

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Lord's Day Masses – with distancing

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Weekday Masses – with distancing

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.

## Marriages

Please call the parish office.

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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:

[Hamilton Diocese](#)

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



**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God."**

~ Luke 3: 4, 6

## MASS INTENTIONS December 7 - 12, 2021

<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	- <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>
9:00 am	+Joyce Megaffin – Gary Megaffin
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	- <i>Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
9:00 am	+Craig Darby – Anne Darby-Watchorn
	+Ross Haller – Madeline Haller
	+Anastasia Koebel
	+John Gyimoti
<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	- <i>Advent Weekday</i>
9:00 am	+Anne Shoniker – Anne Pritchard
<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	- <i>Advent Weekday</i>
9:00 am	+Ernie Donaldson – Lewis & Joyce Leis
<b>Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	- <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
5:00 pm	+Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh
	+Manuel, Anna & Antonio Codeco – Laurentina Codeco
	+Angela Ianni – the Frank Family
	+Paul Renaud – Michelle Krulicki
	+Donna Renaud – Eileen & Mary Longo
	+Deceased Members of Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
<b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	- <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</i>
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Marie Schell – Marguerite Buller, Marg Wesson & Family

## STEWARSHIP REPORT

November 27/28 Collection	\$3,972.25
<b>2021 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$221,641.35</b>
<b>2021 Total Collection BUDGET</b>	<b>\$294,500.00</b>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

### Monday

Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm

### Tuesday

Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 & 4:30 pm

Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:00 pm

### Wednesday

OCDS (ER) 9:30 am

Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed) 10am - noon

### Thursday

Virtual Atrium (Zoom) 4:00 & 4:30 pm

Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

### Saturday / Sunday

Bambinelli Sunday At All Masses

**2021-2022 Missals** have arrived! Cost is \$4, they can be purchased before Mass on the weekend or at the office during office hours.

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



[You can listen to past homilies by clicking here.](#)

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

- Mon. Dec. 6: **Rev. Lajos Angyal**
- Tues. Dec. 7: **Rev. Joseph Durkacz**
- Wed. Dec. 8: **Order of Preachers (Dominican) OP**
- Thu. Dec. 9: **Rev. Emmanuel Azike, OP**
- Fri. Dec. 10: **Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI**
- Sat. Dec. 11: **Rev. Zygmund Baranowski**

## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

**All parishioners are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass NEXT WEEKEND, Dec. 11/12, to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.**

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION

We will be open for Christmas Masses following the schedule below. Please remember to wear your mask, maintain social distancing with those outside your bubble and follow the instructions of the ushers.

**We are asking you to REGISTER for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses only, all other Masses are first-come first-seated as usual. Please note the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass is full.**

**Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:** 4:30, 7:00 & 9:00 pm

**Dec. 25, Christmas Day:** 10:00 am

**Dec. 26, Feast of Holy Family:** 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses will be celebrated

Tues. Dec. 28 – Thurs. Dec. 30 at 9:00 am.

**Dec. 31, Feast of Mary & New Years:** 5:00 pm

**Jan. 1, Feast of Mary & New Years:** 10:00 am

**Jan. 2, Feast of Epiphany:** 9:00 & 11:00 am

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

### CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Our elementary school, St. Paul, is looking for our help this Christmas Season in supporting their families who are experiencing hardships and unable to access food and gifts for their children/family during the holiday season. If you are interested in donating, below are the ways that you can support:

#### Angel Tree donations:

- We welcome new, unwrapped toys and clothes for Christmas gifts for children of all ages.
- Some of our families are also in need of new or gently used winter coats, snow pants and track pants.

#### Food Collection:

We will also gratefully accept:

- **Canned Goods** (e.g., beans, corn, soup, pasta sauce, jam, honey, etc.)
- **Dry Goods** (e.g., pasta noodles, rice, cereal, granola bars, crackers etc.)
- **Toiletries** (e.g., toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.)

**Donations for the St. Paul School Community must be brought to the church by next weekend, Dec. 12; a donation box will be available in the entrance of St. Francis Church.** Thank you for your consideration in answering the call to serve those in need!

If you are a family or know of a family in the St. Paul community that would benefit from extra school resources this holiday season or any time throughout the year, please contact the Office at 519-743-4401 or email [Bridget.Kuenzler@wcdsb.ca](mailto:Bridget.Kuenzler@wcdsb.ca).

## ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis at the Diocese have put together several resources for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see [here](#) for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent.

**2022 Parish Envelopes** will be available for pickup in the main entrance before or after Mass this weekend. Please help us maintain social distancing while you search for your box or pick yours up in the parish office. Thank you!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our knitters and crochet-ers have been working hard throughout the pandemic to create the beautiful shawls we give to our parishioners and loved ones to wrap them in God's love in challenging times and in times of celebration. All those being baptized at St. Francis also receive a prayer blanket as a sign of our support as they grow in faith. **With all these shawls being given out, we need some more help making them!** If you knit or crochet and would like to join this ministry please contact the parish office and we'll get you started with some wool! Thank you to all who support this ministry.

## CREATION CARE TIP

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Dec. 5, 2021**

*"The tree was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches."* —Ezekiel 31:7

What kind of Christmas tree should you buy: artificial or natural? If you plan to keep the same artificial tree for at least 15 years, then having a reusable one can be a good idea. Otherwise, a cultivated natural tree offers the benefit of having absorbed CO<sub>2</sub> during its lifetime and has not been removed from a forest, disturbing its ecological niche. Many cities will pick up these trees in early January and turn them into mulch. An even more environmentally-friendly solution is to buy a small potted evergreen, dig up a volunteer tree in your yard that's in the "wrong" space, or trim a branch from a tree on your property instead. All can provide some greenery inside during the winter and potted evergreens can be transplanted outside in the spring for reforestation.

## AROUND TOWN

**University Chaplaincy In The Diocese Of Hamilton** The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests, Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. [Click here to see the video.](#)

## Restart: A Separation And Divorce Recovery Program

- Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will offering an evening session by zoom on **Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Coping with Christmas** When Divorced or Separated. To register or see the dates for future courses, please see: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office: (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

**WHY@Breakfast** is pleased to offer an online video presentation for your viewing anytime during Advent! Sister Barbara Paleczny will present "St. Joseph: A Man Who Followed His Dreams." St. Joseph is well known for drawing on the wisdom of his dreams while carrying out his role as the earthly guardian of our Blessed Mother and our Christ Child. Are you aware of four of his remarkable dreams recorded in the Scripture? Perhaps, finding meanings in our dreams may help us in our journey forward? No registration required! Check out our webpage [www.whyatbreakfast.com](http://www.whyatbreakfast.com) anytime during Advent! You are welcome to check out our links to our past presentations on topics such as hope, healing, and receiving the Christ Child during difficult times too!

## **VACCINE Information**

Anyone born in **2016 or earlier**  
can be vaccinated for COVID-19.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses are available throughout the region at Doctor's Offices, Pharmacies and Public Health Clinics. Please see the regional website [regionofwaterloo.ca](http://regionofwaterloo.ca) for details and to book appointments, or call 519-514-1499

**3<sup>rd</sup> Doses** – anyone 70 or older or if you qualify for medical or other specific reasons, can book an **appointment** for a booster shot 6 months after your final vaccination. [Learn more here.](#)