

## MASS INTENTIONS -- September 10 - 15, 2019

<b>Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Joanie Roberts – Marj Simon
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Ellie Alston – Marilyn Alston
<b>Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of Maria Cabral
<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
9:00 am	+Nancy Knapp – Barb Nosal & Family
	+Madeline & Neil Helmka – Joan Schefter
	+Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
	+Patricia Stiemann – Janice McKay
<b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
2:00 pm	Wedding of Jacqueline Frank & Matt Mocuik
5:00 pm	Intentions of the Edissi Family – Ruthann Fisher
	Intentions of Cathy Vanzielegem – Ruthann & Gail Fisher
	Intentions of Doug O'Farrell & Family – Cathy Vanzielegem
	+David O'Farrell – Elizabeth MacKinnon
	+Humberto Furtado – Maria Gouveia
	+Deceased Members of the Tucker Family – Ruthann & Gail Fisher
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Ruth Hymers – Charles McEvoy

### September 8, 2019

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection August 24/25	\$4,443.25
Collection Aug. 31 / Sept. 1	\$4,772.00
<b>2019 Total Collection to date</b>	<b>\$186,701.82</b>
<b>2019 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$322,300.00</b>

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b>	
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Confirmation Registration (H)	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Altar Server Training (C)	6:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Seniors' Lunch (Angie's, St. Agatha)	12 noon
Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
<b>Saturday / Sunday</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Registration	After Masses
<b>Sunday</b>	
Confirmation Mtg #1 (H)	12:30 pm

### Looking Ahead to Sept. 15, 2019

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

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14  
1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-32

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 9: Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
Tues. Sept. 10: Rev. Jerry Punnassery, CMI
Wed. Sept. 11: Lay Parish Ministers
Thu. Sept. 12: Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Fri. Sept. 13: Rev. Heitor Antunes
Sat. Sept. 14: Rev. Young Hoon Kim

*"Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation. In this #SeasonOfCreation, I invite everyone to dedicate themselves to prayer."*



~ @Pontifex, Sept. 1, 2019

## 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 September 1 to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. You can find lots of background information at <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.

## 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 will go on sale next weekend after Masses! 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!



**Thank you** from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for your generous donations to our August Food Drive. You brought in 301 lbs of food to share with our neighbours in need.

## AROUND TOWN

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Agatha** will take place Sept. 15. Gather at 12 noon at the BMO plaza at Erb St. and Ira Needles Blvd. Pilgrimage begins at 12:30 pm, walk to St. Agatha church for a break. Seven Sorrows Rosary at 2:45pm at the Chapel Shrine followed by Mass in the church at 3:00pm followed by refreshments. Celebrant is Fr. George Nowak, CR. Receive a ride back with Mass participants. Open to all, call 519-744-8330 for more info.

**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.

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Wow, hard to believe summer has come and gone so quickly! Hope you found time to rest and relax with family and friends over the past couple of months. September, at least in this part of the world, seems to be a month of re-introducing ourselves to familiar activities and schedules – getting ourselves back into a rhythm that has a comfortable flow, bringing some kind of order to busy and hectic lives.

In many ways September is also a month for many people of faith to re-introduce themselves to the regular practice of their faith, to make practicing faith a regular part of the rhythm of life. This re-introducing ourselves to the practice of the faith often times takes the form of reminding ourselves what in fact we believe as people of faith. For instance in a recent survey of Catholics, done by the “Pew Institute”, the question was posed: “Is the Eucharist the real presence of Christ, or simply symbolic?” A disturbing number, just over 40%, said the Eucharist is not the real presence, it is simply symbolic. Not so! We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist – the bread and wine truly become the actual body and blood of Christ; the elements are no longer simply bread and wine, but body and blood (See Catechism #1390). Eucharist for us is not some kind of symbol, it is Christ present and real in our midst. Let's recommit ourselves to making Eucharist central to all we are and do as Catholics, allowing the real and actual presence of Christ to transform our lives.

Father Tim, C.R.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

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 in Children's Liturgy please see one of our leaders in the Resurrection Room before Mass. If you are a parent or grandparent of a child in this program please consider volunteering as a leader or assistant. For more information about this ministry please contact the parish office.

## SENIORS' LUNCHESES

Mark your calendars for our first Seniors' Lunch of the Fall, **Thursday Sept. 12 at 12 noon, at Angie's Kitchen** (1765 Erbs Rd, St. Agatha). Enjoy a delicious lunch, including dessert and coffee/tea for \$15.99 (plus tax and tip). Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office by Monday Sept. 9.



## HIKE FOR HOSPICE

It's that time of year again: *The Determinators* is a team made up of members of our parish, walking to raise funds for Hospice Waterloo Region. Many of the programs Hospice offers are free of charge to people who are in need of palliative care. The walk will take place on Sun. Sept. 22, if you would like to sponsor *The Determinators* for their 5K walk please speak with Ruthann after Mass next weekend. Thank you for your support of Hospice.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION REGISTRATION

If your child is in Grade 2 this Fall and would like to receive the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion please register after Mass next weekend, **(Sept. 14/15)**. Information about classes and the registration form can be found on our website under the Sacraments tab.

## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

If your child is entering Grade 7 and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please come to the Parish Hall on **Tues. Sept. 10** at 7pm to register. More info about meetings and the registration form is available on our website under Sacraments.

## CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

If your child wants to receive the sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist or Confirmation next year, and they **DO NOT attend a Catholic School**, they need to complete one of the Diocese' Correspondence Courses. Please contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988 ext 2238 or go to the Sacraments page on the St. Francis website and click on the link to register for the Correspondence Courses.



## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S BOOK DONATIONS

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who continue to replenish the bookshelf in our main entrance with books for our children to read during Mass. Please keep in mind that these books must be religious, preferably based on scripture or the teachings of the church. They are meant to be a way for children to participate in the Mass at their own level, not simply as a distraction for them. Thank you.

**That Man Is You!** runs Saturday mornings, Sept. 14 to Dec. 7 from 7:15am to 9am in the St. Mark's Parish Hall. *That Man is You!* combines scripture, solid secular research and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For more info visit [www.tmiy.org](http://www.tmiy.org) or call Ian Kangaloo, 226-808-4733 or Marc Murchie, 416-729-6401.

**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 by Sept. 15. Contact St. Michael's Parish Office at 519-884-9311 or [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

**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](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

**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.

**Job Opportunity:** Part-Time Music Director St. Joseph Church in Kitchener is looking for an experienced keyboard musician and vocal conductor to fill the part time role (estimate 7 hours/week) of an overall Music Director including leadership and keyboard accompaniment. We currently have one Saturday evening Mass and one Sunday morning Mass. The Music Director will work closely with the parish priests, staff, and volunteer singers and musicians to plan and lead liturgies. For more information, contact Gagan Grewal 905-528-7988 ext. 2229 or [ggrewal@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:ggrewal@hamiltondiocese.com)

Join Father Peter Meyer and Sister Jocelyn Monette, NDS for an **Imperial Europe with Oberammergau Trip** from May 27 - June 5, 2020. Cost is \$5,315.90 per person and is based on double occupancy and includes all taxes as outlined in the package and airfare. If you would like more information or a package contact St. Teresa of Avila Church Parish Office at 519-669-3387. This trip includes tickets to see the Passion Play which is held every 10 years at Oberammergau. For more information join us for a **presentation on Sun. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** at 11 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira.

**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.

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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."*

*"Make your face shine upon your servant,  
And teach me your statutes."*

Psalm 119: 135

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