

**MASS INTENTIONS  
February 4 - 9, 2020**

<b>Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Ted Zralco – Julie Wilkins +John Powers – Anita Stalzer +Fr. Peter Watters – the Sehl Siblings +Jean Bula – David & Sandy Milne
<b>Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>St. Agatha, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> <b>Sacrament of the Sick at Mass</b>
9:00 am	+Paul John Haller – Madeline Haller & Family
<b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
9:00 am	+Brian Thomson – Anne Pritchard
<b>Friday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b> <b>First Friday</b>
9:00 am	+Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
9:30 am	Adoration & Benediction
<b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
5:00 pm	Intentions of the de Viveiros Family – Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem +John de Viveiros – Peter & Terrienne Moulton +Mildred Fisher – Sarah McLennan +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh +Deceased Members of the Rannaoja & Zuk Families – the Perko Family +Deceased Members of the Longo & O’Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	+Frank Prudnikowicz – the Family
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**February 2, 2020**

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Collection Jan. 25/26	\$6,124.10
<b>2020 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$21,481.85</b>

**Looking Ahead to February 9, 2020  
5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 58: 6-10  
1 Corinthians 2: 1-5    Matthew 5: 13-16

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Feb. 3: **Rev. Michael Isabelle**  
Tues. Feb. 4: **Rev. Martin Mikulski, SAC**  
Wed. Feb. 5: **Missionaries**  
Thu. Feb. 6: **Rev. Antonio Cunha**  
Fri. Feb. 7: **Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, OMI**  
Sat. Feb. 8: **Rev. Ross Campbell**

**WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?**

<b>Monday</b>	
Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:15 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR)	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Senior’s Lunch (Montana’s)	12 noon
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:15 pm
Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	7:30 pm
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b>	
Development & Peace Campaign At All Masses	
Valentines Collection	At All Masses
<b>Sunday</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg #2 (H)	1:00 pm

**Development and Peace  
Education Campaign**

This year Development and Peace is asking us to support the people of the Amazon region who are trying to save the rainforest. The *seringueiros* of Machadinho d’Oeste and the Mura people of Manaus are struggling to save the forest from deforestation as it is affecting their way of life. They have lived and worked within the forest for generations and are trying to save it for their children and the future of their peoples. We hope that over the next couple weeks you will learn more about the situation in the Amazon, and then sign a Solidarity Letter which will be sent directly to these people, the defenders of the Amazon, as an encouragement to them to continue the fight. We also encourage you to write your member of parliament and ask them to advocate on behalf of the Amazonian people, so that Canadian companies are required to comply with Canadian environmental standards no matter where they are working. Please read the insert in your bulletin this weekend; you will have the opportunity to sign the letter after Masses on February 8/9, or you can sign online at <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/forourcommonhome/action>.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Adults, couples, youth, and families are invited to do this ministry together. Consider signing up to greet people as they arrive, usher them to seats, take up the collection and hand out bulletins at the end of Mass. Training will be provided, but all that is required is a spirit of hospitality and willingness to serve. We very much need ministers at all the Masses! Please contact the parish office today.

**AROUND TOWN**

**Prayer Vigil** Thurs. Feb. 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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

**Adoration For Life** for the month of February: Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist.

- Thurs. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 11am St. Mary, Kitchener
  - Thurs. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm St. Agnes, Waterloo
  - Fri. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm St. Teresa, Kitchener
- Mass follows each time of Adoration.

**Forest Hill United Church and the Police Chorus** present *Bring Them Home*, a benefit concert for the Eritrea Refugee Freedom Fund. February 7 at 7pm at Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener. Call 519-744-3481 for details.

**Your Water Heater Questions Answered**

You are invited to the first Reep House for Sustainable Living Tour + Presentation. What are the different types of water heaters available? Learn about the advantages and disadvantages of each and tour the different types of water heaters that are on display at the Reep House for Sustainable Living. Sat. Feb. 8, Water Heater Presentation: 1:30PM – 2:30PM, Reep House Tour and Open House: 2:30PM - 4:30 PM. Location: Reep House for Sustainable Living, 20 Mill Street, Kitchener, ON

**Annual Valentine Dinner** at Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre on Sat. Feb. 8, two sittings: 5pm and 7pm. Rolled ribs, ham, mashed potatoes, salad, coffee/tea, dessert. \$20 for adults, kids aged 6-11 \$12, 5 and under free. Advance tickets only, contact Doug at 519-648-2939, Mike 519-648-3394 or Jackie 519-823-5194. Sponsored by Maryhill Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League.

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Last Sunday while speaking about the *One Heart, One Soul* fund-raising campaign for the Hamilton Diocese I briefly touched upon the financial pledge you will be invited to discern. I also mentioned that in the Spring you will receive a letter from Bishop Crosby and myself in which a suggested amount for your pledge will be offered. It is important for me to state again – **the amount suggested in your letter will be just a starting point**, a place for you to begin your discernment regarding your financial participation in the campaign. You might ultimately discern that the suggested amount is too high, or perhaps too low, or that at this time you are unable to make a financial pledge.

I also said last Sunday that I will be speaking about discernment in the weeks ahead, speaking about how one goes about discerning their level of financial involvement in the campaign. I will speak in homilies about discernment, as well as using the *Pastors Desk* to speak on discernment.

Let us begin this exploration into discernment by reflecting upon seven suggested steps for discernment within the context of our faith before making a final decision on any matter, large or small. Step one, talk to someone you respect and trust who can offer you some wisdom on the matter being discerned – God's wisdom can come to us through others. Step two, spend some time with your thoughts in quiet solitude – God can speak to us in the solitude. Step three, focus on what you already know. Lay out all the facts and data that pertain to what you are discerning. Step four, let God speak. In other words you can only hear God's



voice if you stop talking. Step five, pray! Prayer should always be a part of our discernment. Step six, wait before making a decision – mull over all that you have discerned and sit with it for a while before any final decision. (Much like putting an email in draft before sending, because you might think and feel differently tomorrow). Step seven, prayerfully commit to what you have discerned.

More to come in the weeks ahead.

Father Tim, C.R.

## VALENTINES COLLECTION

As we celebrate love in its many wonderful forms, our Children's Liturgy Class will again be making Valentines Cards to share the love with those living in nursing homes in Forest Hill. Please help them by donating small NEW gifts such as toiletries for men and women, cosmetics, socks, scarves, handkerchiefs, puzzles or games, figurines, etc. which will be distributed with the cards. Please bring your items to the church by February 8/9, baskets will be in the main foyer. Thank you for helping to share Christ's love with those who may feel isolated or lonely this Valentine's Day.



## let's do lunch

Mark your calendars for the next **SENIORS' LUNCH** on **Thursday February 6, 2020 at 12 noon**, at Montana's (740 Ottawa St. S.). The lunch menu includes a wide selection with prices from \$10.99 + tax and tip. Come enjoy a great lunch with old and new friends!

## SAINT FRANCIS IN EXULTATION MINI STATUES



Many parishioners have asked if they would be able to purchase a miniature replica of our new St. Francis sculpture by Timothy Schmalz, and now you can! Thanks to the generosity of *Sculpture by Timothy P. Schmalz Inc.*, we are able to take orders for these mini statues at their wholesale cost of \$40 each. (Compare at \$80 US online plus shipping and tax.) A sample statue can be seen in the parish office and you can sign up to order a statue after Masses.

## 2019 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for your 2019 charitable contributions are available now. You can pick them up in the hall after weekend Masses or in the parish office during office hours. Thank you for helping us grow as a parish family in faith and love.

## MEMORIAL MASS

As many know, John de Viveiros, Fr. Joseph's father, passed away in November, and his funeral took place in North Bay. Since so many who knew John and Fr. Joseph were unable to travel to North Bay for the funeral, you are invited to a Memorial Mass for John on Tues. February 11 at 7pm, here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. May our prayers continue to support John's family, and all who are grieving.

*"The Lord gives you his Word, so that you can receive it like a love letter he has written to you, to help you realize that he is at your side."* ~ @Pontifex, Jan. 26, 2020



Join us for our annual Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party on **Shrove Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm**. Come dressed in Mardi Gras colours for a supper of pancakes, sausages, real maple syrup and sherbet. Bring your own mask or  make one here! **Live music provided by Tim Moher and his Mardi Gras Jazz Band!** Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale after Masses beginning next weekend, Feb. 8/9 or in the Parish Office until Feb. 21. Don't miss this fun-filled, family oriented party!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Please contact Ruthann if you can help out.

## FEBRUARY POTATO BLITZ!

The House of Friendship is an amazing organization which connects and supports people in our community who feel isolated by social or economic challenges. The people at House of Friendship know that every person deserves to be treated with respect and dignity, and that we are Stronger Together. Every February they invite the community to support their work by donating bags of potatoes to their Potato Blitz. Our own Don Cameron was a big part of this campaign, and in his memory we will be **collecting bags of potatoes here at St. Francis on the weekend of Feb. 22/23**. Bring your bags to the main entrance of the church. If you wish to make a monetary donation please visit their website: [www.houseoffriendship.org](http://www.houseoffriendship.org)



Thank you for supporting our neighbours in need.

Don't miss out on the **2020 Catholic Charities Lottery!** 40 draws for \$40,000 in prizes!!! Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$3 Million dollars to Catholic Schools, Catholic Parishes and Community Organizations in Waterloo Region. The Catholic Charities Lottery began in the 1970's and continues today as the sole fundraiser of the CCFOWR. Applications will be in the bulletin next weekend. Purchase a ticket today! Go to [www.ccfowr.org/lottery](http://www.ccfowr.org/lottery) OR call (519) 747-5661 to purchase over the phone!

**CWL Twilight Retreat** will be held on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener. Tickets for the dinner will be \$15 a person. The evening will start with the Rosary at 5 pm, talk at 5:15 pm and dinner at 6 pm. After dinner we will continue with another talk at 7 pm and close with Mass at 8 pm. The guest speaker will be Fr Wayne Lobsinger speaking on 'Do you love me?'. Everyone is welcome. To purchase tickets call Pat at 519-885-9593 (evenings).

**Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes** Please join us on Feb. 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo, beginning at 6pm with Holy Hour and Rosary followed by Mass. We will reflect on how the apparitions of Our Lady, over 150 years ago, remain relevant and can inspire us. We will consider how this memorial can once again remind us about our own poverty and brokenness, the power of prayer, and the importance of Our Lady's Son, Jesus Christ, as our Saviour. Join Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton for this time of reflection and refreshments in the hall.

**Development & Peace** invites you to attend our upcoming Share Lent Workshop, which will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on **February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Our Share Lent

campaign this year, '*For Our Common Home*', invites Canadian Catholics to learn about the crucial importance of the Amazon Rainforest for the survival of humanity, and introduces you to some of our incredible partners and the communities that they serve, who struggle every day to protect this precious piece of Creation. View our campaign resources, including theological and Lenten Liturgical resources for your parish, on our campaign webpage at: [www.devp.org/lent/resources](http://www.devp.org/lent/resources).

**The God Beat: Writing about religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> century** On Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Jerome's University's Lectures in Catholic Experience presents Michael Enright, host of CBC Radio's *The Sunday Edition*. With the decline in church attendance, coverage of religion in media virtually disappeared, and the religion reporter went the way of the labour reporter. Michael Enright, a former religion editor, argues that this has forced a re-thinking of religion and faith coverage, which has become "confused, confusing, and complicated." Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University, 7:30pm. Admission is free. Free parking. Refreshments served prior to the lecture. Please register in advance at [www.sju.ca](http://www.sju.ca), but tickets are not required at the door. Complimentary parking in Lots A and B is available on a first-come first-served basis. See the Campus MAP for parking lot locations. Everyone welcome!

**Join us at Alpha!** Is Christianity boring, irrelevant, untrue? Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has food, a talk and space to discuss and ask any questions you want. Held at St. Mark's, Kitchener, Feb. 20 – April 30, 6:30 – 9:00 pm. For info call Cathy Voisin, 519-497-4816 or Ian Kangeloo, 226-808-4733 [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com)

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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> )
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<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."*

*"A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."*

Luke 2: 32

**PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD  
February 2, 2020**

