



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, January 15

7:00 pm **Intentions of Anna Lomnicka – Ewa Betlja**
Novena for the Abuse Crisis

Wednesday, January 16

8:30 am **Intentions of Fr. Peter Meyer – Jane Thatcher**
Intentions of James & Joanna – Don & Barbara Cassidy

Thursday, January 17

8:30 am **Christopher Doyle – Kathy & Jim Lund**

Friday, January 18

8:30 am **Intentions of Thomas Clerkin**
Intentions of Fern & Marie Beaudry
9:30 am **St. Joseph School Mass**
Travis James Walsom-Smithe – Staff of St. Joseph School

Saturday, January 19

5:00 pm **Intentions of Sonny Clerkin**
Intentions of Fr. Ken Miskiewicz – Jane Thatcher
Jack Karn – Jean Martin & Family

Sunday, January 20

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Jan. 14	Rev. Todd Arsenaault, L.C.
Jan. 15	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Jan. 16	Consecrated Men and Women
Jan. 17	Rev. Thomas Flynn
Jan. 18	Very Rev. John Van Hees
Jan. 19	Very Rev. Con O'Mahony

Parish Offerings:

Your contributions for January 5 & 6, 2019:

Regular Collection	\$3,739.55
Initial Offerings	\$ 274.50
Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day	\$ 155.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 40.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Baptism of the Lord – January 13, 2019

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious consecrated man or woman. If you think 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.



Jan. 12 – 18

One candle at the **Shrine of the Blessed Virgin** and one candle at the **Shrine of St. Joseph** burns for the **Intentions of the Cullen Family**

Fergus Santa Claus Parade Float

Once again this year the **Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Float** won a top 3 award in its category. Special thanks to Alphons Mulder and his family who organize this float on behalf of the Knights – a wheelchair will be purchased on their behalf by the Knights Global Wheelchair Mission charity.

1st Reconciliation



1st Communion

First Reconciliation & First Communion Meeting for Parents – January 16th

Parents of children who will be preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this Spring are asked to attend a meeting **on January 16th at 7pm** in St. Joseph's Church Hall. If you child was not baptized at St. Joseph, please bring a photocopy of their baptismal certificate. At least one parent should attend this meeting.

Annual Bible Sunday

The Second Annual Bible Sunday will be observed in Hamilton Diocese on Sunday, February 3, 2019. The focus of this year's observance is "*Listening to God's Word at Mass*". Two special presentations on the Gospel of Luke will be offered by Fr. Michael Patella, O.S.B. St. Michael Parish, Waterloo (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.) and the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.). Plan to attend one of these presentations which will outline what to listen for during this Year of Luke.

Week Two

Novena for the Abuse Crisis – Healing, Transparency and Accountability

Join us for our second 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 15th** (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 second week's Novena prayers will be offered for those involved in committing and covering up 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.



**'Shine a Light' Event
Monday, January 28, 7:00pm**

All are invited to gather for pro-life prayer and witness in front of Guelph City Hall. With an illuminated display illustrating the number of lives that have been lost to abortion, this event will raise awareness of this important issue. Please take an hour to participate, and witness to the value of every human life! The event will include a time of inter-denominational prayer. For more information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life: 519-836-6311, info@guelfphforlife.com.

**Right to Life Fundraising Dinner
Thurs, Feb 7, 6:30pm**

Guelph & Area Right to Life invites you to their annual Fundraising Dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant in Guelph! The evening will feature exciting updates about their pro-life work, a complimentary dinner, and opportunities to donate. Don't miss it! RSVP by January 31 by contacting the Right to Life office: info@guelfphforlife.com, 519-836-6311.



**Catholic Women's League
Annual General Meeting**

On January 29th after the 7pm Mass, the ladies of the CWL are asked to join your Executive for one of the most important annual meetings we hold to discuss our financial affairs from 2018; our 2019 Budget; and the distribution of excess funds to the various charities that we support. We would like to hear your voice on these matters. We would also like to discuss our CWL moving forward. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you don't drive at night and would like to attend, please let us know and we will see if we can get a ride for you.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, 2019, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

There is Hope after an Abortion

Are you struggling with an abortion decision – either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is a ministry of healing for any person suffering pain or problems from an abortion experience. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish

Jan. 14, 21, 28	Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Bridge Club 1:15pm
Jan. 15	Novena for Abuse Crisis, after 7pm Mass
Jan. 16	Parents Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation, 1 st Communion 7pm
Jan. 22	Novena for Abuse Crisis, after 7pm Mass
Jan. 22	Knights of Columbus General Meeting.
Jan. 29	CWL General Meeting, 7:30pm
Jan. 30	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 9am