

MASS INTENTIONS -- May 28 – June 2, 2019

Tuesday, 28th - *Easter Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Daniel Hickey – Eileen Cox & Helen Shantz
 Intentions of Paul Roberts – Gene Furtado
 +Pauline Sehl – Eleanor Buchanan
 +Marion Campkin – Frank Guyett
 +Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

Wednesday, 29th - *Easter Weekday*
 9:00 am +Ann Hutter – Joan Scheffer

Thursday, 30th - *Easter Weekday*
 9:00 am Intentions of Dr. Tom & Anne Shoniker – Mary Ann Shoniker
 5:00 pm Wedding Liturgy of Mary Kuntz & Merv Redman

Friday, 31st - *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 9:00 am Intentions of Maria Cabral

Saturday, 1st - *Ascension of the Lord*
 5:00 pm Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family
 +Mildred Fisher – the Fisher Family
 +Colleen Smith (Leahey) – Maureen Kirvan
 +Leonel Silveira – Carolina Ribeiro & Children
 +Nancy Knapp – Frank & Shirley Fixter
 +Ron Roberts – Anne Darby-Watchorn
 +Gary & Patrick McMahon – Rose & Bernard Hanley

Sunday, 2nd - *Ascension of the Lord* **ONE MASS ONLY AT 10:30 AM**
 10:30 am +Ian Houston – Anita Stalzer

May 26, 2019

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collection May 18/19 \$4,424.25
2019 Total Collection to date \$113,872.41
2019 Total Budgeted Collection \$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to June 2, 2019
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1: 1-11
 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 44-53

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. May 27: **Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos**
 Tues. May 28: **Rev. Luc Payette**
 Wed. May 29: **Catholic Teachers**
 Thu. May 30: **Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki**
 Fri. May 31: **Rev. Anthony Azzopardi**
 Sat. June 1: **Rev. Gordia Okpuruka**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
 Celebrating the Word Potluck (ER/RR) 6:30 pm
 Picnic Planning Mtg (AR) 6:30 pm
 Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

Tuesday
 Level Potluck (H) 7:00 pm

Wednesday
 Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed) 10am – noon
 Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) 1:00 pm
 CWL Executive Mtg (RR) 7:00 pm

Thursday
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 9:00 am
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:30 pm

Sunday
 Parish Picnic! (Gatewood Parking Lot) 11:30am

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
WANTS YOU!

Do you knit or crochet? We would love to have you join our Prayer Shawl Ministry! The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Emmaus Room to knit, share patterns and pray for those who will be receiving shawls. Yarn is provided. Our shawls help people celebrate milestones, comfort them in times of sorrow and wrap the sick in a warm hug of prayers. Come out to our next gathering on May 29 at 1pm in the Emmaus Room. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301.

CONGREGATION OF THE
RESURRECTION JUBILARIANS!

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

- Fr. Sudie 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.

"The peace of Jesus is a gift. We cannot obtain it through human means. The peace of Jesus is something else: the peace of Jesus teaches us to endure. To endure is to carry life on our shoulders, our difficulties, our work, everything, and to have the courage to go forward."



~ @Pontifex, May 21, 2019

AROUND TOWN

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

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, tonto@sistersoflife.org.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Beginning the first week of June Deacon Raphael and I will be attending the annual week-long retreat for the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection, and then the following week the week-long provincial chapter that takes place once every three years.

The retreat begins on Monday, June 3rd and concludes on Friday, June 7th and all the members of our religious community are expected to attend. This of course means there will be no weekday masses the week of June 3rd here at Saint Francis of Assisi. Just to give you a sense of what we do on retreat: each day we will celebrate Mass together, as well as morning prayer and evening prayer; we will have two sessions of one hour each where the retreat director will offer us input; we will have time each day for small group faith-sharing; and time for private quiet prayer. The culmination of the week will be our annual Jubilarian celebration on Friday evening when we honour all those members of our community celebrating significant anniversaries.

The provincial chapter is a plenary gathering for our religious community, which means we are not just expected to attend, we are required to attend. We gather once every three years to review and assess our life of ministry, to build community, and to plan for the future. Chapter begins Monday, June 10th and concludes on Friday, June 14th. Again, this means that there will be no weekday masses while we are participating in provincial chapter.

Retreat and chapter will then be followed by an incredible event in the life of our religious

community, the ordination of Deacon Raphael Ma to the priesthood. The ordination is on **Saturday, June 15th at 11:00 am at Saint Mary's Church, Kitchener.** You are all welcome to attend, no invitation required, come celebrate with us!

Father Tim, C.R.



MISSION COOPERATIVE

This weekend Fr. Ken Forster, Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate, was 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 were available in the pews for you to take home (or you can use any envelope). We ask that you reflect together as a family on how you are able, financially, to assist the work of various Missionary Congregations. Please make cheques out to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and the parish will send all the donations in together in the next couple weeks. To learn more about what the Oblates do in Canada and in our missions around the world visit www.omi.ca and www.omiworld.org.



I thank you for your invitation to visit.

~ Fr. Ken Forster OMI

PARISH PICNIC

Sun. June 2 after a special
10:30 am 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 60th Anniversary with an afternoon of family fun! Free will donations will be gratefully accepted to offset costs. Park in the main parking lot, activities will be in the Gatewood parking lot.

WE NEED SOME BBQ'S!

Can we borrow your BBQ for the picnic? We can arrange to get it to the church and back to you. If you are willing to lend your BBQ please contact the parish office, 519-745-7301.



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.

Come out to our final **SENIORS' LUNCH**, for the spring, on **Thursday June 6, 12 noon**, at **Kypreos Restaurant** (305 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener). More details to come.

Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office by Monday June 3.



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 past year! 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.



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.

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 2nd through September 29th, from 1-4 pm. All are welcome.

Prayer Vigil Thursday, June 6 from 9 – 10 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, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

Motorcycle Blessing All Motorcycle Riders are invited for a motorcycle blessing. Weather permitting, it will take place Sat. June 8th, 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.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA'S 30TH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY will be held on Friday, June 7th at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Dr. Elmira. Enjoy our Community BBQ in the hall from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., an Outdoor Snack Booth with chips, soft drinks, fresh made popcorn and candy. Lots of fun for young and old - bingo, penny table, silent auction, bouncies, tombola, video games, inside and outside activities, play area for children 5 and under and much more. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship! Fun starts at

5:00 p.m. and ends with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Gathering at St James, Fergus, on Tuesday, June 11th. Registration for this event is open until Monday, June 3rd by calling the church at 519-243-2141 or email prayershawlgathering2019@gmail.com. The day begins at 11am with registration and wool exchange; any donations for the Mission to Seafarers will be received now. Prayer Service at 11:30am, followed by lunch. Guest speaker Rev. Pauline Head will talk on "Pilgrimage - Walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain", followed by project sharing and closing prayers.

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.

18th Annual Links Fore Learning Golf Classic in support of the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation will take place at the Conestoga Golf & Country Club on Thurs. Aug. 22. Registration 7:30am, 8am shotgun start. Cost: registration, cart, breakfast & lunch - \$150, lunch only \$30. For more info or to register call 519-578-3660 ext 2373.

Healing After an Abortion: It Is Possible At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Contact us at 905-526-1999 or 1-888-385-3850.

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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 Uniack, C.R. (tuniack@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."

*"Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him."*
John 14: 23

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