



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 8

7:00 pm **Intentions of Alex Annab** – Knights of Columbus
Novena for the Abuse Crisis

Wednesday, January 9

8:30 am **Intentions of Fr. Mike Francis** – Jane Thatcher
11:00 am Caressant Care Mass

Thursday, January 10

8:30 am **Intentions of Bernadette Abell** – Sharon O'Shea
& Family

Friday, January 11

8:30 am **Intentions of Leeza Pierson** – Catherine Cyr

Saturday, January 12

5:00 pm **Ken Johnston** – Brigitte Quinke
Intentions of Sonny Clerkin
Jack Karn – Wayne & Joanne England

Sunday, January 13

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

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Jan. 7	Rev. Stipe Renic, O.F.M.
Jan. 8	Rev. Peter Watteres
Jan. 9	Felician Franciscan Sisters C.S.S.F.
Jan. 10	Rev. Ilija Petkovic
Jan. 11	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Jan. 12	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek, L.C.

Parish Offerings:

Your contributions for December 22 & 23, 2018:

Regular Collection	\$4,880.30
Floral Tributes	\$ 330.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 255.00
Building Fund Collection	\$3,645.00

Your contributions for December 24 (5 and 7pm)

Regular Collection	\$ 530.00
Christmas Offerings	\$7,707.25
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 5.00

Your contributions for December 25th (includes

Midnight Mass):

Regular Collection	\$1,137.15
Christmas Offering	\$3,720.00
Building Fund	\$11,100.00

Your contributions for December 29 & 30, 2018:

Regular Collection	\$3,554.40
Initial Offerings	\$ 110.00
Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day	\$ 675.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 125.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Epiphany of the Lord – January 6, 2019

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? 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.

Breakfast is served!

**Come joining the Knights of Columbus
In the Hall for their first Charity Breakfast of
the new Year**



Religious Articles will also be available during
Breakfast

First Reconciliation & First Communion Meeting for Parents

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 your child was not baptized at St. Joseph, please bring a photocopy of their baptismal certificate. At least one parent should plan to attend this meeting.

Seeking the Sacred

is the theme for a new afternoon program for seniors starting Tuesday January 29th 2019 at the chancery office. This program follows the book, *The Soul's Slow Ripening: 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon will lead you through 12 practices intended to give practical ways to deepen our relationship with God. Each chapter includes guided spiritual activities such as Lectio Divina, photography, walking, writing and more. The cost for this seven session program is \$35 and includes the book. Space is limited, please register by January 25th 2019 with Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone, 905 528 7988 ext. 2238.

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.

**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 7th, 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 8th** (and will continue on nine consecutive Tuesdays starting 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 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.

Let the work of Christmas Begin!

*"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings are back home,
When the shepherds are once more
with their flocks,
When Simeon and Anna
Have gone to their Master in peace,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To release prisoners,
To rebuild nations,
To bring peace to all nations,
To bring peace to all people,
To make music in the heart."*

Howard Thurman

***Let the work of Christmas begin!
Let's bring it together***

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28	Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Bridge Club 1:15pm
Jan. 6	Religious Articles for sale after all Masses
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 st Reconciliation, 1 st Communion 7pm
Jan. 22	Knights of Columbus General Meeting.