (H)	1:00 pm
Thursday	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	9:00 am
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
Saturday	
Wedding Frank/Her (C)	2:00 pm



AROUND TOWN

The Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) is coming to St. Teresa Parish. Fr. Marian Gil has been involved in LSS retreats and has seen the heart-warming transformation it can work in people's lives - bringing peace to individuals, and reconciliation to families. YOU can experience the joy of having a personal relationship with the Lord. All it takes is your openness to the Holy Spirit. The LSS will run over 7 weeks, every Friday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 pm beginning May 17. This event is open to all 19 years and older - and it's free! Got questions? Contact Mila Navaleza at 519-579-8276 or email Mila at mnavaleza@gmail.com. You can also email Fr. Marian Gil: mariangil@icloud.com.

WHY@Breakfast presents **Art, Beauty and Dialogue** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is hosting this presentation with speaker Rev. Denis Grecco, Assistant Professor at St. Peter's Seminary on May 18 from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Come and find out how art and beauty may assist us in facing the issues of the churches and our contemporary culture. Two volumes, Pentateuch and Gospels & Acts, of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible will be on display during the event. Light breakfast available. For info visit whyatbreakfast.com. Please RSVP by calling the parish at 519-886-0342 or email whyatbreakfast@gmail.com.

Tastes of Ramadan Iftaar Dinner The Coalition of Muslim Women of KW warmly invites members of our community who are not of Muslim faith to experience Ramadan traditions from around the world. Sat. May 18 from 7:30 – 10pm at RIM Park (1001 University Ave. E. Waterloo). All families are welcome! Come and learn more about our neighbours' traditions.

Best Friends Of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Waterloo Region Card Party Thurs. May 23 at 12 noon at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr. Kitchener. All proceeds support our local youth, especially the girls. Tickets are \$25, contact Shirley at 519-746-8373 to purchase tickets. Lots of prizes, draws and a light lunch.

KW Right to Life Walk for Life on May 25th, 2019. Registration 10 am at Historic St. Paul's, 137 Queen St. S. Kitchener. The Walk begins at 10:30 am (3 km). Prizes, Draws, Good Food. Win a \$150 Gift certificate. Special guest; Stephen Woodworth. Call 519.746.5433 for pledge and Walk information or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

Marymount Cemetery Spring Memorial Mass On Saturday, May 25 at 11:00, Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate the Spring Memorial Mass at Marymount Cemetery in Guelph. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please call (519) 836-8814, or visit www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

#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.

High Tea Brunch The CWL of Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a High Tea Brunch in honour of Mother's Day, on May 26 at 12:00 p.m. in the church hall. Mothers, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, nieces, goddaughters **are all welcome** (8 years and older). Tickets are \$20 (first come, first served). Please call Patrycja Wiecek at 519-502-6917 or email ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com

From the Pastor's Desk:

Happy Mother's Day! Where does Mother's day find its roots? I can assure you it was not the greeting card companies that invented this day. In the Middle Ages, many, if not most people, had to travel away from home in order to find work in order to make a living. These people would often become servants, with very lengthy contracts to bind them for many years, or they travelled far from home to learn a trade from a mentor who was willing to teach them – again often for many years. It was the European custom to give these people who had travelled far from home for work a special holiday once a year (their only day off in the entire year). This holiday was given on the fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare (rejoice) Sunday. On this Sunday liturgically we rejoice that we are reunited with Jerusalem, our mother.

This Laetare Sunday would eventually be called "Mothering Sunday" in honour of Jerusalem. From this point on people would go home to see their mothers. Many families celebrated huge family reunion events on this day as they only saw one another once a year. The church recognized the great importance of returning home to visit one's mother - so even though it fell during the season of Lent they excused people from their Lenten fast on this day so they could celebrate well with their mothers.

It would not be until the early 20th century that Mother's Day was started in North America (during the month of May). The first celebration of Mother's Day in North America was in 1908 in a small church in Philadelphia where they gathered to pray for deceased mothers, in whose honour they all wore white carnations. Mother's Day for deceased

mothers would eventually grow to include all mothers in recognition of the life and nourishment they provide.

Happy Mother's Day.

Father Tim, C.R.



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!

PRIZES ARE NEEDED! If you can donate a raffle prize please bring it to the parish office or contact Karin Manley at 519-576-6587

MARILLAC PLACE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Today is Mother's Day and St. Francis Parish is proud to participate in the 20th Anniversary of the Baby Bottle Campaign. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to keep its doors open. Baby bottles are available at the doors of the church. Please support this important cause by taking a bottle home, filling it with your spare change and returning it on Father's Day weekend. All proceeds from the campaign will go directly to the operations of Marillac Place and create an immediate impact on the residents. Thank you for your generosity!

MISSION COOPERATIVE

On the May 25/26 week-end Fr. Ken Forster, Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, will be with us at St. Francis to celebrate Eucharist with us and to speak of the mission to bring good news to the poor. We are aware that the church is missionary by nature and has the responsibility of evangelizing all peoples, and of reaching out to our brothers and sisters in the world who have less than we do. Bishop Douglas Crosby invites Missionary Orders to make presentations in every parish in the Diocese every year to assist everyone to become more knowledgeable about the life and growth of the universal church and how we can participate in that mission. Envelopes will be available next Sunday that you may take home. We ask that you reflect together as a family on how you are able, financially, to assist the work of various Missionary Congregations. You may return them within the following few Sundays and place in the regular collection basket. Please make your cheques out to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and the parish will send all the donations in together. You will receive a copy of our "Oblate Spirit" magazine to inform you of our Oblate Missions in Canada, Peru and



Kenya. We hope to offer you a token of appreciation with a small bag of loose Kenyan Tea of excellent quality. I thank you for your invitation to visit.

~ Fr. Ken Forster OMI

ROSES FOR LIFE

Thank you to all who donated towards the Knights of Columbus Roses for Life Campaign, together we gave \$288.50 in support of pro-life organizations in our area.

WEEK FOR LIFE & THE FAMILY

May 12-19

Once a year the Church in Canada sets aside a week to celebrate and reflect upon God's great gifts of life and family. In the Father's loving plan for humanity, families are called to share in and be a sign of his life-giving presence. This year's Week for Life and the Family theme is "*Listening to the Gospel as a Family*". Saint Boniface asks, "Can there be a more fitting pursuit in youth or a more valuable possession in old age than a knowledge of sacred scripture?" Let us come to know Jesus more deeply by *listening to the Gospel as a family*. With my brother Bishops, it is my prayer that on the occasion of this year's Week for Life and the Family, you and your family will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to encounter Jesus more fully by listening to the Gospel, and that you may joyfully live out this saving message by becoming witnesses of God, the Father's loving presence in the world.

~ Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
(to read the whole letter and get ideas for how to celebrate this special week, visit our parish website www.stfranciskw.ca)

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON RAPHAEL MA, C.R.

The Congregation of the Resurrection cordially invites you to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Raphael Ma, C.R. Thank you for your support and prayers over the years! This joyful event will take place on Saturday, June 15th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Kitchener. A light reception will follow.

A STUDY COMMISSIONED...

by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs. If you want to learn more about the priesthood and religious life, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations, at vocationculture@gmail.com .
www.vocationculture.ca

Ecumenical Service with Taizé Music The next Taize service is Sun. May 26, 7:30pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Cambridge. Join us for an evening of Scripture, meditative singing and prayer. Let us pray together for peace and reconciliation, unity and harmony in the Church and in the world.

The Sisters of Life are hosting a **Day of Prayer and Healing** on Sat. June 1, for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. Contact the Sisters of Life, 416-463-2722, toronto@sistersoflife.org.

Motorcycle Blessing All Motorcycle Riders are invited for a motorcycles blessing. Weather permitting it will take place on Saturday, June

8th at 10 a.m. in front of St. Clement Church in St. Clements. Please bring any friends who wish to join us. The blessing will be followed by a ride together.

The Listowel Roast Beef Dinner & Garden Party will be Friday June 7, St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Listowel. A fun evening with grand draw, silent auction, children's games and bingo. Beef dinner from 4:30-7:00pm, adults \$17 until June 6 at noon, thereafter \$19, 5-10 years old \$7, younger are free. For tickets call Gloria at 519-291-3648 or Bev 519-291-4400 ext 3.

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.

"Virgin of the [#HolyRosary](https://twitter.com/HolyRosary), help us to be of one heart and one soul, a holy people journeying toward our Heavenly home."

~ @Pontifex, May 8, 2019



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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

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."

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and my own know me."*

John 10: 14

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