

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, June 3 Acts 19.1-8 John 16.29-33 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, (Memorial)	7:30 am	Special Intention of Frances Florio	Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil
Tuesday, June 4 Acts 20.17-27 John 17.1-11	7:30 am	† Achille Luison	Rev. Robert Love
Wednesday, June 5 Acts 20.28-38 John 17.11-19 St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr, (Memorial)	7:30 am 6-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	† Breid Handcke Sacrament of Reconciliation Living & Deceased members of the CWL † Holy Souls in Purgatory Living & Deceased members of the K of C † Linda D'Agostino † Giovanni DiCenso † Vincenzo & Nicolina Simone † Enio D'Angelo † David Colterman † Cathy Skibinski † Dr. Elio Ricci † Maria Ennett † Antonio & Rinaldo D'Amico † Mario Granata † John Pinto † Sonya Rosmus † Fr. Roger Formosi † Fr. Patrick Bodendistel	Barnabite Fathers
Thursday, June 6 Acts 22.30, 23.6-11 John 17.20-26 St. Norbert, (OM)	7:30 am 11:00 am	† Nicola Espinella Di Stefano Mass at Amica Retirement Home - † Fred Walmsley	Rev. Ron Cote
Friday, June 7 Acts 25.13-21 John 21.15-19	7:30 am 8 - 9 am 5 - 7 pm	Special Intention of Father Francesco Cucchi Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 7 pm)	Rev. Michael Bennett
Saturday, June 8 Acts 28.16-20, 30-31 John 21.20-25 Vigil of Pentecost	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† David Campomizzi Sacrament of Reconciliation † Martin Thien Phu Nguyen † Joanne Cocchiara & Raffaele Fortino † Teresa Felice † Ennio DiStefano † Elio Tirimacco † Joe Capula † Antonio Sgro † Louisa Coutou † Sergio Scattolon † Gulio Biagetti † Giuseppina Infurnari † Katarina Jazvac † Frank Mezzalira † Maria Giusti † Melarangeli & Cremonese Families † Linda & Santina D'Agostino	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Sunday, June 9 Acts 2.1-11 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13 John 20.19-23 Pentecost Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Gaetano Candeloro, For the intentions of Janina Pasady † Mario Granata † Quintino Corsini	

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God."
St. Faustina

If you are visiting our community this Sunday, St. Francis Xavier Parish welcomes you!

Special Collection, "Cura Pastorum" which provides for the needs of our retired Priests — will be taken up in all Parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, June 9**. Offering envelopes have been provided in the offertory boxes. Please see the insert in this Sunday's bulletin for more information about this collection. Thank you to all who would like to support our retired priests.

An Invitation to Altar Service Ministry
St. Francis Parish is looking for new altar servers. The role of Altar Server is to assist the priest at Mass. It is a wonderful way of serving God and learning about the Catholic faith. This ministry is open to youth grades 3 and up who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. New servers are provided with an orientation and training session and will begin by assisting experienced servers at the altar. If you have heard the call to Altar Server ministry, you are asked to please contact Fr. Mariusz or our Youth Minister, Wes Moga, before or after Mass to ask any questions you may have or to pick-up a registration form. All vestments are provided.

Cathedral Virtual Tour
A Child's Virtual Tour of the Cathedral is a special project from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. Staff and students from St. Anne and St. Agnes created the Virtual Tour during a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King earlier this year. The Virtual Tour uses the latest technology and provides verbal explanations by the students to the various points of interest in the Cathedral. The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King was consecrated on December 19, 1933. It is the seat of the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, and the cathedral of the Diocese of Hamilton. The cathedral was raised to the status of a minor basilica in February 2013 by Pope Benedict XVI and contains the cathedra (bishop's chair) of the Bishop, the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby. Please visit: hamiltondiocese.com/catholic-education-week/#virtualtour.

Parish Pictorial Directory
It is our hope to update our Parish Directory and feel that a photo directory of all our church families would be an invaluable reference in creating a sense of community. We are looking for volunteers willing to coordinate and assist in this endeavor. If you feel that you can contribute your time and talents toward this project please contact the parish office at 905-662-8593. Inserts will be included in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your assistance!

Our Facebook page provides regular updates on all sorts of relevant activities and events happening in the parish. We hope you will be encouraged to participate more deeply and joyfully in our parish's mission of sharing the Gospel, growing closer to Our Lord and to each other. To find us on Facebook, like our "St. Francis Xavier Parish, S.C." page.



Lighthouse CD of the Month
Suffering & the Love of God

Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ. Why would an all-powerful, all-loving God allow suffering and evil in the world? As Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. explains, unsatisfying answers to this important question are the #1 reason for atheism today. But by answering this question with logic and love (as well as with scientific, peer-reviewed evidence for the existence of life after death), we can not only answer this question truthfully and satisfactorily, but also teach our fellow Christians how to suffer well, in preparation for the limitless love of God that awaits us in eternity. This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.



Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign
Baby Bottles are to be returned on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th. HRTL needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion. Take a bottle and fill it up with your loose coin.

St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus
The sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent have been rendering spiritual, social and financial assistance to the sick and the suffering who stay at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs, the boarding home for mentally challenged adults, the rehabilitation center for mentally challenged children and a TB clinic for more than fifteen years.

There are over 2,000 patients in the thirty-seven units of the National Psychiatric Clinic. Sisters regularly visit these hospital units acknowledging the importance of giving these people spiritual support and consolation.

There are 180 young patients in the boarding home for children with special needs who require constant care. The Sisters provides the needy with comprehensive help: meal and necessary medicines, arranges medical examinations for them, accommodations, helps to reinstate their identification papers. A rehabilitation facility for females was established in 2012. Women released from jail, the homeless and mentally challenged women stay there. Today there are 30 women and one toddler at this farmstead. They work in the kitchen, in the field, take care of domestic animals and make handicrafts.

To support and develop the above ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. Brother Anton and Sister Alexandra visited our parish in 2012. They were very grateful for a warm welcome and precious support that they received. Sisters from St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk will be at our parish on **Wednesday June 12** to speak and sell their wares after the 7:30 am and 7 pm Masses.

Grade 8 Day!

This Wednesday the parish welcomes the Grade 8 students from our five elementary schools for the annual Grade 8 Day! We look forward to having the students and school staff together at the parish for this day of activities, prayer, and forming new friendships. Our theme will be "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." (Leo Buscaglia) A big thank-you to all those who will be giving of their time and sharing their own talents to make the day possible! Please pray for all those who will be taking part, that it may be a day of blessing and encounter with our Lord for everyone.

From the Pastor's Desk

I would like to mention a few things that have been on "my desk" for some time now. Firstly, my thanks to Mr. Art Ward for taking the picture of the St. Michael the Archangel statue that is in our Church and submitting it to be used on the prayer cards that were distributed during the St. Michael's Feast. Also, my thanks to Ms. Marisa Antonello for giving her time and talent to design the prayer cards. They are truly beautiful! The cards are still available on the stand of the statue to anyone who wishes to take them for themselves and family members. Secondly, as it was announced last Sunday at all Masses, Fr. Francesco is leaving us to embrace his new priestly responsibility as the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Hamilton. We wish him well in his new posting and hope to see him here on various occasions, especially when he comes back to Stoney Creek for good local espresso. We will have a goodbye gathering for him after the 5:30pm, 9:00am, and 11:00am Masses on the weekend of June 22/23 in the Parish Centre. Thirdly, last Monday the Diocese released the list of moves of priests, deacons, and seminarians for the upcoming year. According to the list, our new associate is Fr. Claude Perera, who will be coming to join us sometime in September from Sri Lanka. We look forward to meeting him. And finally, my video recommendation for this week is: **"When Mass Feels like Going Through the Motions."** "The Karate Kid didn't know waxing a car would teach him karate, but Miyagi knew. In a similar way the Church, in her wisdom, teaches us certain motions - kneeling at Mass, making the sign of the Cross, etcetera - so we may learn the deeper virtues that will lead us to holiness. In this video, Fr. Mike encourages us to keep going through the motions, if that's all it feels like we're doing at Mass, because it's in times of desolation that our faith grows the most." Please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvMliVdNrBw>

Fr. Mariusz

Upcoming Events

- June 2 – 5:00 pm – Alpha – GH/CH
- June 5 – 7:30 pm – CWL Gen. Mtg. & Recep.SMR/GH
- June 6 – 7:30 pm – Bereavement Support - SMR
- June 7 – 5:00 pm – Bible Camp Leader Mtg. – CH/CR
- June 7 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – GH/SMR

Thank you to all who support our Parish with their financial offerings – your contributions assist in the spiritual, pastoral and practical work of the Parish and the upkeep of St. Francis Xavier Church.

Non Perishable Food Collection



The Knights of Columbus Council 7969 is collecting non perishable food and hygiene products in the Narthex of the church for **May and June**. Refer to the flyer in the Narthex to see which items are needed. Monetary donations are also welcome. Place your donation in a sealed envelope with your name, address, and phone number and place in the regular parish collections. The Stoney Creek food bank will issue tax receipts to you for donations of \$10 or more.

Becoming a Roman Catholic

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you a Catholic who has not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, or do you know someone who is a Catholic but has not received these Sacraments? Then maybe the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the place for you or them. Every year thousands of adults are welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church through the RCIA process. The RCIA is a series of instructions, faith development and rituals designed to help adults and older children become full members of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Fr. Mariusz or parish office at 905-662-8593.



Save the Date

Saturday, June 8th & Sunday June 9th. Keep this date open and join us for St. Francis Xavier **Porchetta Takeout** after all Masses. Cost is \$5 per bun & served in the Chapel Hall. Porchetta is courtesy of Roberto.



Questions of the Week

Theme: Jesus gives us special gifts.
Question for Children: Jesus tells us He is always with us. Name a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in a special way.
Question for Youth: Jesus prayed for his disciples, that others might believe in him through their words. How are you spreading your belief in Jesus through your words and actions? Do others know who Jesus is by knowing you?
Question for Adults: Jesus invites us to be one with God. Name a moment when you were one with God this past week.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Is your child in Grade 6? Did you know we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7 in the Diocese of Hamilton? Confirmations at our Parish are normally celebrated in the Fall of each year. **If your child does not attend Catholic School**, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible so we can assist you. **The Catechetical Correspondence Courses from the Diocese of Hamilton** may be right for you. For information visit: hamiltondiocese.com or call Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

