

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, September 2 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Luke 4.16-30 Blessed André Grasset, OM	8:30 am	† Gil Flores World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation <i>In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity.</i>	Rev. Saju Oreetha-parambil
Tuesday, September 3 Thessalonians 5.1-6, 9-11 Luke 4.31-37 St. Gregory The Great, (M)	7:30 am	† Mario Angelini	Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Wednesday, Sept. 4 Colossians 1.1-8 Luke 4.38-44 Bl. Dina Bélanger, (OM)	7:30 am 6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	Special Intentions for Emilio & Sandra Antonello Sacrament of Reconciliation † Living & Deceased members of the CWL † Souls in Purgatory † Living & Deceased members of the K of C † Betty Blakeley † Maria Kuti † Antonio & Rinaldo D'Amico † Giovanna & Domenico Sciarrone † Giovanni Romano † Cathy Skibinski † Mario Granata † Robert Morris † Mildred Van Sickle † Karol Kwasniewski † Wojciech Jamny	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Thursday, September 5 Colossians 1.9-14 Luke 5.1-11	7:30 am 11:00 am	† Julio Sequeiro Mass at Amica Retirement Home - † Karol Kwasniewski	Rev. Drago Gacnik
Friday, September 6 Colossians 1.15-20 Luke 5.33-39	7:30 am 8 - 9 am 5 - 7 pm	† Betty Blakeley Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 7 pm)	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Saturday, September 7 Colossians 1.21-23 Luke 6.1-5 Our Lady's Saturday, (Optional Memorial)	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Holy Souls in Purgatory Sacrament of Reconciliation † Antonio De Stefano † Michael Litniansky † Mario Marcoccia † Giulio Biagetti † Carmela Spasaro † Mario & Maria Manzella † Walter Harbuzynskyj † Ottavio & Maria Giuseppa Altobelli † Grazia Cottone † Giornino D'Andrea † John Agnoletto † Vito Saputo † Filippo Luzi † Lorenzo Curto † Eva Sciore † Theresa Kalc, † Wojciech Jamny, Special Int. for Maks Lenyk Special Intentions for Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Rev. Jim Link
Sunday, September 8 Wisdom 9.13-18 Philemon 9b-10, 12-17 Luke 14.25-33	9:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:00 pm	† Annamarie Condari † Flaviano DelSordo Sacrament of Baptism † Eugenio & Maria Centofanti	<i>If you are visiting our community this Sunday, St. Francis Xavier Parish Welcomes you!</i>

Pierogi & Kielbasa Dinner & Takeout

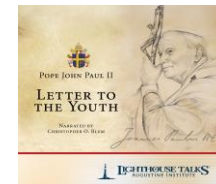
Taking place on **Thursday, September 19th, 3 pm - 7 pm** at St. Francis Xavier Parish Centre. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, 7969. Tickets sold at the door. (All Proceeds to Charity) Menu: Eight (8) Pierogi, One (1) Link Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Dessert, and Drinks. Adults - \$10; Children (8 and under) \$6. Everyone welcome!



Festitalia Hamilton
Each year in September, the City of Hamilton hosts a cultural celebration called Festitalia. It is sponsored by the Italian community but it is for all Hamiltonians to enjoy. A popular feature of the Festival is known as Regional Food Nights offering popular Italian cuisine. This year our St. Francis Xavier Parish is participating with a special food night **Saturday, September 14** right here in our Parish Center. The evening will include a four-course meal, music, dancing (music by Angelo Venditi) and some surprises. Tickets are only **\$40** per person and available at the parish office. Proceeds will remain right here in our parish community to support different programs but especially the feast of St. Michael the Archangel that takes place on the first Sunday in May. Plan to attend. Tickets are limited. **First come First served!!**

Lighthouse CD of the Month

Letter to the Youth by Pope John Paul.



Pope John Paul II's papacy is marked by the ways he engaged with and was loved by the youth. Scores of young people were drawn to him from around the world by a magnetism that continues even today, in his sainthood. In his letter to the youth of the world, John Paul offers young people his encouragement to respond to Jesus' call to follow Him during this unique and critically important time of life. To them he writes: "In you there is hope, for you belong to the future, just as the future belongs to you." This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.

Parenting Tip for September

September brings cooler weather, shorter days and a reestablishment of order as school and fall programs begin. It's a perfect time to examine the busy schedule(s) and discern if you are spending enough quality time as a family. Are you eating together, praying together, spending time playing together and yes, even cleaning together? Nothing will have a greater impact on a young developing mind and body than spending time with the people

they depend on and love the most, their family. Make it priority number one and fill the schedule in around established family time, not vice versa!

Congratulations!
65th Wedding Anniversary
John & Adeline Rosmus
40th Wedding Anniversary
Carmelo & Maria Burgio

Youth Groups are starting up!

Our three youth groups for students in Grades 3 and up will be resuming again at the end of September! These fun and interactive gatherings strive to guide and support students in:
- Developing and nurturing their personal relationship with God
- Exploring and deepening their knowledge of the Catholic faith
- Building Christ-centred friendships with other students as well as with older student and adult mentors from the parish community
Meeting nights will include activities such as: praise & worship music, sharing and discussion time in small groups, games, crafts, drama, videos, and interactive prayer experiences. The youth group year will also feature several events for the whole family and opportunities for community service. Schedules and registration forms for the 3 groups can be found at the letter trays in the Narthex. If you are in Grade 8 or older and are interested in being a leader for one of the groups, please feel free to contact Wes at the parish office by Friday, September 6.



Questions of the Week

Theme: Give as God gives - in humility and love. **Question for Children:** Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to? **Question for Youth:** God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity? **Question for Adults:** Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?



EPIC A Journey through Church History fills an urgent need for adult Catholics to recover their history as a believing community, debunk false criticisms of their Church, and understand the Christian underpinnings of the modern world. This is a vivid, thorough, and engaging program. I heartily recommend it." *Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.* This study begins **September 17**, and continues **Tuesdays, 7 pm to 9 pm.** Workbook cost: **\$42 (tax incl.). More to come!**

Retrouaille

You Can Help Your Marriage— Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 25, 2019, please call 905-664-5212 or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the website at www.retrouaille.org.

Christopher Leadership Course

Whether you are afraid of public speaking or would you like to take on a leadership role within the parish, the Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking can help. The next course begins Tuesday, October 1st, 7 pm, at McMaster University. To register or for information, visit cchamilton.com or call Frank at 905-662-4076.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we enter into the month of September, just a quick reminder that the 4pm Mass will be back on the schedule on September 8th, with our youth choir providing the musical accompaniment. I am very grateful to our young singers for their assistance at the Mass. Also, the Children Liturgy of the Word reboots next Sunday at the 9am and 11am Masses. Thank you to all our volunteers. And finally, I am going back, after the summer break, to recommending some good spiritual and informative materials from Fr. Mike Schmitz. This week please watch: **"Why Catholics Have a Pope."** "Fr. Mike goes all the way back to Genesis to explain why Catholics have a pope. The papacy may be a divisive topic today, but clearly God gave his Church a pope as a sign of unity for all who are a part of the new kingdom Christ established." Please follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4N0hSMCAIU>

Fr. Mariusz

Life Changes: Who am I Now?

Are you anticipating a major life change, or have you recently been through one? Do you wonder where you go from here? This workshop will explore self-image across one's life-span, the components of self-esteem and will help provide you with tools to help you gain strength to navigate change, including any grief that may be part of the journey you are now on. Presented by Anna Racine at Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre in Niagara Falls; a one day retreat, **Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9:30 – 3:30 pm.** Call 905-356-4113 or visit www.carmelniagara.com.

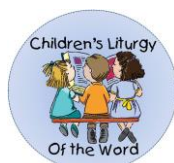
Thank you to all who support our Parish with their financial offerings - your contributions assist in the spiritual, pastoral and practical work of the Parish and the upkeep of St. Francis Xavier Church

Parish Office Hours

Parish office will be closed **Labour Day** Monday. Labour Day weekend marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school. Tuesday, September 3rd the Parish Office will be going back to its regular hours from 9 am to 5 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy will be resuming next Sunday at the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. It is geared towards children in Junior Kindergarten - Grade 2, and is an opportunity for them to hear the readings of the Mass in language they are better able to understand, and to discuss their meaning. The children also do fun activities and worksheets relating to the readings and get a pamphlet with more activities to bring home to share with their families after each session.



C. W. L. Annual Retreat

Last Call for the C.W.L. Annual Retreat! If you are interested in attending our annual retreat at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, **Sept. 13-15**, please let us know as soon as possible. The last date to register is Sunday, Sept. 8. This year's theme is **"Heroines of the Bible"**. The total cost for the entire weekend is \$235.00 but this can be adjusted if you are only able to attend a portion. Please call Carol, 905-643-3532 or contact the Parish office, 905-662-8593

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

We welcome the following children to the household of faith through the waters of Baptism: **Colton Simoneau, Madden & Carter Fortune, Oluwatctisimi & Oluwatoni Oduwole, Amara Rose Knott, Carson Grochowicz, Lucas Hatcher, Carter & Madison McNulty, Mateo Wedow & Luca D'Andrea.** Let us pray that they will continue to grow in faith, bearing witness to Christ by a life of faith, holiness and service. **Congratulations!**

