

## MASS INTENTIONS -- May 21 - 26, 2019

<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>Easter Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Daniel Hickey – Eileen Cox & Helen Shantz +Dora Lamers – Kay Warner +Debbie Alamenciak – Madeline Haller + Mildred Fisher – Alice & Bernie Preiditsch +William Poole – Karin Manley
<b>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	- <b>Easter Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Carole Cameron – Terry, Sally & Edie
<b>Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	- <b>Easter Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Albert & Mary Schefter – Joan Schefter
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Easter Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Gaetana Garasto – Angela Ianni
<b>Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
5:00 pm	+Peter, Rose & Robert Bergamin – Mary & Alvina Bergamin +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margaret & Dana Marsh +Marcie McNiece – Donna Renaud +Tillie Helm – Bob Helm +Barbara Diemert – Cathy Vanzielegem +Bernard Weber – the Keip Family +Eleanor Affeldt – Bill & Pat Jeffrey
<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

May 19, 2019

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collection May 11/12	\$5,973.13
<b>2019 Total Collection to date</b>	<b>\$109,448.16</b>
<b>2019 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$322,300.00</b>

Looking Ahead to May 26, 2019

### 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29
Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23 John 14: 23-29

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. May 20: <b>Rev. Frank Freitas</b>
Tues. May 21: <b>Rev. William Foote</b>
Wed. May 22: <b>Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus</b>
Thu. May 23: <b>Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, OMI</b>
Fri. May 24: <b>Rev. Michael Isabelle</b>
Sat. May 25: <b>Rev. Antonio Cunha</b>

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed for Victoria Day	
	Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Level Programs 1 & 2 (ER & RR)	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10am – 11am
<b>Thursday</b>	Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	9:00 am
	Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:30 pm
<b>Saturday / Sunday</b>	Annual Mission Appeal	during Masses

*"God has placed this plan in our hearts and in all creation: to love Him, our brothers and sisters, and the whole world, and to find true happiness in this love."*

~ @Pontifex, May 12, 2019



## CONGREGATION OF THE RESURRECTION JUBILARIANS!

Congratulations to the Resurrectionist brothers and priests celebrating special jubilees this year

- Fr. Studie MacDonald, CR – 50 years
- Br. John Cline, CR – 50 years
- Br. Ed Hohenadel, CR – 40 years
- Fr. Stanley Zaryczyny, CR – 25 years
- As well as the late Fr. Frank Reitzel, CR who passed away just before his 70 anniversary of priestly service.

Thank you to all these men who have so faithfully served the Lord by serving the congregations, missions, students and lay people with whom they have worked over the years. May God continue to bless them and all who are served by the Congregation of the Resurrection. There will be a special Jubilarian Mass here at St. Francis on Fri. June 7 at 4:30pm, all are welcome to attend! You can also learn more about this year's jubilarians and the congregation by reading the Resurrection Bulletin, available at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca).

### AROUND TOWN

**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.

**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca).

**KW Right to Life Walk for Life** on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca).

**#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).

**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](mailto:ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com)

**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.

**Marian Pilgrimage Days** The first Saturday of each month, beginning on June 1, you are invited to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, to make a Marian Pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. 10am to 2pm, each day begins with Mass, followed by Rosary Procession, Stations of the Cross and Benediction, Confessions and lunch (bring your own). [www.stthomaswaterdown.com](http://www.stthomaswaterdown.com)

## From the Pastor's Desk:

One of the great sacraments of our faith is baptism, the very sacrament that washes us clean from original sin and marks us, forever and always, as a child of God. Why celebrate that sacrament during Sunday Mass? While I have written about this more than once, let me try to offer some more insight.

First, celebrations of baptism during Sunday Mass are an attempt to overcome the misguided notion that baptism is a private family event. Nothing could be further from the truth, for no sacrament in the church is a private event, they are all communal in nature to some extent. Second, the ritual instructions that speak of baptism remind us that *"Baptism should take place on a Sunday, the day on which the church celebrates the paschal mystery. It should be conferred in a communal celebration for all the newly born children, in the presence of the faithful ..."*. The bishops clearly remind us that the sacrament of baptism is a communal celebration. Third, by including Baptism at Sunday Mass it serves to remind us all about our own baptism, and the responsibility we have to share with the parents in raising the children in our parish in the practice of the faith. Fourth, it is the hope of our faith that all the baptized will one day share fully in the life of the church, especially by receiving Eucharist. By celebrating baptism within Eucharist we witness to the newly baptized the value we place upon receiving Eucharist. And finally, the celebration of all the sacraments are the work of the people of God – we are called, through baptism, to ensure that the sacraments are celebrated and that they happen in a communal fashion.

Father Tim, C.R.



## MISSION COOPERATIVE

Next weekend Fr. Ken Forster, Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, will be with us at St. Francis to celebrate Eucharist 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. Each year Bishop Crosby invites Missionary Orders to make presentations in every parish in the Diocese 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

## PRAYER NETWORK

If you or someone you love is in need of prayers call the parish office and ask to have their intention added to our Prayer Network. It's confidential, and having so many parishioners praying for you is both comforting and powerful! If you would like to join the Prayer Network also call the Parish Office.

## 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](http://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.



## PARISH PICNIC

Sun. June 2 after a special 10:30am Mass.

BBQ lunch, bouncy castle, face painting, mini-golf, games, prizes and more! Tour a **Kitchener Fire Truck at 2pm**, and listen to live music provided by **The Trailers** band. Come kick off our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an afternoon of family fun! Free will donations will be gratefully accepted to offset costs.



## SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARD

As we approach the end of the school year our Secondary School students are making big decisions about their lives. St. Francis of Assisi Parish would like to honour one of our graduates who has been active in the life of the parish, and contribute to their future success. To qualify for this award you must be graduating from Secondary School this year, you must be a registered member of the parish and be an active volunteer here, and you must be planning to enter a college, university or apprenticeship program. Application forms can be found at the main entrance of the church or on our parish website. Please return them to the church no later than June 21, 2019.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEADERS NEEDED

We are looking for St. Francis Parishioners who may be interested in training to be leaders for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. A training session will be starting at Sacre Coeur Parish in Georgetown beginning on Sept. 28, 2019. If you want to learn more please contact the parish office and we will get you in touch with our current catechists. Thank you for prayerfully considering if you are called to this ministry.

**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](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org).

**The Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother** at St. Agatha Cemetery Chapel, St. Agatha, Ontario was built in 1857. The shrine is open for visitation every Sunday, from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4 pm. All are welcome.

**Motorcycle Blessing** All Motorcycle Riders are invited for a motorcycle blessing. Weather permitting, it will take place Sat. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am in front of St. Clement Church in St. Clements. Please bring your friends 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019 are invited to join Bishop Crosby for Mass. Register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://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.

**Are you caring for a loved one? Are they in need of palliative care? Do you have questions?** A committee of experts, in various related fields, came together to answer possible questions that are often raised at this difficult time in a person's life. Find the answers to important questions at [www.hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/palliative.care), or for further assistance call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**Parenting Tip 113**

As summer approaches life tends to become a little more relaxed. Longer days mean bedtimes become less specific, warmer days mean our food and drink consumption changes and, hopefully, we take full advantage of these lovely days by spending more time with our children. This summer, be specific and plan what you would like to accomplish with your children: more reading together, more time hiking, more family game nights, more time spent preparing and cooking as a family, etc. Time spent together creates confident, healthy children; when we include daily prayer with our family, life is golden!

~ Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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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.

<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."*

*"I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another just as I have loved you."*  
John 13: 34

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 19, 2019**

