

St. Anne's Parish Family

December
15/16 2018



Mass Schedule and Intentions December 17 - 23

Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	
7 pm	Special Intention: Marie Dvorak – Helen Dvorak
Wednesday	
8 am	Special Intention: Fr. Tom Vermiglio – Mary Kobetich
Thursday	
8 am	+ Anthony Hayek – Hayek Family
Friday	Saint Peter Canisius
8 am	+ Mary Weinstein – Bernie & Family
Saturday	
4 pm	Sacrament of Penance
5 pm	+ Jose Amorim – Maria Amorim & Family + Roger & Beatrice Roussy - Family
Sunday	
10 am	The Parishioners
	+ Tom Boutillier – Lynda & Kurt Munz & Family + Manuel DaCosta – Maria Pacheco + Magarida Rebelo – Maria Pacheco

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
Wednesday	Missionaries
Thursday	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Friday	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Saturday	Rev. Romelito Guillen

PARISH SUPPORT Last Weekend

Weekend Offering (114 env)	\$3194
Loose Donations	\$185
Christmas Flowers	\$220
Refugee Ministry	\$275



Sincere thanks to all who share the responsibility of parish support. Your care, concern and generosity are greatly appreciated!!

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

MASS TIMES CONTINUE...UNTIL DEC 29/30



Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am



Next Week's Liturgical Roles

	*Commentator & Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5 pm	* Mary Anne Reinhart Vivian Powers Sarah Martin	Annemarie Currie Lynda Munz
10 am	*Yvonne McGrath Kenny Sonde Sandra Umbrio	Lise Lindsay Enrique Matute Tony Umbrio
Children's Liturgy		Ashley Kreuger & Meghan Hause

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Mon	Dec 17 7pm	SVDP Meeting
Sun	Dec 23 1-3pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mon	Dec 24 4pm	Family Mass & Christmas Pageant
Mon	Dec 24 8pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Mon	Dec 25 10am	Christmas Day: Nativity of the Lord
Mon	Dec 31 5pm	New Year's Vigil
Tue	Jan 01 10am	New Year's Day

AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tue	Dec 18 7pm	St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira
Wed	Dec 19 7pm	St. Joseph's Church, Kitchener
Wed	Dec 19 7pm	St. Clement's Church, Cambridge
Thur	Dec 20 7pm	Blessed Sacrament Church, Kit

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Have you ever wanted to be a sheep? How about an angel? Do you want to help our children tell the Christmas story? Calling all children, youth and adults interested in this year's Pageant at Christmas Eve Mass. We are looking for children to participate in all roles, as well as a few grade 6-8 students to be narrators and lectors.

Dec 16 Information and Sign Up Meeting after the 10am mass
Dec 23 Dress rehearsal from 1 – 3pm

For more information contact Mary at the parish office or stannekitcheneryouth@gmail.com

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is Rose

Rose symbolizes joy, the joy that Jesus is almost here. The priest wears pink and we light a pink candle to represent the joy we feel to welcome Jesus in Christmas.



2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES READY FOR PICK UP



Parish envelopes are available for pick up from the East Avenue entrance. Please double check the information and notify the parish office of any necessary changes



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

What is the state of diocesan finances?

The diocesan financial picture is strong – the amount of assets has grown in recent years and investments are doing well. Meanwhile, the Diocese is generous with grants and loans to parishes and Catholic organizations within the Diocese. Parish assessments have been stable in recent years but have not kept up with increases in diocesan operating costs. Property sales have been used more frequently to keep the Diocese's operating budget balanced and strong, and many assets (such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries) are restricted and not at the Diocese's disposal. This is not an emergency situation. The Diocese is looking ahead and acting before any kind of emergency could develop. Overall, the campaign is a way to ensure that more parishes will be able to be self-sufficient over the long term, building up themselves and the Diocese at the same time.

I've heard the Diocese has a lot of assets. Can't those be used?

At the end of 2017, the Diocese reported assets of \$322 million. However, the majority of the assets are restricted assets, such as the Care and Maintenance Fund for Cemeteries, money legally reserved for the maintenance of cemetery operations and funds held for pre-arranged funeral services and burials. Unrestricted assets are less than a third of the total capital. Of these unrestricted assets, more than 90 percent is used to generate investment income that – when combined with parish assessments – pays for annual diocesan operations (68 percent) and make funds available for grants and loans to help parishes and organizations within and outside the Diocese (32 percent).

Is there any chance that funds would be used to settle potential claims of abuse of children by clergy?

The tragic stories recently in the news, thankfully, do not reflect the circumstances and history of our diocese. However, it should still be noted that funds raised during the campaign will be held in a segregated account, in trust for the parishes and ministries for which they were raised. Both civil and canon law require the diocese to use the gifts we receive for the stated purposes for which they were given – an obligation to which we are fully committed. Regarding how the Diocese handles abuse allegations, Bishop Crosby said in an August 2018 letter to all in the Diocese: "All allegations of sexual misconduct have been and will continue to be taken seriously and addressed immediately in accordance with our diocesan policy." For a link to the full letter, see our diocesan website, hamiltondiocese.com.


What kind of financial transparency can we expect during the campaign and beyond?

Transparency is a top priority for the Diocese. Summaries of diocesan financial reports from 2012 through 2017 are on the diocesan website, and copies of the full reports are available from the Diocese's financial office. Regular updates of campaign goals, projects and fundraising will be communicated during the campaign through a number of avenues – the website, emails, social media, to name a few.



Share the gift of Hope! The Refugee Committee invites you to give a gift of hope to our second sponsorship family.

There are 3 fundraising initiatives that you could consider:

1. The Alternative-Giving Envelope Donation. Give a gift yourself or ask someone to give a gift for you. Decorated Christmas envelopes are available at the church entrances. Please make sure the donor's information is on the envelope. 
2. Silent Auction of a beautiful Quilt. The quilt is displayed at the front entrance of the church. Closing date for bids is Sunday, December 23.
3. Book Sale in the church hall during December. Baskets are left on the table for your monetary contribution. Children's books - \$1.00 and Adult books - \$2.00.



Fundraising Goal for 2018-2019: \$16,000.00
Amount Raised to Date: \$ 2,454.25

Thank you for your generous support of this ministry and Merry Christmas!

Development and Peace: Share the Journey

68.5 million thank yous!



On behalf of Aysha, Patience, Rehana, and their families, as well as all those forced to flee their homes, villages, or countries, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada wants to thank you for your ongoing commitment and mobilization. Together, we have taken action in solidarity with forced migrants. Together, we have the power to change lives.

To continue to take action throughout the *Share the Journey* campaign, go to devp.org/campaign.

Without your action, there is no change and no justice.



If anyone has any action cards to submit you can return it back to the parish or mail it.

In the Area & Diocese

.....see bulletin board for details

Dec 21 Longest Night Prayer Service – Dec 21, 2018 7pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish 49 Blueridge Ave, Kit.

If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service.

This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer. A time of fellowship will follow.

Websites to check out

Parish Website – www.stanneskitchener.ca

Diocese Website – www.hamiltondiocese.com