



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 11

7:00pm **Rocky and Tim Rock** – Beverly Rock
Intentions of Larry McGratton

Wednesday, December 12

8:30am **Bernie Burns** – Peter and Carol Landoni

Thursday, December 13

8:30 am Intentions of Steve Singer

Friday, December 14

8:30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish and their families

Saturday, December 15

5:00 pm **Special Intentions of the Mansfield Family**
Special Intentions of Ewa Betleja
Jack Karn – Wendy & Robert Willmets & Family
Ken Johnston – Bob & Molly Myers

Sunday, December 16

9:00 am **Mass for the People**
11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Dec. 10	Rev. Lech Wycichowski, C.R.
Dec. 11	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
Dec. 12	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Dec. 13	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Dec. 14	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Dec. 15	Rev. David Perrin

Parish Offerings:

Your contributions for December 1 & 2, 2018:

Regular Collection	\$ 4,330.00
Building Fund	\$ 565.00
Christmas Floral Tributes	\$ 65.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Sunday of Advent – December 9, 2018

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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.

**Please see the bulletin insert for
The Christmas and New Year
Mass Schedule**



Dec. 7 – 14, 2018

The candles at the **Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary** burn for **Karen Schives, Amy & Claude Dafoe**
The candles at the **Shrine of St. Joseph** burn for **Rocky and Tim Rock**.

Advent Penance Celebration

Fr. Gordian of St. Mary Immaculate in Elora and Fr. Ken invite you to join them for an Advent Penance Celebration on Wednesday, December 12th at 7pm at St. Mary Immaculate Church. An excellent addition to your Advent preparations.

Thursday Club Pot Luck Luncheon Dec. 2018

Please join us for our Thursday Club Pot Luck Luncheon on Thursday, December 13, at NOON in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph. Come and share the Christmas spirit with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Bring a friend, a guest! Turkey and Ham will be provided. Your usual donation of \$2.00 and signature are much appreciated. Again this year, in lieu of a gift exchange, the amount of \$10.00, usually spent by each person for a gift, will be donated to a charity chosen by you. It was felt that this would be more rewarding! Please bring a dish to share, your place setting and silverware. Call Marie at 226-486-1019 for more info.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the approximately 110 parishoners who joined us for our December Breakfast last Sunday. The breakfast was sponsored by Hennessey's Bag Journey. Hennessey is an altar server at St. Joseph Church who makes and sells cloth bags to raise money to buy school uniforms and books for young people in Africa who would not be able to attend school otherwise. A donation will be made to support her important work.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Planning for this year's Christmas Eve Pageant is now underway. Any parents interested in having their children participate are asked to contact Pam Pegelo at tpppegelo@hotmail.com or 226 383 7373. The pageant takes place just before the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



Help Wanted!

We are seeking an individual to shovel the Church entrance and walkways (does not include the parking lot). Work would need to be completed one hour before Mass times throughout the week and weekends. You might also be asked to shovel if needed at special events at the Church. This is a paid position. If you are interested, contact the Church office at 519-843-2006 or email stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com.

Collection Counter Schedules

The 2019 Collection Counter Schedule is now available in the Narthex. Please stop by and pick up your copy.



Christmas Floral Tributes

Enclosed in last weekend's bulletin were the forms and envelopes for Christmas Floral Tributes. If you wish to contribute to the Christmas flowers in memory of a deceased loved-one, please return the form in the collection basket at Mass no later than Dec. 23rd. If you would like to make a contribution but did not receive the forms, please contact the Church office.

The Pregnancy Centre – Tree of Hope

You may have noticed two wooden trees in the Narthex with ornaments attached. This is the Pregnancy Centre's Tree of Hope, and they are seeking donations from willing Parishioners. Simply pick an ornament off the tree that matches your gift intentions, fill out the back of the ornament in order to receive a tax receipt, and put it along with your gift into an envelope and put into gold gift box. Cheques should be payable to *The Pregnancy Centre*, and add "Centre Wellington" in the memo line. Thank you for considering this request.

Christmas Magic Gala of Songs – at Holy Rosary Parish!

Join Klaude Walters & Johnny Gibson for CHRISTMAS MAGIC GALA OF SONGS, at Holy Rosary Church with special guests Holy Rosary Church Choir. Thursday, December 13th at 8pm. Free Will Offering.



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 8th and ending on Shrove Tuesday March 5th. Pope Francis in a letter August 20th, reinforced by a letter on August 23rd 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. 10, 17	Prayer Gathering 9:00am Bridge Club 1:15pm
Dec. 12	Penance Celebration, 7pm
Dec. 13	Thursday Club Christmas Potluck, noon
Dec. 14	St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30am
Dec. 19	St. Joseph School Concert, 1:30pm and 7pm
Dec. 21	St. Joseph Advent School Liturgy, 9:30am