

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 18, 2018

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00 a.m.	+Rosemary Coffey (Estate)
Wednesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> , <i>St. Peter Damien</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Luigi Pellegrini (Pellegrini Family)
Thursday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>The Chair of St. Peter (Feast)</i>	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
7:00 p.m.	+John Goetz (Betty Boyd & Family)
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , <i>St. Polycarp</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Mel Ruller (Dorothy Ruller & Family)
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 24 <sup>th</sup>	
5:00 p.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Sunday February 25 <sup>th</sup> , <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	
St. Mary's 9:00 a.m.	+Joseph Mantler (Frances Mantler & Family)
St. Martin's 11:00 a.m.	+Fr. Pius Gamperli (Ruest Family)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS – February 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	
53 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,623.00
Weekly Loose	70.00
1 Initial Offering	25.00
1 Building Maintenance	100.00
1 New Year's Day Offering	50.00
1 Seminary Collection	10.00
Total	\$ 1,878.00

St. Martin's – February 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 630.00
Loose	5.00
Initial Offering	20.00
Seminary	60.00
Building Maintenance	80.00
Total	\$ 795.00

**YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** are ready for pickup at the back of church.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Once again, we have just started another Lenten season on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of ashes. As we begin this spiritual journey for the next forty days leading up to Easter, I hope it will become for each of us a period of renewal and revival. As Pope Francis put it in his Lenten message for 2018, "God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a 'sacramental sign of our conversion.'"

Lent summons us and enables us to "come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life." As we commence this holy season of Lent this year, I pray it will be a period of renewed strength in our faith journey, in our love of God and in our relationships with one another. Wishing everyone a very fruitful Lenten journey, Amen.

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## NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES:

We advise parishioners to kindly note that the old Parish email address is no longer in use, given the fact that it appeared to have been compromised.

Please, disregard any further emails coming from email address [stmaryelora@wightman.ca](mailto:stmaryelora@wightman.ca)

Kindly note the following new parish email addresses:

Pastor (Father Gordian): [stmelpastor@wightman.ca](mailto:stmelpastor@wightman.ca)

Parish Office (Catarina Burguete):

[stmeloffice@wightman.ca](mailto:stmeloffice@wightman.ca)

Business Administration (Mary Clark):

[stmelbadim@wightman.ca](mailto:stmelbadim@wightman.ca)

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## FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE:

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246**

email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

[www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

The Vocation Office's new issue of the *Reflection* series is out! This issue features a message from our

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Vocation Director, Father Michael King, and a message from 24 of our 25 seminarians. Please visit the Vocation Website, [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com), to view it. We thank you for your support for vocations!

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Is your child preparing for **First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation** this year? Wondering how you can help them at home? Visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and find Information for Parents under “Catechesis Office”. We have videos with practical suggestions and helpful info for parents of children with special needs. We’re here to help!

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### **FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE:**

All people of faith from Guelph and surrounding areas are invited to join the 40 Days for Life prayer effort. From February 14 to March 25 there will be 40 days of focused prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Join this life-saving campaign by praying at the peaceful vigil outside Guelph General Hospital or at home and with prayer groups. To sign up to pray, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life: (519) 836-6311, [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com) or visit [40daysforlife.com/guelph](http://40daysforlife.com/guelph)

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### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

The world day of prayer this year will be held at St. James Anglican Church, Fergus on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This is a prayerful, ecumenical gathering in which several area churches participate. The committee has asked St. Mary’s to donate a fruit platter, a cookie platter and provide two persons to read short bible selections. Please contact Catarina in the parish office 519-846-5093 ASAP if you would like to volunteer or to get more information.

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### **PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED KITCHENER PROGRAMS:**

LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2

will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting **March 20 from 7pm – 9pm** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at (905)528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register, or do so at [www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php)

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### **ANNUAL MUSICIANS’ RETREAT:**

On **Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m.**, the Liturgy office will be hosting our **ANNUAL MUSICIANS’ RETREAT** at St. Joseph Parish in Fergus. The retreat will end at 12:30 p.m. with lunch provided. The retreat will include a reflection on multiple themes, including: interpreting the word and letting it interpret you, when you’re running (and singing) on empty, and singing New Testament “psalms.” Advanced registration is required. Please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2336 or visit our website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more details.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The night before the retreat there will be a Taize meditative prayer service with illuminations of the St. John’s Bible from 7-9 p.m. **All are welcome to attend this free gathering.**

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**Please Keep our Recently Deceased Loved Ones in your Prayers:** Grace Driscoll, Bruce Crewson

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH</b>	
<b>Feb 19</b>	Scripture Study Group – St. Mary’s Rectory Meeting Room – 9:30 a.m.
<b>Feb 23</b>	Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary’s - Elora
<b>Feb 27</b>	Knights of Columbus Meeting – St. Joseph’s Parish Hall, Fergus – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Feb 28</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph’s Parish Hall – After 8:30 a.m. Mass
<b>Mar 2</b>	World Day of Prayer – St James Anglican Church, Fergus – 2:00 p.m. – Ecumenical Prayer Service Followed by Reception – All Welcome
<b>Mar 3</b>	Musician’s Retreat – St. Joseph’s, Fergus, Please Register 905-528-7988 ext. 2336