

MASS INTENTIONS -- September 17 - 22, 2019

Tuesday, 17th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Thomas Hughes – the Family
Wednesday, 18th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Barbara Diemert – Rita Spilowey
Thursday, 19th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of the Hollington Family – Jane Jackson
	+Mildred Fisher – Maria Cabral
	+Margaret Coffey – Mary Anderson
	+Betty & Tom Germann – Helen & Murray Shantz
	+Sarah Sharkey – Jim & Joan O’Doherty
Friday, 20th	- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
9:00 am	+Ed Piwowarek – Marj Simon & Family
Saturday, 21st	- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Intentions of Sue Martin – Ruthann Fisher
	+Yvonne Lobsinger – Ruthann Fisher
	+Edna Munro & Family – Donna & Barbara Munro
	+Peter, Rose & Robert Bergamin – Mary & Alvina Bergamin
	+Dave Hanley – Pat & Marianna Hanley
	+Deceased Members of the Longo & O’Grady Families
Sunday, 22nd	- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	+David Gray – Pat Gray
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

September 15, 2019

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection Sept. 7/8	\$4,958.00
2019 Total Collection to date	\$191,659.82
2019 Total Budgeted Collection	\$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to Sept. 22, 2019

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8: 4-7

1 Timothy 2: 1-8 Luke 16: 1-13

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

- Mon. Sept. 16: **Rev. Michal Kruszewski, CR**
- Tues. Sept. 17: **Rev. Henryk Krajewski, CR**
- Wed. Sept. 18: **Franciscan Fathers (OFM)**
- Thu. Sept. 19: **Rev. Mike Francis**
- Fri. Sept. 20: **Rev. Wallace Metcalf**
- Sat. Sept. 21: **Rev. Robert Kiffman**

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Sunday	
Confirmation Mtg #1 (H)	12:30 pm
Hymn Sing Rehearsal (C)	3:00 pm
Monday	
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
Tuesday	
60 th Anniversary Planning Mtg (H)	7:00 pm
Wednesday	
Altar Server Training (C)	6:30 pm
Thursday	
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
Saturday	
Hymn Sing Rehearsal (C)	2:00 pm
Sunday	
Youth Ministry (H)	7:30 pm



REGISTER FOR CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Fall we will be offering both Level 1 (ages 3 to 6) and Level 2 (ages 6 to 9) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Catechesis is a religious education initiative, rooted in the Word of God, which provides an environment in which children can deepen their natural relationship with God. For more information visit the Catechesis page on our website under Ministries & Groups. Catechesis will begin the week of Sept. 22. To register please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301 or stfranciskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 Sacré Coeur Parish in Georgetown on Sept. 28. 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.

CELEBRATING CREATION HYMN SING



As the long summer days shorten and autumn’s glories draw near, we enter what is sometimes called the “Season of Creation” which runs from Sept. 1 to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. (visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/>) Pope Francis has encouraged us to participate in prayer for creation for several years now. This year, St. Francis of Assisi parish, led by St. Francis CWL, will do just that on **Sunday,**

September 29 at 2:00 p.m. with **Celebrating Creation**, an hour of song, scripture and reflection. This year’s theme is “the web of life.” We value and protect biodiversity in all its wonderful complexity because each part of God’s creation reveals a piece of the Creator’s glory. We’ve invited our neighbouring Catholic and Christian churches to join us and we hope that many parishioners will participate. This is an all-ages event with refreshments to follow.

AROUND TOWN

Grieving our Loved Ones – Our Christian Faith Join us on Thurs. Sept. 19, 7pm at St. Michael Parish, as our guest speaker, Fr. Freitas, shares his insights on how our faith can help us heal. There is no fee, all are welcome. For more information contact the parish at 519-884-9311 or parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Heartache to Healing – St. Michael’s Parish Grief Support Group Our 6 week grief support group will be offered on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8:30pm beginning Sept. 26. The program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss, and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster. All are welcome, there is no fee but please register ASAP: 519-884-9311 or parish@stmichaelw.ca.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend the **Fall Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower** (no meat please) on Sat. Sept. 21 from 10:45 am – 2:00 pm at the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated, preceded by the Rosary. Guest speaker Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR.

Annual Vocations Mass for the Diocese of Hamilton will be Sun. Sept. 22, 2:00 pm at Basilica of our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. Sponsored by the Catholic Women’s League, Knights of Columbus and Serra Club.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Here is a word that I am sure you all wish to hear: **SNOW**. Yes the season of winter will be here before we know it, bringing with it lots of white stuff. It is good to begin to remind people now, before the snow arrives, what our policy is here at Saint Francis concerning "snow days", a reminder you will hear a number of times during the coming months.

If school buses are cancelled during the week due to snow (Monday to Friday) **ALL** activities at the church are cancelled – morning mass, and all other activities in the church, including evening activities are cancelled. The parish office will be closed on school bus snow days as well. This policy is intended to keep our parishioners safe, by keeping them at home, which is our first priority.

Where do you find out if school buses are cancelled? The first and most reliable source of information is the school board web site. Go to www.wcdsb.ca and click on "Delays and Cancellations". Another source is the radio station 570 News, or its web site www.570news.com. There is also an extreme weather app provided by 570 News which gives information on bus cancellations and other activities in the city that are cancelled due to snow. If all else fails call a student you know and they will quickly tell you if it is a snow day.

Weekends, and most especially Sunday Mass, is a little different as school buses are not running. Common sense needs to be applied here by asking: can I drive to church safely, or would I be a danger to myself or other drivers on the road? If you cannot drive to church safely, please stay home. If the police have asked people to stay off the roads except in

the case of an emergency, please stay home. If city buses are cancelled, please stay home. Yes, Catholics are required to attend Sunday Mass each week, however, if travelling to Mass could cause a serious accident, or even death, the responsible thing to do is stay home.

Father Tim, C.R.



YOUTH MINISTRY

All Youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to our first Youth Ministry meeting, Sun. Sept. 22 at 7:30pm to around 9pm. We will gather in the Parish Hall. Bring your ideas, your friends and your enthusiasm! Snacks will be provided.

CALLING ALL SINGERS & MUSICIANS

Come, let us make a joyful noise to the Lord! If you sing or play an instrument and are interested in joining the St. Francis Choir Community, please speak with our Music Minister, Terrienne, after Mass. You do not have to be able to read music, just have a love for the Lord and a song in your heart! Practices are Thursdays at 7:30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday during the 9am Mass our Children's Liturgy team welcomes children aged 3 to 8 to join them for their own Liturgy of the Word. The group studies the gospel reading in words they can understand, followed by an activity or craft based on the theme of the day. If your child is interested in taking part please see one of our leaders in the Resurrection Room before 9am Mass. If you are a guardian of a child in this program please consider volunteering as a leader or assistant. For more info about this ministry contact the office.

Celebrating 60 Years

BACKPACKS FOR DEER LAKE

Thank you to everyone who donated backpacks, the response was overwhelming!

You donated 195 backpacks packed full of:

23 packs of sticky notes | 152 Binders

126 packs of pencil crayons

202 packs of lined paper | 261 note books

89 packs of crayons | 81 packs of markers

290 erasers | 175 packs of pencils

78 rulers | 15 geometry sets

486 duo tangs | 38 packs of highlighters

230 glue sticks | 107 pencil cases

137 packs of pens | 40 pairs of scissors

24 calculators | 151 Pencil sharpeners

20 tape | 30 glue bottles | 10 staplers

Plus snacks, clothing, shoes, combs, craft items, books, lunch bags, toothbrushes, and personal items. Every pocket of every backpack was stuffed, and many families wrote notes wishing the recipients "good luck" for the new school year. The back packs were picked up earlier this week and are on their way north to be distributed. Thank you so much for embracing the children of Deer Lake as St. Francis would have. Check out the picture on our website!

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI October 4th

As we officially kick off our year of 60th Anniversary celebrations, join us for Mass on Oct. 5/6 for the Feast of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi. If you want to learn more about our humble saint check out our website in the coming weeks.

Blessing of Animals

In the tradition of St. Francis who preached the Good News to all creation, bring your pet to our Peace Garden on Oct. 6 at 1pm for a blessing.

Pasta Supper



Join your family with ours for a delicious Italian meal catered by Ennio's Pasta House, on Fri. Oct. 4 at 6pm. Tickets are \$12

for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, and are on sale after Masses until Sept. 29. If you have dietary needs please inform us when you purchase your ticket.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: we need lots of help to make this supper a success, contact Ruthann in the parish office to volunteer for setup, serving or cleanup, adults and youth both welcome!

BIRDHOUSES

Thank you also to all those who made birdhouses over the summer, Gary is preparing them for hanging in our trees! We could still use a few more undecorated ones for Hospice. If you are making a birdhouse please ensure there is a way to open it for cleaning, and please do not use the decorative birdhouse kits from craft stores as they are not sturdy enough for our winters.

LITTLE BOOKS

We are again offering daily devotionals for the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter. If you would like to order one or more sets please sign up at the main entrance of the church or call the parish office. Cost is \$5 for a set of three books, to be collected when you pick up your advent Little Book. Last day to order is Sept. 23.

"A sower of peace and hope knows how to wait, he trusts; he realizes the limitations of his sowing, but he never stops loving the field entrusted to his care.."

~ @Pontifex, Sept. 7, 2019



Abba Isn't Daddy & Other Biblical Surprises by William L. Burton, OFM, will be the subject of this fall's Senior Adult Study Session. This program will offer participants the chance to see how the Church gives us new understandings of Scripture in light of modern biblical scholarship and authoritative Church teachings. The text for this course explores fascinating facts to help the reader become more familiar with the Bible, gain new appreciation of God's Holy Word and deepen one's faith and prayer life. Each session will include time for input, reflection, prayer, creative activities and group sharing. Program facilitator is Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon, SSND. 7 sessions begin Tues. Sept. 24, 1:30pm at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. Cost is \$50 and includes the text. Please register by calling 905-528-7988 by Sept. 18.

Ecumenical Prayer with Songs of Taizé Sun. Sept. 22, 7:30-8:30pm at St. Mary Catholic Church, Kitchener. Gather with churches across K-W for a family-friendly, ecumenical prayer service with Scripture, silence, the Cross, candlelight, and songs from the Taizé community. All are welcome.

Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Little St. Therese, Sept. 23 – Oct. 1. Send your prayer intention with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd. R.R.#1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0

Keys to Loving Relationships is a 10 week video-based program that all people (married, dating or single) can use to develop skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Offered at St. Mark, Kitchener Tuesday evening from 7-9pm, Sept. 24 - Nov. 26. Cost is \$45, call 905-528-7988 ext 2249 to register.

The Diocesan Levels Program for Separated and Divorced gives support and healing as you start this new journey. Learning to Cope (Level 1) starts Tues. Sept. 24, 7-9pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton and runs for 10 weeks. For more info or to register call 905-528-7988 ext 2249 or www.hamiltondiocese.com. Cost is \$35 but no one is turned away. Past participants are encouraged to enquire about further Levels Programs (2, 3 and 4).



From Sept. 25 – Nov. 3 we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also encouraged to take part in a peaceful vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, where abortions take place every week, for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, 7 days a week. We encourage volunteers to adopt an hour weekly. Sign up by calling Ewelina (519-589-2919) or Patrick (519-748-5548) or www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener.

Opening Rally will be held on Wed. Oct. 1 at St. Anthony Daniel Parish. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm by Bishop Crosby, OMI. Refreshments and sign-up will follow, please come pray for the success of this campaign and the protection of all life in our country.

What Does Climate Change Ask of You? The leadership role of faith communities in response to climate change. Thurs. Sept. 26 from 3-9pm at St. Mary Catholic Church, Kitchener. A workshop sponsored by Faith & the Common Good, Divest Waterloo, Interfaith Grand River, and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Free admission; attend either some or all the program. To register, go to Eventbrite.ca and search for "climate change Kitchener".

St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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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 Uniak, C.R. (tuniak@hamiltondiocese.com)
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@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

**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."



"In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, And entrusting the message of reconciliation to us."

2 Corinthians 5:19

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