

# ST. AGATHA CHURCH BULLETIN

**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

	<b>Sat Mar 21 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Sun Mar 22 9:00 am</b>	<b>Sun Mar 22 11:00 am</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	Heidi V.	Janice M.	Mary Louise C
<b>Commentators:</b>	Sal P.	Janet L.	Mary Anne G.
<b>Ushers:</b>	Greg D. Paul F. Casey G. Bill L.	Doug M. Diego V. Joseph W.	Donna & John G. Harold M.
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Lisa & Rod S.	Ron & Theresa B.	whoever is available
<b>Eucharistic Collection:</b>	Debbie K.	Sharon W. Lee F. & Connie R.	Marilyn E.

<b>Masses:</b>	Tues, Mar 17	7:45 am	+ Christopher Birrell requested by the Blacks
	Wed, Mar 18	7:45 am	+ Jan Edissi requested by Steve Kelly
	Thurs, Mar 19	7:45 am	Intentions of Fr. Adam Voisin requested by the Blacks
	Fri, Mar 20	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross are at 7 pm on Fridays during Lent
		7:30 pm	+ Brian Correia requested by the Blacks
	Sat, Mar 21	7:00 pm	Intentions of Inge & Horst Serschen
	Sun, Mar 22	9:00 am	+ Gayle Dubrick requested by Dennis Dubrick
		11:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Total Last Week: **\$1,455** (Incl \$10 Seminary Education Collection)

**PREAUTHORIZED GIVING:** Please pick up the pre-printed form at the back of the church, fill out and return by placing in the collection basket in a sealed envelope. Please ensure that you are a registered parishioner to enable tax receipt creation.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

Sun, March 22 - General Parish Council Meeting, after 11 am Mass, in the Church Hall

Wed, March 25– Lenten Series– “The Pivotal Players”, 7 pm in the Church Hall

**NEW SCHEDULES for Church Ministries:** New schedules are being prepared for lectors, commentators, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and gift bearers for Apr - June, 2020. If you know that you will be away during that time, please email [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) or call **519-747-1212**.

**PARISH EMAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION:** We’re currently updating our Parish Data System since many phone numbers & email addresses have changed in recent years. Please email the parish office at [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) with current contact information (phone numbers, email addresses as well as home addresses, if those have changed) so that we can update our parish records

**COVID-19 UPDATES:** Please refer to the Diocesan website [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for updates regarding directives for Masses in the Diocese, etc.

There have been many questions to the Diocesan organizers of the One Heart, One Soul Campaign regarding COVID-19 and how it might affect the One Heart, One Soul Campaign. At present, we will continue to move forward with the campaign’s previously established timelines. The organizers are working to provide alternatives for parish volunteers who wish not to attend large gatherings. For instance, orientation and training meetings are being recorded to be made available online. The situation is changing on a daily basis. As it continues to unfold, we will make all necessary changes and provide updates accordingly.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who lent a hand in making the St. Patrick’s Card Party a success once again—to all who helped organize, set up, donated supplies & prizes & to the amazing cooks who prepared the Irish Stew. It was delicious! The winners of the draw are posted on the CWL bulletin board at the back of the church. The winner of the grand prize of \$500 was Fr. Tom Vermiglio.

**THE NEXT GENERAL CWL MEETING** is on April 1st, and we will be joining the Lenten Speaker Series at our parish. This presentation is open to the whole parish and will be lead by Dee Sproule. We hope to see many of our members come out and join us that evening. The presentation begins at 7 pm in the church hall.

**LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES - CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players.** Join us this Lent when we will be offering a DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron that explores the lives of influential figures who shaped the church and changed our world. Each session includes an hour long video on one of the Pivotal Players, followed by a brief period for discussion & sharing, refreshments, and reflection questions to take home. The evenings run from 7 - 8:30 pm and will be held in the Parish Hall.

**Presentation dates:** **Note: No Presentation on March 18 due to March Break**  
**Wednesday, March 25** - Flannery O’Connor - The Storyteller  
**Wednesday, April 1** - Fulton J. Sheen - The Communicator

You’re welcome to attend all or some of the evenings. There is no cost, nor registration to attend

**ONE HEART, ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN** Our parish is among more than 30 parishes taking part in the next wave of the “One Heart, One Soul” fundraising campaign in this Diocese. We are looking for potential volunteers for our parish team. You can find out what’s involved by attending a **Volunteer Orientation & Training Session** on Tues, March 24 at 7:30 pm at St Anne Church (268 East Avenue, Kitchener). Once you’ve seen what “One Heart, One Soul” is all about at this orientation session, you can then decide if you’d like to volunteer to help with the campaign at our parish. For more information, and to let us know if you will be attending this training session, please email [info@stagathachurch.ca](mailto:info@stagathachurch.ca) or call 519-747-1212. See also the note under COVID-19 updates on the opposite page.

Some information about the campaign... The One Heart, One Soul Campaign is a Diocesan-wide fundraising campaign where each parish in the Hamilton Diocese is being asked to raise an amount equivalent to their 2017 Sunday collections. The funds will be raised over the course of 3 years (but the volunteer commitment is for approximately 6 weeks). At St. Agatha parish our 2017 collections totalled \$172,000. This is our target goal. If we meet that goal (over the course of 3 years), we will receive \$189,200 (an additional 10% above the target goal). If we do not meet that goal, we will receive 75% of the money raised. (Note: we will receive 85% of any money we raise above and beyond that target goal.) The Congregation of the Resurrection has pledged \$30,000 towards our campaign, so this means if we raise \$142,000 over the course of 3 years, we will receive \$189,200.

What will we do with the money we raise? The first project is to repair the cracks in the church tower. The second major project is installation of new church flooring. Please consider volunteering to help us raise the funds needed to repair our beautiful church.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular office hours are Tues & Thurs from 9:30 am to 1 pm.