



Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend you a warm welcome to St. Joseph 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, March 5th

7:00 pm **Joe Vanhooydonck** – The Reidy Family
Novena for the Abuse Crisis

Wednesday, March 6th

8:30 am **Marianna Pietropaolo** – Damiano Pietropaolo

Thursday, March 7th

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

Friday, March 8

8:30 am **Peter Popick** – Larry & Catherine McGratton

Saturday, March 9th

5:00 pm **Intentions of Don Doyle & Family & Family** – St. Joseph Parish

Intentions of Keith Sims – Emily & Sarah

Patrick Shea – Thursday Club

Steve Singer – John & Phylis Zimmer

Sunday, March 10th

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

11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

March 4	Rev. Ernest Varosi, C.R.
March 5	Rev. Jim Donohue, C.R.
March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 7	Very Rev. Murray McDermott
March 8	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
March 9	Rev. Rafal Tomon

Parish Offerings:

Your contributions for February 23 & 24, 2019:

Regular Collection	\$3,455.60
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Building Fund	\$2,513.60

Thank you for your generosity!

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time – March 3, 2019

In the Lord your labour is not in vain. Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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.

Knights of Columbus March Breakfast

Please join us Sunday March 3rd for the Knights of Columbus Charity breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Families can take advantage of a special rate of \$17.00 for 2 adults and all children under 12. All are welcome and encouraged to come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship - coffee and toast is free if you're not up for a full breakfast.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5th

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday March 5th. Pancakes and syrup, sausage, juice, coffee and tea will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. **Gluten-Free Pancakes will be available.** There is no charge, however, free will donations for the Parish Building Funds will be accepted. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for pancakes and fellowship prior to the start of Lent. The final Novena Mass for the Sexual Abuse Crisis will begin at 7:00 PM.

Stations of the Cross

We are moving quickly towards Lent, and so Fr. Ken has scheduled Stations of the Cross to begin on Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm and on every Wednesday up to and including April 17th. We welcome everyone to join us as part of your preparation for Easter.



Eucharistic Celebration & Healing Service

A Mass and Healing Service in the Charismatic tradition will be held at St. Joseph Church on Friday, March 29th beginning at 7pm. The main celebrant will be Fr. Matthias Kotoka Amuzu, and our Fr. Ken will concelebrate. Worship Music will be provided by Heart Two Heart Ministries. While not everyone has had experience with the Charismatic Movement, we invite you to come and experience the joy, renewal of faith and hopefully healing of one kind or another (spiritual, emotional or physical). For more information, please see Fr. Ken.

Reading Material for Lenten Preparation

We are pleased to advise that we have received copies of three publications to assist in your Lenten preparation: **1. Getting to Know the Gospel of Luke; 2. The Word Among Us – Lent 2019 Edition; and 3. The Magnificat Lenten Companion**

These books are available, at no cost, in the Narthex while quantities last.

Bishop Crosby Decrees Holy Hour for Victims of Abuse

Bishop Crosby, at the unanimous recommendation of the Presbyteral Council of our Diocese, has decreed that that effective on the Second Sunday of Lent each year beginning this year, every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton will observe a Holy Hour of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse. You are invited to join us on Sunday, March 17th at 2pm for this Holy Hour which will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Liturgy of the Word; Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our prayers are needed to bring about the healing of victims and their families, and to end the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults.

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

Join us for our ninth and final 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 March 5th**.

The ninth week's Novena prayers will be offered 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.

2019 Youth Rally

Youth Rally Registration is OPEN! The 2019 Youth Rally will take place on **Saturday, May 25, 2019** at Bingeman's Conference Centre in Kitchener. This year's theme, "According to Your Word" will challenge and engage youth in grades 7-12 in a day of Encounter and Prayerful Experience with all seven volumes of the Saint John's Bible, Heritage Edition. The day will consist of Keynote addresses, encounter experiences, Mass with His Excellency Bishop Crosby and so much more! To register contact the parish office or visit <http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/youthrally>.

Parenting Tip

Adults have experienced the growth and ultimate explosion of the internet/social media world, but for children it is the world in which they have grown. While it contributes to learning, we cannot be oblivious to its real dangers. Experts agree that most children have their first view of pornography between the ages of 8 and 11 yrs. Of age; they usually stumble on it by accident on the internet. It is recommended that, in order to protect them, children under the age of 16 should not have unsupervised access to the internet – this includes on any computer, tablet, phone, TV, or gaming system. Being naïve about what your children are seeing will hurt them, so protect them. Talk about what is good and what is not and why. Give them the tools they need so that they will not be negatively impacted by the media world.

Marriage Tip 90

Time may be one of the most difficult entities to manage! Quality and quantity matter when it comes to any relationship, including marriage. The more time a couple spend together, in close physical proximity, the better the levels of intimacy they share. Plan time together, just the two of you, whether it be an early or late night coffee without the kids, dinner out, or some time away, being together matters! So, take the time to spend time together and you will reap the benefits.

Stations of the Cross & Musical Reflection

You are invited to join John B. Miller & Friends for Stations of the Cross and Musical Reflection at various Parishes throughout the Diocese, the closest being at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph on Friday, March 22 at 7pm. Each event is about an hour long, and a cash donation of \$10pp is appreciated. For more info see www.johnbmiller.ca or on facebook [johnbmillerandfriends](https://www.facebook.com/johnbmillerandfriends).

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Parish

March 3	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Prayer Gathering 9:00 am Bridge Club 1:15pm
March 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:00 to 6:30pm Free Will Offering
March 5	Last night for the Novena for Abuse Crisis, after 7pm Mass
March 6	Ash Wednesday, 8:30am, 9:45am (School Mass) and again at 7:00 pm
March 12	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
March 13	Caressant Care Mass, 11am
March 13, 20 & 27	Stations of the Cross, 7pm
March 29	Eucharistic Celebration & Healing Service 7pm

