



## Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph's Parish.  
We pray that you feel at home.  
Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith.

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### Monday, December 31

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

#### Tuesday, January 1

10:00 am New Year's Day Mass

#### Wednesday, January 2 - No Mass

#### Thursday, January 3

8:30 am **Patrick Conroy** – Joyce & Terry Conroy

#### Friday January 4

8:30 am **Dean Duffield** – Margaret Duffield

#### Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm **Special Intentions of Ewa Betleja**

**Jack Karn**

**Sheila Hoshooley** – Gord & Barb Vandervoort

**Don Wellstead** – Gail & Mac Brown

#### Sunday, January 7

9:00 am **Mass for the People**

11:00 am **Special Intention**

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Dec. 31	Rev. Peter Meyer
Jan. 1	Rev. Jim Petrie
Jan. 2	Holy Cross Fathers (C.S.C.)
Jan. 3	Rev. Kevin Cull
Jan. 4	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Jan. 5	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.

### Parish Offerings:

#### **Your contributions for December 15 & 16, 2018:**

Regular Collection	\$4,777.30
St. Mary & St. Joseph Cemetery Fund	\$ 25.00
Christmas Floral Tributes	\$ 575.00
Building Fund	\$5,881.50

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Your contributions for December 22 & 23, 2018 not known at time of printing. Please see next bulletin!**

### Feast of the Holy Family – December 30, 2018

By Baptism, we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, x2246 or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### The Word Among Us

The January edition of the Word Among Us is now Available in the Narthex while quantities last.

### With thanks!

My thanks go out to everyone who helped prepare the Church so beautifully for our Christmas Masses. Thank you to our Children's Pageant participants and planners for their Christmas Eve performance, and of course to our very talented Choir Members and their leaders Frank Rider and John Rooyakker for making our celebrations so much more inspirational with their beautiful music. We are also grateful to our Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers and Counters. Thank you to everyone! Fr. Ken

### Did you get your Gifts?

If you haven't done so already, stop by the table in the Narthex to pick up your copy of Matthew Kelly's book ***The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*** a gift from the CWL and a copy of the **2019 Catholic Faith Calendars**, a gift from the CWL and Knights of Columbus for Parishioners of St. Joseph Church!

### Knights of Columbus January Breakfast

Please join us Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> for the Knights of Columbus Charity breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Families can take advantage of a special rate of \$17.00 for 2 adults and all children under 12. All are welcome and encouraged to come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship - coffee and toast is free if you're not up for a full breakfast.

### Thank You From Thursday Club

Once again, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who attended our Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon on December 13. Your generosity has demonstrated the true spirit of Christmas! A time for sharing and giving! We will be making a donation of \$400.00 to Hospice Wellington. The Executive would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will be hosting our 3rd event of the season, on Tuesday, January 15th from 7:00-9:00pm at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living Life in a Throw Away Culture". Free finger food will be provided. A special invite goes out to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40. All are welcome. For more information, please visit us on Facebook "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at [Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com](mailto:Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com).

**Bridge Club**

The Bridge Club will meeting on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to play and to enjoy small celebration for Christmas and the New Year. Anyone interested in learning bridge with a friendly group of people are invited to join the group in the New Year on Mondays in the Marion Room at 1:15 pm

**Junior Kindergarten & Senior Kindergarten at Wellington Catholic...  
We have faith in education.**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Kindergarten Eligibility**

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2019 to attend Junior Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2019 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Please bring: - child's birth certificate  
- a parent or child's Baptismal certificate  
- child's health card / immunization record /custody papers (if applicable)  
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school.

**Novena for the Abuse Crisis – Healing, Transparency and Accountability**

Join us for our first evening of the Novena for the Abuse Crisis which will be offered immediately following the **7:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph's on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>** (and will continue on nine consecutive Tuesdays starting January 8<sup>th</sup> and ending on Shrove Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>.) Pope Francis in a letter August 20<sup>th</sup>, reinforced by a letter on August 23<sup>rd</sup> from Bishop Crosby, called upon us to embrace "an attitude of prayer and penance" so that "we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation".

**The first week's Novena prayers will be offered for the intentions of the Victims and Survivors of the Abuse.**

Unfortunately, sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults continues in our Church and we are being called upon to act! The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's CWL are co-sponsoring this Novena and we invite everyone to join us in praying for all those involved in this suffering, some of whom may have suffered past

abuse and are silent in our midst.

**Theology Of The Body Certificate Course In Toronto!**

Looking for an introduction to John Paul II's Theology of the Body? A "Theology of the Body Basics" Certificate Course will be offered LIVE by Sr. Helena Burns, fsp. For those who can't attend in person, the Course will also be offered simultaneously ONLINE (filmed, so in-person students can view missed classes or simply review). Certificate is awarded through [www.sacredheartcollege.ca](http://www.sacredheartcollege.ca) More course details & registration: [www.tinyurl.com/TOBcertificate](http://www.tinyurl.com/TOBcertificate) or [srhelenaburns@gmail.com](mailto:srhelenaburns@gmail.com) **January 5-February 16, 2019 10-4pm**, Pauline Books & Media, 3022 Dufferin St.North York, ON M6B 3T5

**One Solitary Life**

*He was born in an obscure village  
The child of a peasant woman  
He grew up in another obscure village  
Where he worked in a carpenter shop  
until he was thirty.  
He never wrote a book.  
He never held an office.  
He never went to college.  
He never visited a big city.  
He never travelled more than two hundred miles  
From the place where he was born.  
He did none of the things  
Usually associated with greatness.  
He had no credentials but himself.*

*More than twenty centuries have come and gone  
And today Jesus is the central figure of the  
human race!*  
Dr. James A. Francis (1926)

**Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish**

Dec. 31, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Bridge Club 1:15pm
Jan. 2	No Mass
Jan. 6	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
Jan. 8	Novena for Abuse Crisis begins after 7pm Mass
Jan. 8	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
Jan. 9	Caressant Care Mass, 11:00 am
Jan. 16	Parents Meeting for 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion 7pm
Jan. 22	Knights of Columbus General Meeting.