

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
February 18 - 23, 2020

<b>Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	Intentions of the Congregation of the Resurrection +Greg Fixter – Leslie & Paul Fixter +Mildred Fisher – Helen Shantz +Jean Bailey – David & Sandy Milne
<b>Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Luann Mahn – Marj Simon
<b>Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Debbie Alamenciak – Madeline Haller
<b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	- <b>Weekday</b>
9:00 am	+Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
<b>Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	- <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
5:00 pm	In Thanksgiving – Julie Wilkins Intentions of Donna Renaud – Michelle Krulicki +Brian Denomme – Donna Renaud +Marcella Eby – Ron Eby +John de Viveiros – Emilie Totzke +David O'Farrell – Marj Simon
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	- <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	+Rose Joyce – Bill & Janet Curran
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**February 16, 2020**

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Collection Feb. 8/9	\$4,943.50
<b>2020 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$31,742.48</b>
<b>2020 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$309,450.00</b>

**Looking Ahead to February 23, 2020**

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 Matthew 5: 38-48

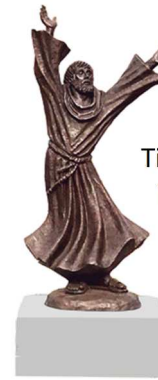
**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Feb. 17: **Rev. Luc Payette**  
Tues. Feb. 18: **Rev. Anthony Azzopardi**  
Wed. Feb. 19: **Discalced Carmelite Sisters OCD**  
Thu. Feb. 20: **Rev. Gordian Okpuruka**  
Fri. Feb. 21: **Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil, SJ**  
Sat. Feb. 22: **Rev. Scott Whitfield**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?**

<b>Monday</b>	Office Closed for Family Day	
	Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Games Afternoon (H)	2:00 pm
	Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:15 pm
	Choir Party (H)	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Funeral +Maureen Long	11:00 am
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b>	February Potato Blitz Collection	At All Masses
<b>Sunday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg #3 (C)	1:00 pm
	Youth Ministry (H)	7:30 pm

**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 by calling the office.

**Thank You** for your generosity to our February Food Drive. You donated 503 lbs of food to help our St. Vincent de Paul conference support our neighbours in need.



Come out to our next Youth Ministry meeting, **Sunday February 23 at 7:30pm**. We will continue to discuss the outreach project ideas surfaced by Rianne at our last meeting and talk about practical next steps to get moving! Meet in the parish hall. All high school youth are welcome! Snacks provided. Come help us discern how we can share Jesus' love with all our neighbours.



**Plus, follow us on Instagram!**  
**stfrancisyouthkw**

**AROUND TOWN**

**Act 2 (Separated & Divorced): Wine and Cheese Social** Are you separated or divorced? Would you like to have a relaxed evening out? Join us Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30pm at St Michael Parish, Waterloo in the Parish Centre. Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and Cheese social – you belong! Register on line on our website [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca), email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca), or call 519-884-9311.

**Unplanned Movie** Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocese of Hamilton are partnering to bring you a complimentary showing of the eye-opening film, UNPLANNED. The film is based on a true story of the youngest Director of Planned Parenthood, Abby Johnson and her journey of transformation. This film viewing will be held at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton, Wednesday, February 19 at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6 pm). For further information, call the Hamilton Right to Life office at 905-528-3065 or the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry office at 905-528-7988 ext 2250. The registration link can be found online at [www.hamiltonrighttolife.org](http://www.hamiltonrighttolife.org). Donations to Hamilton Right to Life are accepted and appreciated as we strive to educate people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.

**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, 519-497-4816 or Ian, 226-808-4733 [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com)

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Again this week I continue to offer reflections upon the *One Heart, One Soul* fund-raising campaign for the Hamilton Diocese. I begin by reminding you again that each registered household in the parish will receive a letter in the Spring from Bishop Crosby and myself asking you to discern your level of involvement in the campaign. This letter will contain a suggested amount for you to discern – **the amount suggested in your letter will be just a starting point** from which to begin your discernment.

Two weeks ago I introduced you to a seven step process of discernment which I encouraged you to follow as you begin discerning your level of involvement in the campaign. Last week I asked you to consider in your discernment that any amount you pledge to the campaign be over and above your Sunday giving – the parish needs the current levels of Sunday giving to continue in order to meet our expenses. I also asked you to discern how your involvement in the campaign may or may not impact your contributions to other charities.

Today I would suggest to you the importance of establishing some sort of personal budget that clearly outlines all your expenses and income. This budget will help make clear how much, if any, you would be able to contribute to the campaign.

Father Tim, C.R.



## LAST CHANCE - TAX RECEIPTS

Your last chance to pick up tax receipts for your 2019 donations is next weekend. Please help us save the postage of mailing them to you. Thank you for helping us grow as a parish family.



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!



## 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.

## MONTHLY GAME DAY



Come out to our next games afternoon on **THURSDAY FEB. 20** from 2 – 4pm in the Parish Hall. Bring cards, board games, some friends! No cost, snacks provided. For more info contact Jane Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. We will celebrate Mass with the distribution of ashes at 9:00 am, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm. The 12:15 pm Mass will be 30 minutes long to allow people to attend during lunch break. As we each begin our personal spiritual preparation for Easter let us join together as a faith community. May the mark of ashes on our foreheads be a sign for all we meet that we have died to ourselves in order that Christ may live in us.



**LITTLE BOOKS FOR LENT** can be picked up at the main entrance of the church for all those who ordered them. There is no cost, you have already paid for the set.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays in Lent we will pray together the Stations of the Cross. Each week will be led by a different group, using different versions of the stations and a different way to symbolize walking the stations. Joins us at 7:00 pm on Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3.

*"Faith grows when we invoke the Lord with confidence, bringing to Jesus who we are, with open hearts, without hiding our sufferings."* ~ @Pontifex, Feb. 10, 2020



## LENTEN MASSES WITH EXTENDED HOMILY



### *"Meditations on Saint Francis of Assisi"*

in celebration of 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
***Boundless Love for Animals and Nature***

Homilist: Father Raphael Ma, CR

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
***Love of Neighbour***

Homilist: Father Dan Lobsinger, CR

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
***Renowned for Simplicity and Practice of Poverty (Mt. 10:9)***

Homilist: Father Toby Collins, CR

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm

### ***Nativity of the Lord***

Homilist: Father Joseph de Viveiros, CR



Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm  
***Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord and Dance***

Homilist: Father Tim Uniac, CR

**Bach Vespers For Creation** On Sun. Feb. 23 at 4pm at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Kitchener, Spiritus Ensemble presents a Bach Vespers for Creation. Music includes Bach Cantata #76, "The heavens declare the glory of God". Elizabeth Lepock, soprano; Jennifer Enns Modolo, mezzo-soprano; Christopher Fischer, tenor; Richard Hrytzak, bass-baritone. Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission is free; a donation is requested.

**Absent Friends Film Series** challenges us to talk about the often taboo topics of death, dying and grief. 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. They hope to inspire us to build a more compassionate community. First film is: **Farewell** Friday February 28, 7-9pm at St. Jerome's University Academic Centre. Based on the director's own life experiences, *Farewell* mixes comedy and drama to explore the realities of family dynamics, cultural differences and terminal illness.

**Sitting in the Dark: Growing Through the Poetry of Pain** As children we can ask for a nightlight to chase away the shadows that come alive in the dark, and keep the creature under the bed away. As adults, when darkness creeps over us in the form of pain, depression, grief and fear, there is no easy nightlight. Join us for Mondays in March Spirit Circle, March 2 to April 6 at 7:15pm at Forest Hill United Church. In this series of films we learn about the difficulties that can lead to transformation and healing. Authors, philosophers, theologians and scholars will share with us the possibility of existence both in times of darkness and light. 519-744-3481 [www.foresthillunited.org](http://www.foresthillunited.org)

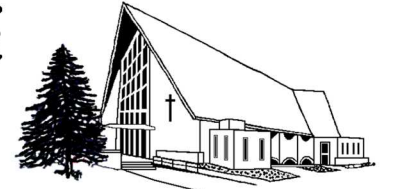
## World Day of Prayer 2020



Every year on the first Friday in March, people around the world gather to pray for justice and peace. The World Day of Prayer was started by ecumenical women's groups in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to support mission work and women in developing countries. The prayers of solidarity and financial contributions continue every year, and this year the prayer service was written by the women of Zimbabwe with the theme "Rise, Take your Mat and Walk". Christian women in our Forest Hill community invite all people to join them in prayer on **Fri. March 6 at 7pm** at St. George's Anglican Church, Kitchener. A free will offering will be taken in support of WDP missions.

**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 about, or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020, call 905-664-5212 or email: [Teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:Teamrecine@gmail.com) or visit their website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terrienne 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."*

*"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."* Matthew 11: 25

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