

## MASS INTENTIONS -- September 24 - 29, 2019

<b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+David O'Farrell – Anne Pritchard
<b>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Jinny Signal – John & Ingrid Daniel
	+Anne Fischer – Helen Shantz
	+Magda Jagas – Jane Jackson
	+Heidi Ryan – Mike & Diane Uniac
	+Hugh Sweeney – Marlene Barna
<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</b> <b>School Mass</b>
9:30 am	+Barbara Diemert – Parish Friends
<b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of Lucille Vanzielegem – Margarida Soares
	+Mary McCarville – the Family
	+Maria Vrljic – the Halladay & Vrljic Families
	+Terry (Irwin) Coates – Marg Irwin
	+Mildred Fisher – Srs. Anne Karges & Rose Gabriel, CSJ
	+Marcella Peplow – Maureen Barrow
<b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	+Renot & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

## September 22, 2019

### 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection Sept. 14/15	\$6,794.05
<b>2019 Total Collection to date</b>	<b>\$198,453.87</b>
<b>2019 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$322,300.00</b>

### Looking Ahead to Sept. 29, 2019

### 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7  
1 Timothy 6: 11-16    Luke 16: 19-31

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 23: **Rev. Jiri Macenauer**  
Tues. Sept. 24: **Rev. Arthur Scidmore**  
Wed. Sept. 25: **Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny**  
Thu. Sept. 26: **Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan**  
Fri. Sept. 27: **Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI**  
Sat. Sept. 28: **Rev. Msgr. Ted Slaman**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

<b>Sunday</b>	
Youth Ministry (H)	7:30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	1:00 pm
Altar Server Training (C)	6:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:30 pm
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
<b>Saturday / Sunday</b>	
Confirmation Commitment	At Mass
Needs of Canadian Church Collection	At Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	
Celebrating Creation Hymn Sing (C)	2:00 pm

## SENIORS' LUNCHES

Mark your calendars for our next Seniors' Lunch, **Thursday Oct. 3 at 12 noon, location to be announced.** Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office by Monday Sept. 30.



## PIE MAKING BEE



Thank you to everyone who bakes pies at home for our very famous Christmas Bazaar pie table. This is a favourite each year at our Bazaar! This year, in addition to any pies you wish to make at home and donate, we will also be holding a pie making bee on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am until 2:00 pm in the church hall. If you are able to help, please email or call Beani Watson 519 745 0625 or [beaniwatson@sympatico.ca](mailto:beaniwatson@sympatico.ca) or sign up at the back of the church. If you can peel an apple or use a rolling pin, we need you! Bring along your favourite rolling pin and paring knife.

## AROUND TOWN

**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.

**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.



**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](http://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 signup will follow, please come pray for the success of this campaign and the protection of all life in our country.

**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](http://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 the Pastor's Desk:

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4th), the patron of our parish, is fast approaching. There are many stories written about Francis that have helped us to paint a picture of this beloved saint of the church. The majority of stories concerning Francis that continue to be retold to this very day are stories that not only reveal to us the type of person Francis was, but they are stories that have a message that remain relevant to this day. One such story concerns poverty.

There is no question that Francis found great inspiration from living a life rooted in poverty (note poverty is not the same as destitution – poverty is freely chosen for the glory of God, destitution is not freely chosen, it is in fact a social sin). Francis even referred to “Lady Poverty” as his inspiration in living the vow of poverty. The story goes that one day Francis decided to give total control of his life over to God, to rid himself from any material things that distracted him from fully proclaiming the Gospel. Francis went to his bishop and laid everything he possessed at the feet of the bishop, including all the clothes on his back. Francis now had absolutely nothing.

The story concludes that Francis left the bishop completely naked and danced his way down the street feeling completely free and dispossessed of anything that would hinder his ministry.

Father Tim, C.R.



## 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.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

All Youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to our first Youth Ministry meeting, **TODAY!**

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.

## Celebrating 60 Years

### FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI October 4<sup>th</sup>

As we officially kick off our year of 60<sup>th</sup> 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 selling tickets, setup, serving or cleanup, adults and youth both welcome!

This is your last chance to order **LITTLE BOOKS** devotionals for the Advent, Lent and Easter Seasons. Cost is \$5 for a set of three books, to be collected when you pick up your advent Little Book. Please sign up at the main entrance of the church.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE



This year we are again offering the opportunity to order boxes of Christmas Cards in the theme of St. Francis of Assisi. Each boxed set contains one design of card, and we will have samples of the designs available to order in the entrance of the church next weekend. Cost is \$10 per box, to be paid when you pick up your order. Last date to order cards is Oct. 20 so that we can have your cards here before the end of November.

## 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.** The diocese only runs one training session each year, so it is unlikely a closer one will be scheduled. 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.

## 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.

**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".

**Ring the Bells – A Call to Hope and Action** If you hear church bells ringing on Fri. Sept. 27 at 12 noon, it is part of a region-wide initiative, proclaiming the presence of our Christian faith and hope while calling all people to awareness of the danger to Creation. Also at that time is a special event in Waterloo Town Square which is part of a worldwide "Global Climate Strike", calling for emergency action to avoid climate breakdown. The event will include Indigenous drumming and singing (11:30am – noon), ringing of church bells (12 noon), followed by music, speakers and a variety of other activities, concluding at 2pm. All are welcome!

**Maryhill Fish Fry** Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, Sat. Sept. 28, 12 noon until 7pm, eat in or take out, no reservations. Fresh cut fries, haddock fish and coleslaw, dessert & coffee or tea. 1 pc dinner \$14, 2 pc \$16, hotdog platter also available for \$5. Children 12 and under are ½ price for 1 pc dinner. Please call ahead for take out. Cash Only! 519-648-2939.

**Pulled Pork Dinner & Silent Auction** Forest Hill United Church, Sat. Sept. 28, dinner 5:00 – 6:30pm, auction 4:30 – 7:00pm. Adults \$15, 6-10 years \$5, 5 and under free. For tickets call 519-744-3481.

**Annual St. Clement Cemetery Mass**, Sun. Sept. 29 at 2:30pm with Fr. Wayne Lobsinger, in St. Clements. Please remember to bring your lawn chair.

**Fashion Show** Sept. 29, 5:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo. Hosted by the CWL with clothing by Unique Boutique. Tickets \$25. Please invite your friends and family. Proceeds will be donated to charities that the CWL sponsors. Call Patrycja at the parish office for tickets, 519-886-0342 ext 3. For more info email [ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyoflourdescwl@gmail.com).

**Ministry Formation Days** The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting formation days from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm:

- **Ministers of the Word**
  - Sat. Oct. 5, St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener
  - Sat. Oct. 19, St. Thomas the Apostle, Waterdown
- **Ministers of Holy Communion**
  - Sat. Nov. 2, St. Augustine, Dundas
  - Sat. Nov. 9, St. Louis, Waterloo

If you have any questions or to register contact Anna Petter in the Liturgy Office, 905-528-7988 x 2336 or [liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Garage Sale** Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, Fri. Oct. 4 from 6-8pm and Sat. Oct. 5 from 8-11:30am. Great bargains for everyone! Clothes, books, furniture, household items, sporting goods and more!

**Life Chain Memorial** Oct. 6 in front of Kitchener City Hall from 2-3pm. Come hold a sign along King St. in silent prayer. A short memorial service will be held at 2:50pm at the memorial site for babies lost to abortion. We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Call KW Right to Life, 519-746-LIFE.

# 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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Associate Pastor:</b>	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltondiocese.com">rma@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. Terriane Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	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](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."*

*"Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet he became poor, So that by his poverty you might become rich."*  
2 Corinthians 8:9

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