



## 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

#### Tuesday, December 18

7:00pm **Stafford Sheehy** – Jim and Peggy Sheehy

#### Wednesday, December 19

8:30am **Bernie Burns**

#### Thursday, December 20

8:30 am **Intentions of Leo Stock & Family** – Bob and Bonnie Koehl

#### Friday, December 21

8:30 am **Intentions of Mary Sheridan & Family**

#### Saturday, December 22

5:00 pm **Toph Martin** – Jean Martin & Family

**Jack Karn** – Jean Martin & Family

**Intentions of Joseph Degonauto** – Catherine Cyr

#### Sunday, December 23

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

11:00 am **Special Intention**

### Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Dec. 17	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Dec. 18	Rev. Tim Uniac, C.R.
Dec. 19	Missionaries
Dec. 20	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Dec. 21	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Dec. 22	Rev. Romelito Guillen

### Parish Offerings:

#### **Your contributions for December 8 & 9, 2018:**

Regular Collection	\$ 4,035.66
Building Fund	\$ 261.65
Christmas Floral Tributes	\$ 930.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Third Sunday of Advent – December 16, 2018

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, x2246 or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).



### Christmas Eve Pageant

Any parents interested in having their children participate in the upcoming Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant are asked to contact Pam Pegelo at [ttppegelo@hotmail.com](mailto:ttppegelo@hotmail.com) or 226 383 7373. The pageant takes place just before the 5pm Mass Christmas Eve.

### Christmas Floral Tributes

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas flowers in memory of a deceased loved-one, please return the previously distributed form in the collection basket at Mass no later than Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to make a contribution but did not receive the forms, please contact the Church office.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

The 2019 Schedule for the Eucharistic Ministers is now available in the Narthex. Please pick up your copy as soon as possible.

### 2019 Offering Envelopes

Please stop by the tables in the Narthex to pick up your box of envelopes for 2019. If you have any questions, or are interested in signing up for direct deposit donations, please contact the Church office.



### CWL Gift for the Parish

The ladies of the Catholic Women's League Executive are pleased to provide copies of Matthew Kelly's book **The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity** for the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. We hope you will enjoy this excellent read over the holiday season – make sure to get your copy while quantities last!

### Knights of Columbus & CWL Sponsored Catholic Faith Calendar 2019

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League have joined forces to offer all families in the Parish a 2019 Catholic Faith Calendar as our gift to you. In addition to Church information, the calendar notes feast days, readings of the day and other important and interesting information!

### Knights of Columbus Donation

Our Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that when all was said and done, \$700 was raised during the recent Parish Spaghetti Dinner. They then increased this amount to \$1,000 and the funds have been donated to Michael House. Great job!

**Guelph Knights of Columbus Dinner Dance**

Unfortunately, due to poor sales figures, the Knights of Columbus Dinner/Dance on Dec. 16th, 2018 at St. Joseph's Parish has been **cancelled**. They are hoping to re-schedule something in the Spring again.

**Handel Messiah Sing-Along**

You are invited to join Family & Children's Services and the Guelph Chamber Choir for a Sing-Along production of Handel's Messiah in support of the Children First Fund, Family & Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County. Suggested donation \$20 per person at the door. St. George's Anglican Church, 99 Woolwich St., Guelph. For more info see [www.fcsgw.org](http://www.fcsgw.org) or [www.guelphchamberchoir.ca](http://www.guelphchamberchoir.ca)

**Catechetical Correspondence Courses**

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

**Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills**

Come and Learn More! "Keys to Loving Relationships" is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton as follows:

**In Kitchener:** St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener (519-571-9200), Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Jan. 22 - March 19, 2019

**In Hamilton:** Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton, Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. March 21 - May 30, 2019

The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) under the start date below *Upcoming Events*.



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

A Novena for the Abuse Crisis will be offered immediately following the 7:00 PM Masses at St. Joseph's on nine consecutive Tuesdays starting on Tuesday 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 weekly Novena prayers will be offered for the following intentions:

- January 8** – For The Victims and Survivors of the Abuse
  - January 15** – For Those Involved in Committing and Covering Up the Abuse
  - January 22** – For the Priests and Bishops
  - January 29** – For the Holiness of the Clergy
  - February 5** – That the Evil of Sex Abuse in the Church is Cast Out
  - February 12** – That God Will Bring Good From This Evil
  - February 19** – That the Bishops Will Hold Each Other Accountable
  - February 26** – That the Bishops Will Have Humility, Self-Knowledge and Transparency
  - March 5** – For the Victims and Survivors
- 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.

**Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish**

Dec. 17	Prayer Gathering 9:00am Bridge Club 1:15pm
Dec. 18	Confession, 7:30 to 8:30 pm
Dec. 19	Confessions, 9 – 10am
Dec. 19	St. Joseph School Concert, 1:30pm and 7pm
Dec. 20	Confession, 7 to 8pm
Dec. 21	St. Joseph Advent School Liturgy, 9:30am
Dec. 22	Confession 3:30 – 4:30pm
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass, 5pm, 7pm & Midnight
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass – 10am
Dec. 26	No Mass
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Mass – 5pm
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Mass – 10am

