

MASS INTENTIONS
March 17 - 22, 2020

Tuesday, 17th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Jack Donald – Monday Night Celebrating the Word

Wednesday, 18th - *Lenten Weekday* **LENTEN MASS WITH EXTENDED HOMILY**
 7:00 pm +Bill Haid – Dorothy MacDonald

Thursday, 19th - *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 9:00 am +Nicola Trovato – Angela Ianni
 +Eric Pedersen – Kay Warner
 +John Powers – Marilyn Alston
 +Margaret Coffey – Catholic Women’s League

Friday, 20th - *Lenten Weekday*
 9:00 am +Reginald Sellner – Mary Ann Sellner & Family
 7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, 21st - *4th Sunday of Lent*
 5:00 pm Intentions of Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND – Karen Rektor
 In Thanksgiving – Julie Wilkins
 +Luann Mahn – the Cassel Family
 +David O’Farrell – Eleanor Buchanan
 +John de Viveiros – Eleanor Buchanan
 +Tony DaCosta – Rosa DaCosta

Sunday, 22nd - *4th Sunday of Lent*
 9:00 am +Daniel Kieffer – Leslie & Paul Fixter
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

March 15, 2020
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection March 7/8 \$4,564.00
2020 Total Collection \$52,609.20
2020 Total Budgeted Collection \$309,450.00

Looking Ahead to March 22, 2020
4th SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 16: **Rev. Ken Miskiewicz**
 Tues. Mar. 17: **Rev. Terence Sehl**
 Wed. Mar. 18: **Franciscan Fathers (OFM)**
 Thu. Mar. 19: **Rev. Jason Kuntz**
 Fri. Mar. 20: **Rev. Edward Mahony**
 Sat. Mar. 21: **Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou**

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

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

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

Wednesday
 Lenten Extended Homily Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday
 Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:15 pm
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday
 Stations of the Cross (C) 7:00 pm

Sunday
 Youth Ministry (H) 7:30 pm

MONTHLY GAME DAY



Come out to our next games afternoon on **THURSDAY March 19** 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.



On **Saturday March 21** our Youth Ministry group will help with painting at the YW Emergency Shelter, part of their Lenten Outreach projects! The following day, **Sunday March 22**, they will gather for their bi-weekly meeting at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. All high school youth are welcome! Snacks provided. The meeting on Mar. 22 is to plan for the Stations of the Cross which Youth Ministry will lead on Friday March 27. All parishioners are invited to experience the Stations through tableaux!



Plus, follow us on Instagram!
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If you missed picking up your **2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES**, they are on the table outside the Emmaus and Resurrection Rooms.

“The Lord tells us not only to carry out works of charity, to pray, and to fast, but also to do these without pretense, duplicity, and hypocrisy. #Lent.”

~ @Pontifex, March 10, 2020



AROUND TOWN

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 20** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, Elmira. Continuous seating 5:30 to 7:00 pm, take out 5 – 5:30 pm. Please bring your own take out containers. For tickets call 519-669-3387. Adults \$16, Children aged 6 to 12 years \$8.00 (aged 5 and under) Free, and take out is \$16. Don’t miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Lenten Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word, Communion and Hospitality

Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton will facilitate a Lenten day or reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers of Communion and Hospitality Ministers on Saturday, March 21st at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Please check the Liturgy Webpage under Faith and Formation Events for more information. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formation-reflection-events.php>

ReStart: A Divorce and Separation Recovery Program

You are not alone; we want to help you on this journey of recovery with the four levels that make up our ReStart Program. With each level you gain strength, insight and greater feelings of calm. **LEARNING TO COPE** (Level 1) is the first ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 24 from 7 to 9 pm at the Diocesan Chancery Office, Hamilton. A newly written level 2 program will be offered on the same evening (past participants welcome!) and level 3 and 4 will run at the same time and location Wednesday evenings. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249 or find out more at: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

From the Pastor's Desk:

The Feast of Saint Patrick (Lá Fhéile Pádraig) will soon be upon us, the day when all the non-Irish of the earth will lament – “O to be Irish!” This great day has even been celebrated by famed Canadian astronaut of Irish descent, Chris Hadfield, when in 2013, from the International Space Station, he marked the day by singing “Danny Boy” - the first Paddy's Day celebration in outer space.

Saint Patrick, missionary to Ireland, patron saint of Ireland, is celebrated each year on March 17th, the day he is believed to have died in 461 AD. Said to have used a three-leaf shamrock in order to educate the people of Ireland regarding the theology of the Holy Trinity. Purported to have been responsible for driving all the snakes out of Ireland – or was this just a way to explain why Ireland, to this day, has no snakes (perhaps a few too many pints of Guinness caused this tale to grow).

It is unfortunate that Saint Patrick Day is celebrated with drink rather than prayer here in North America – perhaps the students of Ezra Street would do well to study how the Irish of Ireland actually celebrate this day. In Ireland this is a national bank holiday when commerce takes a back seat to honouring Saint Patrick. The day begins in Ireland in church with the celebration of Mass in honour of Saint Patrick and thanksgiving for the blessings and graces bestowed upon the country and peoples of Ireland by God. Later in the morning there are parades across the country to mark the occasion – parades that highlight the culture of Ireland, their song and dance. And yes, following the parade large numbers of people in Ireland head to the local pub. However, pub life is different in Ireland compared to Canada. While there are perhaps

far too many pints drunk on this day, it is a day to gather with family and friends over some pub grub, to share stories both true and fictional, to sing and to dance, to celebrate life – the pub is the gathering place for the Irish.

Let our celebration of Saint Patrick's Day begin with prayer, thanking God for the many graces and blessings so lovingly bestowed upon us.

Father Tim, C.R.



COVID-19 / CORONAVIRUS

In an open letter to Priests, Parishes, and the community in the Diocese of Hamilton, Bishop Crosby addressed the concern of the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 from various liturgical practices. You can read the letter on our parish website. While we are very grateful that the risk of contracting the virus is still very low in Waterloo Region, we recognize that we should take reasonable precautions. Therefore, we ask that you refrain from greeting each other by shaking hands or touching, and we ask that you offer each other the Sign of Peace without touching. Also, for the time being, we will not be offering the cup to the congregation during communion. **Above all, please, if you are sick, do not come to church; stay home and seek medical advice.** We will continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19, and if further precautions need to be made we will inform you, thank you for your understanding. Please keep all those affected by COVID-19 in your prayers.

MINI ST. FRANCIS STATUES HAVE ARRIVED for those who ordered them. Please bring your \$40 to the parish office during office hours to pick them up.

Lent At St. Francis Parish

WEDNESDAY MASSES WITH EXTENDED HOMILY



“Meditations on Saint Francis of Assisi”

in celebration of 60th
anniversary of Saint
Francis of Assisi Parish

Wednesday, March 18th 7:00 pm
***Renowned for Simplicity and
Practice of Poverty (Mt. 10:9)***
Homilist: Father Toby Collins, CR

Wednesday, March 25th 7:00 pm

Nativity of the Lord

Homilist: Father Joseph
de Viveiros, CR



Wednesday, April 1st
7:00 pm

Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord and Dance

Homilist: Father Tim Uniac, CR

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 March 20, 27 and April 3.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

During the Season of Lent God invites us to turn away from sin and come back to Him. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the grace to be able to respond to God's invitation and heals our relationship with Him and His people. Come and receive the peace and joy of Reconciliation on **Thursday March 26 at 7pm** at our Communal Service. Priests will be available for individual confession following the service. Even if you don't feel the need for individual confession, please join your voice with the whole parish community and pray for the reconciliation of the world.

If March 26 doesn't suit your schedule there are other services happening in our area. This week there are:

Tues. March 24, 7:00 pm - St. Agatha,
St. Agatha

Thurs. March 26, 7:00 pm - St. Anne, Kitchener

See our parish website for a full listing,
www.stfranciskw.ca

Starting on Monday, March 23rd, the St. Louis Lunch and Learn Study Group will begin a new book by Brant Pitre *“Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary – Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah”*. Dr. Pitre takes readers step-by-step from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. Come and join us on this marvelous journey. We read together and then discuss the text. No prior preparation required. Mondays from noon till 1 P.M. in the St. Louis Nursery (in the basement of St. Louis Church at 53 Allen St. E. in Waterloo). Bring your lunch, if you wish. Coffee and treats provided. Call St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101 for more information.

Do you know the essential keys to a great relationship? “Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week program that helps people (married, dating, or single) develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. We can all learn to be a better “me” in all our relationships! The program is offered in Hamilton at the Diocesan Chancery Office on Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 pm, March 26 – June 4, 2020. The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com under the start date below Upcoming Events.

Holy Family Church, New Hamburg, the Catholic Women's League and the Council of Catholic Men are co-sponsoring a talk on anxiety and depression in the Church hall on Thursday, March 26, at 7 pm. Guest speaker is Mike Glugosh B.Th. who works for Mountainview Clinic for Stress and Anxiety. All are welcome. Seminar will be approximately an hour with refreshments to follow.

Career Opportunity Due to a pending retirement the Congregation of the Resurrection in Waterloo is looking for a full-time Treasurer (35 hours per week). This is an interesting position working in a very pleasant environment with a competitive salary and benefits package. The role involves maintaining the accounts and records for the Congregation and providing support for Resurrectionist Members. For more information or to apply to this position, email hr@resurrectioncollege.ca and visit www.resurrectionists.ca (no telephone calls please). We are looking to fill this position by April.

Musician Opportunity St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Elmira, Ontario is seeking out an organist/accompanist for Saturday afternoon Mass and one rehearsal weekly. This position includes extra possibilities for added services and professional development. The candidate should possess a basic knowledge of the Catholic Liturgy and the ability to work closely with the Pastor and Choir Director in liturgy planning. Compensation is based on competitive salaries and determined upon skill and experience. St. Teresa of Avila is a vibrant parish that is looking to expand and enhance its Music Ministry and therefore looking for an individual with a likeminded attitude. Please send your resume to the Parish Office at 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira N3B 1V3.

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.

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. Terrienne 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.”

“Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never be thirsty.”

John 4: 42, 15

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