

MASS INTENTIONS
January 21 - 26, 2020

Tuesday, 21st - **St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**
 9:00 am +Dr. Bill Sehl – Eleanor Buchanan

Wednesday, 22nd - **Weekday**
 9:00 am Intentions of Betty Corrigan – Anne Pritchard

Thursday, 23rd - **Weekday** **St. Paul School Mass – all welcome**
 9:30 am +Deceased Family of Staff & Students of St. Paul School

Friday, 24th - **St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
 9:00 am Intentions of Eileen Cox – Linda Carmichael & Helen Shantz
 Intentions of Linda Carmichael – Karin Manley
 Intentions of Gary Howell – St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Conference
 +Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
 +Dennis Lobsinger – Kay Warner

Saturday, 25th - **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 5:00 pm Intentions of Victor Springall – St. Francis Choir Community
 +Betty Gray – Rita & Bob Rittenhouse
 +John de Viveiros – Cathy & Lucille Vanzielegem
 +Michael Fisher – Ruthann & Gail Fisher
 +Merv Villemaire – Ruthann Fisher & Family
 +David O'Farrell – Alvina & Mary Bergamin

Sunday, 26th - **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am +Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

January 19, 2020

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection Jan. 11/12 \$3,935.05
2020 Total Collection \$11,822.55

Looking Ahead to January 26, 2020

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 9: 1-4 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17-18
 Matthew 4: 12-23

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 20: **Rev. Godwin Pinto, OCD**
 Tues. Jan. 21: **Rev. Ronald Hodara**
 Wed. Jan. 22: **Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, CMI**
 Thu. Jan. 23: **Rev. Edward Henhoeffler**
 Fri. Jan. 24: **Rev. John Schnurr**
 Sat. Jan. 25: **Rev. Jacek Kryn, SAC**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday
 Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm
 Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm

Tuesday
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:15 pm

Wednesday
 Adult Altar Server Training (C) 6:30 pm
 Youth Altar Server Training (C) 7:00 pm
 Bazaar Wrap-up Meeting (ER) 7:00 pm
 CWL Executive Meeting (ER) 7:00 pm

Thursday
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:15 pm
 Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 7:30 pm

Sunday
 Ecumenical Praise Service (C) 7:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION
TO BE HOSPITABLE

Are you looking for a New Year's Resolution that is easy to keep? We won't ask you to join a gym, or give up your favourite snack. **We're not even asking you to give more time than you already devote to the church!** What we are asking you to do is consider becoming a Minister of Hospitality.

Hospitality Ministers can be adults, couples, youth, or maybe your whole family would like to do this ministry together. What a great way to get your children involved and show the community how welcoming our parish is for families! Consider signing up to greet people as they arrive, help them find seats at busy Masses, take up the collection and distribute 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 Mass times! If you would like to learn more or sign up please contact the parish office. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet by serving our parish community.



1st RECONCILIATION MEETINGS

Our 1st Reconciliation meetings for the youth begin on Sun. February 2nd at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. If your child is in Grade 2 and has not yet registered but would like to receive the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and Communion here at St. Francis, please contact Ruthann in the parish office as soon as possible. Please keep our young people in prayer as they learn about God's unconditional love for all his children.

AROUND TOWN

KW Right to Life Candle-Light Prayer Vigil
 Tues. January 28th at 6pm, in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) 200 King St. W. Kitchener. One hour of silent prayer for Preborn Human Rights to protect babies in the womb. Their lives are the most vulnerable of all. Thanks for supporting this important human rights issue.

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More! “Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener (519-571-9200) **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm January 28 - March 24.** Cost is \$45. For more info or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Absent Friends Film Series

challenges us to talk about the often taboo topics of death, dying and grief. The Hospice of Waterloo Region is collaborating with St. Jerome's University to host a series of films, followed by small-group discussion led by special guests, which address issues of death, dying and loss. The series hopes to inspire us to build a more compassionate community. The first film is:

Two Weeks Fri. Jan. 31, 7-9pm at St. Jerome's University Academic Centre. Starring Sally Field, this funny and delightful film captures the story of four sibling returning home to care for their dying mother.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Time really does fly by very quickly – this article marks my 100th issue of “From the Pastors Desk”. I hope in some small way people have found my brief weekly comments helpful and informative; I have enjoyed researching and writing them.

This anniversary of sorts caused me to think of other events and activities that have taken place here at Saint Francis during that same time period. For instance we have welcomed 70 new people into the Catholic community of faith through the waters of baptism. A total of 59 young people approached the altar of the Lord in order to receive Eucharist for the first time. Through the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit 78 people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Marriage was celebrated by 7 couples. The journey towards eternal life with God was experienced as 65 funerals took place here at Saint Francis. The hallmark during this period of time was without question the celebration of Mass, celebrated approximately 700 plus times.

All of these events and activities are revelations of God's grace and the incredible love that God has for us. They are reminders to us that God is indeed with us as we journey together through this life of faith. And so, I would hope you would join with me in offering a pray of thanks to God for the mighty and powerful ways God has been made known to us here at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

Father Tim, C.R.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Adults:

- Wed. Jan. 22 at 6:30pm
- Wed. Jan. 29 at 6:30pm

Youth:

- Wed. Jan. 22 at 7pm
- Wed. Jan. 29 at 7pm

Families: Parents and their children are welcome to serve together as a family. If you are interested in becoming an altar server please speak with Ruthann.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WRAP-UP

All convenors and volunteers from our Christmas Bazaar this past November are invited to come to a wrap-up meeting on Wed. Jan. 22 at 7pm. Please come and share what worked, what needs improvement, and ideas for next year's bazaar. We look forward to hearing from you!

1st COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Tuesday January 28 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for all parents of children wishing to receive the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion here at St. Francis Parish. If your child has not yet registered for these sacraments please contact Ruthann in the parish office.



2019 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for your 2019 charitable contributions will be available around the end of January or beginning of February, watch the bulletin for a date, TBD.

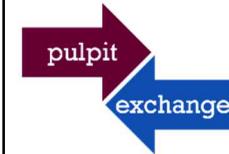
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We are blessed at St. Francis Parish to belong to a vibrant ecumenical group. The Churches of Forest Hill and Area, including Calvin Presbyterian, Forest Hill United, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic, Highland Baptist, Faith Lutheran, St. Stephen's Lutheran and St. George's Anglican. The leaders of these churches have been busy preparing to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity together with several events:



Pulpit Exchange – Jan. 18/19

Thank you to Pastor Richard from St. Stephen's Lutheran on Saturday, and Pastor Das from Highland Baptist on Sunday to speak at our Masses. Fr. Tim will be visiting St. George's Anglican Church. We welcome this opportunity to learn from each other.



Taizé Service – Jan. 19

Calvin Presbyterian invites everyone to a candlelit prayer service with Taizé songs on Sun. Jan. 19 at 7:30pm. What a beautiful way to kick off the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Ecumenical Worship & Praise Service – Jan. 26

Join us at 7pm, here at St. Francis, for an evening of song, worship and fellowship. Our service is based on the one prepared by the churches of Malta for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the theme is “They Showed us Unusual Kindness”. A free-will offering will be taken up in support of a refugee family from Forest Hill United.



FOOD DRIVE

The next St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is on February 1/2. Take a moment on one of these cold winter days to think about our neighbours who have to choose between heating their homes and feeding their families. What a choice to have to make! Let's help make their winter a little easier by sharing our blessings. Our St. Vincent de Paul especially needs peanut butter, jello, pudding cups, and canned pasta. Thank you for your generosity.

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**, location to be announced. Come enjoy a great lunch with old and new friends!

Full Day Conference: Healing is Possible

We are all in need of healing from wounds caused by past experiences, relationships or by our own sinfulness. Join us for a day filled with hope as we look at a holistic approach to healing. Save the date: **February 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Holy Rosary Parish in Milton. The conference includes Mass, Lunch, and speakers such as: Tima Borges, Author of "Leaving Bitterness Behind: A Catholic Approach to Healing Past Hurts"; Dr. Wendy H. Hofman, PhD, Director of Veritas Counselling Centre Inc., Clinical Counsellor and Coordinator for the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry Office; William Stanus, Psychotherapist with a focus on EMDR and Fr. Louis de Vaugelas, LC. To register contact Ester at 416-990-3136 or visit: www.regnumchristiontario.org

Calling All Cursillistas "Have you attended a Cursillo Weekend? Do you remember the informative talks, and the wonderful support and friendship with other like-minded individuals? Do you remember the joyful feeling, enthusiasm, and fresh start you felt to life after the weekend was over?" Well if you have lost touch with the Cursillo movement, but would like to meet for a coffee, a chat, and to find out how the Cursillo movement is doing in your area, then feel free to call Ray St. Cartier: 519-622-5928 or Fr. Gary Schlack: 519-364-1973 or Mary Ann Kirkonnell: 519-379-9858. Rekindle that flame in your heart!

De Colores!

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

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

CCYMN Hope Comes Home Conference

The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted Feb. 21 - 23, in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation - *Christus Vivit* into day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including Priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are currently bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For more information, to register, or apply for a bursary please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry at nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext.2245 www.hopcomeshome.com.

Stress in Your Marriage? Rediscover Joy in Your Relationship! Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.



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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.

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| Pastor: | Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. (tuniac@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."

*"The Word became flesh and lives among us.
To all who received him,
he gave the power to become children of God!"*
John 1: 14, 12

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