



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, February 19

7:00 pm **Grant Giesel** – Ann Giesel & Family
Novena for the Abuse Crisis

Wednesday, February 20

8:30 am **Intentions of Jean Mansfield** – St. Joseph Parish's Catholic Women's League

Thursday, February 21

8:30 am **Souls in Purgatory** – Ewa Betleja

Friday, February 22

8:30 am **Intentions of John Wheatley**

Saturday, February 23

5:00 pm **Steve Singer** – John & Phylis Zimmer
Intentions of Alf & Laura Fischer – Don & Barbara Cassidy

Sunday, February 24

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Feb. 18	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Feb. 19	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Feb. 20	Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood
Feb. 21	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Feb. 22	Rev. David Reilander
Feb. 23	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel

Parish Offerings:

Your contributions for February 9 & 10, 2019:

Regular Collection	\$3,568.90
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 120.00
Seminary Appeal	\$ 130.00
Building Fund	\$ 372.00

Thank you for your generosity!

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 17, 2019

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious consecrated, or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988, x2246 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



February Pot Luck Lunch

Time to enjoy another delicious Luncheon! Please join us for our Thursday Club Pot Luck Luncheon on Thursday, February 28 at NOON at the Parish Hall at St. Joseph's. There will be no speaker this month, it will be a social gathering, a time to enjoy each other's company. So come one! Come all! Invite a friend, relative or guest. All are welcome! Please remember to bring your set of dishes, silverware, and of course your favorite dish! Call Marie at 226-486-1019 for more information, if needed.

Catholic Women's League

2019 Budget and Donation Meeting Report

Our thanks to all the ladies who joined us Feb. 5th to review the income of the CWL in 2018, our proposed operating budget for 2019 and proposed donations. Our Catholic Women's League makes annual donations to several charities including Hospice Wellington, Right to Life, the Food Bank, and more. A complete list is available upon request. We are pleased to advise that we will be making a total donation of \$1,000 to Groves Memorial Hospital, and \$9,500 to St. Joseph's Building Fund. Great job everyone!

Due to poor attendance, we have decided there will be no further meetings. We will continue to work in the Parish, so watch for details on whats coming up in our Parish Bulletin.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 9, 2019 – Book Early

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Fourth Annual Diocesan Youth Rally

#RallyUp is coming your way! Registration for the 2019 Diocesan Youth Rally is open. We invite young people in grades 7-12 to join us on **May 25th, 2019** for, "According to Your Word" at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. Rally Day promises to be another fun-filled, prayerful and impactful day for the young people of our Diocese. For more information and to register visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally.

February 22nd Registration Deadline! The CW Optimist Club 5th Annual Trivia Contest "a Night of 100 Questions"

The Optimist Club is inviting everyone to attend their Annual Trivia Contest in support of Youth and Community Service. Enter a team of 4 – cost is \$25 per person by **February 22** to an evening of fun! Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner served at 6:00 pm and the games begin at 7:30pm. Advance Sale only; no spectators; Cash bar; Door Prize and Raffle. Challenge Friends, Co-Workers, Neighbours to meet you for a night of fun and trivia! For Tickets or information contact Jim at 519-843-5142 or an Optimist member, or email CWFergusoptimistclub@gmail.com

Week Seventh- Novena for the Abuse Crisis – Healing, Transparency and Accountability

Join us for our seventh 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 February 19th** (and will continue on nine consecutive Tuesdays 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 seventh week's Novena prayers
will be offered that the
Bishops will hold each other accountable**

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.

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced

Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like

to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

27th Annual Life Jesus Higher Rally "Hope in the Midst of Suffering" March 2, 2019, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

This year's conference will include Mass with Cardinal Collins; Keynote speaker Fr. Mark Goring CC and Renewal Ministries team of Ralph Martin, Sister Ann Shields, Pete Burak and Peter Herbeck. It will also feature powerful Christian Music, Inspiring personal testimony, Divine Mercy Celebration, Prayer for Ministry for Healing and Empowerment and more! This event takes place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, and the Youth Rally (ages 13-18) will be held next door. For tickets, consignments and information visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or call 647-243-9441.

Building the Pope Francis Village: A Reel Justice Event

In 2013, the survivors of super typhoon Haiyan, in Tacloban, the Philippines, saw their community destroyed. Many of you gave generously to our special emergency collection. Now it's time to share the good news! Learn how your money has created a village that has become a model for disaster relief. Please join us Friday Feb. 22 at St Raphael's Parish Hall, 280 New St., Burlington. Doors open at 5 pm, potluck meal at 5:30, film at 7 pm. Our special guest, Jess Augustin, our Philippines Program Officer, will be on hand to answer your questions. A special invitation is extended to all Filipino members of our community. See: hamiltondiocese.com/chancellor/library/reeljustice

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish

Feb. 18	Family Day – Office Closed
Feb 18, 25	Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Bridge Club 1:15pm
Feb. 19, 26,	Novena for Abuse Crisis, after 7pm Mass
Feb. 26	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Bridge Club 1:15pm
March 5	Last night for the Novena for Abuse Crisis, after 7pm Mass
March 6	Ash Wednesday, 8:30am at 9:45am (School Mass) and again at 7:00 pm