

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 26

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 p.m.

Irene and Stan Seifried
Serafina Goulart

Wednesday, September 28

8:00 a.m.

Intention of Tim Kreze
Jan Ligenza

Thursday, September 29

10:00 a.m.

Hernesta Pepper (at Sunnyside)

Friday, September 30

7:45 a.m.

Morning Prayer

8:00 a.m.

Natale Kalegaric, Peter Kraner
Alfreda Jarosz, Ruth Emond
Special Intention

Saturday, October 1

5:00 p.m.

Agneza Suljak
Jack Morro
Maria Sousa
Anne Lindsay
Ivan Cabran

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 25

12:30 p.m.

Baptisms

5:00 p.m.

St. Paul Chung Mass

7:30 p.m.

Taizé

Wednesday, September 28

1:30 p.m.

Liturgy Planning Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Choir

Thursday, September 29

7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Sunday Choir

Saturday, October 1

8:00 a.m.

Cursillo

9:30 a.m.

Blessing of Pets

1:00 p.m.

Server Training

Stewardship Weekend following 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 2

St. Daniel, St. John Paul II and Canadian Martyrs Schools

Sharing the Spirit at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Stewardship Weekend, Coffee Sunday following

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

5:00 p.m.

St. Paul Chung Mass followed by Social

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Illness and hospitalization are a difficult but ultimately unavoidable reality of the human condition. Feelings of fear and helplessness often make these times even more difficult for us to endure. One of the essential functions of a parish faith community is to accompany those who are suffering with our prayers, our acts of support and our presence during was is frequently an isolating experience. As Catholics we also have the benefit of a special sacrament, the Anointing of the Sick, through which Our Lord imparts grace for healing, strength and consolation.

Many in the Church, especially our more senior generations, have tended to view the Sacrament of the Sick as one which ought to be received only at the end of life (extreme unction). In reality, this sacrament is much more widely applicable. The Church tells us that "each time a Christian falls seriously ill, he may receive the Anointing of the Sick, and also when, after he has received it, if the illness worsens." *Seriously ill* is not limited to end-of-life situations. Any time we face a significant medical condition, and if general anesthetics will be used for a procedure, we should consider receiving this gift of encounter with the Risen Lord.

In years past, a parish priest was permitted to view a list of Catholic patients at the hospital for the purpose of making pastoral visits. Due to privacy regulations, this is no longer the case. Parishioners requesting a hospital call, or families making this request on behalf of a sick person, *must contact the parish office or speak directly to me*. I am also happy to make sick calls to the homes of parishioners. Requests of this nature are always accommodated as quickly as possible, but it is important that the Sacrament not be unduly delayed. If you're thinking of calling, call.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	Reverend Peter Coughlin
Tuesday	Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D.
Wednesday	Pallottine Fathers (S.A.C.)
Thursday	Reverend Fernando Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Friday	Reverend Robert Hetu
Saturday	Reverend David Walter

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests, religious and lay ministers of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them; guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE begins on September 28th and will continue until October 6th in front of Freeport Hospital from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. This Wednesday, September 28th has been “adopted” by our Parish. We need two parishioners to sign up for each one of the hours that day. Sheets are located in the church and PLC foyer. Please add your name or call Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5548 to sign up. Thanks for your support for the unborn.

YOUNG ALTAR SERVERS – SIGN-UPS



Registration for *new and returning altar servers* (grade 4 and up) continues this weekend after the Sunday Masses. Forms and information will be available in the narthex. Come and be part of a great team of young people! Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



The Children's Liturgy program is in need of volunteers. High school students receive community service hours. The Children's Liturgy runs during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Marta Giguere at 519-616-3466 for further information.

CAN YOU HELP OUT A FELLOW PARISHIONER?



Some of our parishioners need a ride to Mass. Ideally there are four volunteer drivers assigned to each person needing a ride so it means only driving once a month. Also rides are only scheduled from the beginning of October until the end of June so it doesn't interfere with summer vacation plans. If you can help out by picking someone up on the way to the Mass that you are going to anyway, please call Ann at 519-745-2455. Currently there is a need for two drivers for the 8:30 a.m. Mass and one for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

THE CHILDREN'S NEEDS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE



The Children's Needs Distribution Centre is in desperate need of girl's clothing sizes 4 – 14. Donations may be left at the Hyland Road Baptist Church, or at 140 Montcalm Street, Kitchener. Your generosity will be very appreciated by our refugee friends.

Pray for those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, sisters, deacons, or brothers. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

NEWS FROM DEVELOPMENT & PEACE (D&P)



On October 20, 2017, Development and Peace will celebrate 50 years of solidarity, partnership and action in our effort to create a peace-filled and just society for all. The celebration begins this year with our Fall Action initiative. “At the Heart of Action: A Rallying Cry”. Through this initiative we want to revisit some of the most impactful campaigns of the last 50 years and hope to encourage everyone to commit to a just world for all by joining, Development and Peace There will be political action designed to heal our planet through support for small farmers. As well, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in full support of Caritas' campaign, “Syria: Peace is Possible” calls each one of us to pray for peace through prayer vigils. More on this to follow next week. For more information on Syria and what D&P is doing there, please go to www.devp.org/Syria

LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL 2016



Sunday October 2nd from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in front of Kitchener City Hall, 200 King Street, Kitchener. Bring your family and friends and hold a sign. A short talk at 2:50 p.m. We remember and pray for all concerned for the now over 4,000,000 babies that have died in Canada since 1970 from abortion.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS!

Confirmation - Registration forms and information packages went out to our three parish schools. There are copies in the foyer for anyone not attending Canadian Martyrs, St. Daniel or Saint John Paul II schools. Confirmation is celebrated in the seventh grade in the Diocese of Hamilton. If your child is attending the eighth grade or higher, please know that they can also participate in our sacramental preparation and celebrations. **Please note that our first meeting, for Confirmation Candidates and their Caregivers, is October 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** Please contact Sarah with any questions or concerns (contact information on the front page of our parish bulletin).





A CONCERT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!

Please plan on attending the **ELVIS' SOULFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** featuring Steve Michaels. Steve is a well respected tribute artist who has performed worldwide and at venues closer to home - River Run Centre, Guelph; Stage West, Mississauga; Rose Theatre, Brampton; Avalon Theatre, Niagara Falls to mention a few. At present Steve is performing at the Ed Mirvish Production Theatre in Toronto. Circle your calendar for Sunday, November 27, 2016 at St. Anthony Daniel Church in Kitchener. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. This evening is a great birthday/anniversary/early Christmas gift. Tickets are \$35.00 with all proceeds to St. Anthony Daniel Roof Fund. To get your tickets, please call Sandi: 519-894-4387 or Linda 519:742-4452 or go to the St. Anthony Daniel Church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



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THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?



Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 14, 2016, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

PARISH LIBRARY

Are you pressed for time but want to help at our parish? If you can donate 5-10 minutes once every 2 months, you can help us with keeping the Library in order. Training provided. If interested, email murrayariss@hotmail.com or call 519-893-1393.



SENIOR SINGLES GROUP SPECIAL EVENTS!



Thanksgiving Dinner: Wednesday, October 12th, 6:30 p.m. at Swiss Chalet, Victoria Street North.

THE BLESSING OF PETS, in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, will take place next Saturday, October 1st at 9:30 a.m. in front of the church.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1998 Ron Ertel organized a program at Resurrection College titled "Parish Ministry Formation". This was a one year course beginning in September and ending in May. We met every week and Ron did a great job in organizing the program. This program ran for many years. I know many of our parish family, plus many other parish family members gained great knowledge and confidence in serving our parish communities. Thank you Ron for your great effort.

From your Former Students

56 WAYS TO BE MERCIFUL DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

42. Ask the Holy Spirit to groan for you when you cannot bring yourself to pray for someone who has done you an injury.
43. Lead with a kind comment with friends as well as strangers.
44. When conversations devolve into "the dark joy" of gossip, help change the subject.
45. Can you play the piano, or any instrument? Can you recite poetry? Give free "concerts" to the forgotten people in nursing homes and assisted living centers.
46. Visit the graves of your ancestors, or visit a local cemetery and walk around praying a rosary for all the souls buried there
47. Go On Retreat. It's a way to be merciful to yourself and also to the people around you, who know you *need* to go on retreat. If you cannot do that, at least try to make a day, or evening, of recollection.
48. Admit your jealousy, both to yourself and your confessor.

