

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 4, 2018

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 6 th	
9:00 a.m.	+Gina Pellegrini (Pellegrini Family)
Wednesday, March 7 th <i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Rosemary Coffey (Estate)
Thursday, March 8 th <i>St. John of God</i>	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration
7:00 p.m.	+Rita Tangney (St. Mary's CWL)
Friday, March 9 th <i>St. Frances of Rome</i>	
9:00 a.m.	+Bruce Crewson (Rosemary Downey)
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 10 th	
5:00 p.m.	+Erin Eidt (Jim & Debbie Mantler)
Sunday March 11 th , <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	
St. Mary's 9:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
St. Martin's 11:00 a.m.	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR OFFERINGS – February 24 th & 25 th	
60 Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,371.00
Weekly Loose	134.00
17 Building Maintenance	295.00
Total	\$ 1,800.00

St. Martin's – February 18 th & 25 th	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 945.00
Building Fund	205.00
Total	\$ 1,150.00

YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS if not already picked up will be mailed out.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR:

MONDAY: Rev. James McSharry
TUESDAY: Rev Emmanuelle Ogboli
WEDNESDAY: Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood
THURSDAY: Rev. Jeff Bergsma
FRIDAY: Rev. Franjo Sprajc
SATURDAY: Rev. Mark Morley

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

“Mission springs from the certainty of faith that coexists with the thousand questions of a pilgrim. Faith is not a matter of ideology, existential security, but of an irreplaceable encounter with a living person, Jesus of Nazareth” **Pope Francis**

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Kindly note the following new parish email addresses:

Pastor (Father Gordian): stmelpastor@wightman.ca

Parish Office (Catarina Burguete):

stmeloffice@wightman.ca

Business Administration (Mary Clark):

stmelbadim@wightman.ca

WANTED - CLEANERS FOR CHURCH:

St. Mary Immaculate is currently seeking a cleaning service for the church and meeting rooms, as well as maintenance of church grounds in Spring and Summer. Weekly hours vary seasonally and can be discussed further. Daytime hours are preferred. All cleaning supplies and equipment will be provided. If you are interested in this position, please contact the pastor with a CV at stmelpastor@wightman.ca, or the parish office at 519-846-5093

CWL MEETING:

All are welcome to come join the CWL for a special Development and Peace-focused Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 12 at St. Mary's Church. A short meeting will follow downstairs in the rectory meeting room.

ST. AGATHA PARISH CWL PRESENTS *ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY*: Sunday, March 11th, 2018 at 2:00pm. Come out and bring a few friends! Door Prizes, Draws and a Delicious Beef Stew Luncheon. Admission \$10/person includes Stew, Rolls, Beverage & Dessert Squares. Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during Luncheon at 4:30pm. For more info stagathahcwl@gmail.com

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY:

Once again this year, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Fish Fry from 4:00 to 6:30 on Good Friday (March 30th) at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Fergus. Fish and Chip dinners with one or two pieces of fish will be available along with pop or bottled water. Juice, coffee and tea are included with a dinner. Take out will be available. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Young people 14 or over who are interested in volunteering to help set up, bus tables etc. please contact Don Cassidy at 519-843-2088.

RETROUVAILLE:

Do you feel alone in your Marriage? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, 2018, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

FORMED IN FAITH: PRACTICAL-PRAYERFUL-READY FOR SHARING:

Join us for this three-week course for seniors and grandparents where we will explore strengthening the foundation for sharing our faith. **Mondays April 16, 23, & 30th, 1 – 3pm at St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener** Practical resources, time for prayer and reflection, reaching out to others in our family and beyond. Cost \$20, includes helpful resources. For more information or to register call Monica 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or email mverin@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP 104

Lent is a time of preparation which allows us to fully celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and

reflect on the gift of salvation. Help your children, no matter their ages, to understand that Lent is more than just “giving something up”. Lent is a time for prayerful reflection which allows us to properly celebrate and understand the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life given to us through Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Pray as a family, talk about what these gifts mean and teach about the symbols of Lent, since all of these lead us to the joy of Easter. Instead of dreading Lent, you can help our children rejoice in its ability to bring us closer to God.

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 do so at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php

Please Keep our Recently Deceased Loved Ones in your Prayers: Susan Ezenwa, Rosemaria Bakos, Fay Saikkonen and Irene Geier.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH	
Mar 5	Scripture Study Group – St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room – 9:30 a.m.
Mar 9	Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's - Elora
Mar 12	CWL Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – St. Mary's Rectory Meeting Room
Mar 27	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – St. Joseph's Parish Hall – 7:30 p.m.
Mar 30	Knights of Columbus Good Friday Fish Fry– St. Joseph's Parish Hall 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.