## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Administered by the Congregation of the Resurrection: <u>www.resurrectionists.ca</u>



Saturday at 5:00 pm Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**Weekday Masses** 

Tuesday - Friday at 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm

or by appointment.

Sunday Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy at this time

**Prayer Network** 

Call parish office to request prayers

**Funerals** 

Please call the parish office.

**Baptism** 

Please call the parish office.

<u>Marriages</u>

Please call the parish office.

Pastor: Fr. Murray McDermott, C.R.

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Associate Pastor: Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.

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Pastoral Minister: Miss Ruthann Fisher

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Music Ministry: Mrs. Terrianne Moulton

Admin. Assistant: Ms. Alice Soeder Building Manager: Mr. Gary Howell

**Parish Office** 

Open by Appointment Monday – Friday 8:30 am – noon & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Vocations Information:** 

<u>Hamilton Diocese</u> <u>Congregation of the Resurrection</u>



"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

June 13th, 2021

# 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

"The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever."



#### MASS INTENTIONS June 15 - 19, 2021

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> - Weekday

9:00 am +Greg Fixter – Leslie & Paul Fixter

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> - Weekday

9:00 am Intentions of Shafiq Hudda – Sandy Milne

+David Milne - the Delaney Family

+Lai Sai Wing & Alice Lai-Ma - the Wong Family

+Anne Shoniker - Paul & Julia Shoniker

+Deceased Members of the Kostyan Family - the Kostyan Family

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> - Weekday

9:00 am +Dorothy & Leo Herzog – the Family

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> - Weekday

9:00 am +Reno & Tony lanni – Angela lanni **Saturday, 19**<sup>th</sup> - *12*<sup>th</sup> *Sunday in Ordinary Time* 

5:00 pm +Carl & Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

+Bill & Donna Renaud – Michelle Krulicki

+Claude Wilhelm - Donna Renaud

+Antonio & Candida Cardoso – Laurentina Codeço +John Bauer – Mary Ann & Patrick Dodsworth

+Michael Longo - Eileen & Mary Longo

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi 11:00 am +Walter Runstedler – Rita Lederman

#### **COVID - 19 JUNE UPDATE**

## We are OPEN FOR MASS at 15% Capacity!

Under the revised Reopening Ontario Plan churches can welcome worshipers inside at 15% capacity in Step One. So as of Friday June 11 we have resumed our regular Mass schedule, Tuesday – Friday at 9am, Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9am and 11am.

All the COVID-19 protocols of wearing a mask, social distancing and staying home if you are sick in any way still apply, you can <u>visit the COVID-19 page on our</u> website for more info.

The Parish Office will reopen by appointment on Monday June 14 following the usual schedule, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 12 noon and 1:00 – 4:30 pm.

We are very excited to be worshiping together again, but we have to do this carefully so that we keep everyone safe and healthy. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you soon!

### FR. MURRAY & FR. RAPHAEL'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Click the picture below for this Sunday's homily.



You can listen to past homilies by clicking here.

#### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Father's Day is next weekend, which is the official end of the Marillac Place Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you to all who have contributed again this year, your donations help give mothers the resources to choose life for their babies and for themselves. If you still want to donate visit the Marillac website by clicking here.

#### Tragedy on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation

We are keeping all those affected by the tragic discovery of the unmarked children's graves at the former Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia in prayer. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Oblates of Mary Immaculate have issued statements on this and we have posted those on our website. You can read both statements by clicking here.

#### HOPE IN THE MIDST OF HATRED

We have all been bombarded these last weeks with so many examples of hatred in our world, hatred that not only harms, but kills. It can feel like hatred is winning, but it does not have to. Remember, we at St. Francis of Assisi Parish are people of the Resurrection and of hope. What can we do? We can each live lives filled with love, in every person we encounter in our daily lives we can see Jesus and we can treat them with the respect and love they deserve. The Inshallah Community Choir recorded an anthem called *We Resist*. We invite you to listen to their song by clicking here, we hope it will inspire us all to pray for peace and live lives of love.

#### LAST WEEK TO APPLY for the

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATE BURSARY

Again this year St. Francis of Assisi Parish is offering a bursary to honour one of our graduates who has been active in the life of the parish, and to contribute to their continued education. To qualify for this award you must be graduating from Secondary School this year, you must be a registered member of the parish and be an active volunteer here, and you must be planning to enter a college, university or an apprenticeship program.

Application forms can be found at on our parish website by clicking here.

The form may be returned either via email to Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com), or through the mail slot in the parish office door.

Please return the form no later than June 19, 2021

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. June 14: Rev. Naveed Arif, OP
Tues. June 15: Rev. Piotr Golinski
Wed. June 16: Sisters of Social Service (SSS)
Thu. June 17: Rev. Phillip E. Cook
Fri. June 18: Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, SAC
Sat. June 19: Rev. Kevin D'Souza

#### Bishop Crosby's Heart to Heart

Each week Bishop Crosby publishes a newsletter to all parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton. This week there were several sections in the newsletter we want to share with you:

THE CALL FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO "APOLOGIZE" for our involvement in government sponsored Indigenous Residential Schools is loud and clear. The apologies actually began 30 years ago, when the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate offered an apology at the annual Lac Ste. Anne (Alberta) pilgrimage – a long-time sacred pilgrimage site for thousands of Indigenous Peoples from North America. The Oblates were marking their 150th anniversary of presence and ministry in Canada, and chose to make the apology an important part of the anniversary year. You can read the apology here.

**AND JUST YESTERDAY** the CCCB announced a long-in-the planning initiative to send a delegation of Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors, and young people to meet with Pope Francis in a "meaningful encounter of dialogue and healing". The event will be a rich conversation between a diverse group of Indigenous peoples and the Pope. The pandemic and subsequent travel restrictions stalled the project; however as these restrictions ease, the delegation has resumed its planning for the visit. Read the statement here.

**THE TRAGIC ACT OF HATRED** which occurred in London this week has heightened our awareness of the presence of Islamophobia in our communities. An increase in Anti-Semitic attacks across the country is also troubling. The Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement calling for an end to religious violence in Canada, most especially Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism. See the statement here.

## ENHANCED CLEANING DURING THE PANDEMIC

As you have seen over the past months we have a dedicated team of volunteers and staff who disinfect the pews and other touch points in the church to help keep us all safe during the pandemic. Doctors and scientists are continuously learning more about COVID and we have received new information from the diocese and their medical advisors about the transition of COVID on hard surfaces. This new information advises that touch points only need to be disinfected if they are likely to be touched by a new group of people within one hour, but that periodic regular cleaning should still take place. Following these new guidelines we will continue to disinfect the pews and touch points between the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday, and a deep clean of the church will continue to be done every Monday. Thank you to everyone who helps with this ministry to keep St. Francis of Assisi Parish a safe place to worship.

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

 June 5/6 Collection
 \$3,418.75

 2021 Total Collection
 \$89,010.04

 2021 Total Collection BUDGET
 \$294,500.00

#### AROUND TOWN

The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship was established through the generosity of a benefactor in the Diocese and is accepting applications. This scholarship affords Catholics the opportunity to pursue medical education. The scholarship has a value of \$10,000. Application deadline is June 30, 2021. Award date is July 22, 2021. You can find eligibility requirements and the application form on the Diocesan website by clicking here.

THE DIOCESAN FAMILY MINISTRY OFFICE is collaborating with Hamilton Right to Life to provide an online information session and discussion about Bill C-7 on Thurs. June 17, 7:30-8:30pm. Mrs. Teresa Hartnett will share important information about the Bill which expands the eligibility criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide. We need to understand the impact of this Bill on the dying and the vulnerable. Read more and register here.



Anyone in Waterloo Region

#### 12 or older

can pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine.

To register online visit

www.regionofwaterloo.ca

/vaccineprereg

Or Call 519-575-4400

Anyone in Ontario who is

18 or older can register to receive their vaccine at a pharmacy.

Anyone **12 or older** can register to receive a Pfizer vaccine at a **pharmacy**.

(click here to find a pharmacy administering the vaccine near you)

Anyone **70 or older**, **or 12-25, or** 

#### whose 1st dose was before April 18th

can request to rebook their Second Dose of the vaccine at an earlier date. There are a few other groups eligible, <u>Click here to learn</u> more & rebook.

## MOBILE CLINIC FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you cannot go out to get a vaccine the Region has a mobile clinic that will come to you. <u>Click here and scroll to the bottom of the page to email</u> the region your information, or call the number above and tell them you need the Mobile Clinic.