



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

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 am **Deceased members of the Kowalchuk family and Larry Cyr**

Thursday, September 24

8:30 am **Kevin Costin**

Friday, September 25

8:30 am **Evelyn Goetz** – Jim & Peggy Sheehy

Saturday, September 26

5:00 pm **Evelyn Goetz** – St. Joseph Choir
Peter O'Hare & Graham Shore - Veronica O'Hare

Sunday, September 27

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

11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Sept. 21	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Sept. 22	Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma.
Sept. 23	Diaconate Formation Candidates
Sept. 24	Rev. James McSharry
Sept. 25	Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
Sept. 26	Rev. Christopher Tracey

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 20, 2020

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen,; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest? **Call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**

Message From The Thursday Club Executive

Fall has once more crept up on us but in a very peculiar way! 2020 has been a very abnormal year so far! This is usually the debut of our Thursday Club Luncheons! Regretfully and sadly we are unable to continue for the time being due to Covid-19. However, be assured that your Executive is thinking about you and all are anxious to be able to resume our much-enjoyed gatherings! Many stories and laughter have been shared at these luncheons! Please stay safe and healthy, and let's pray together. God bless you all!

New Mask Mandate

As many of you may know, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has updated its mask mandate. Effective September 18th, masks must be worn at all time when you are in the Church.

ORDER DEADLINE

Knights of Columbus Annual Pork Roast

The Knights of Columbus will once again be holding their annual Pork Roast with a few differences! It will be held on **September 26th at 6pm**. For \$15 per person, you will receive pork, potato, coleslaw, bun, baked beans and dessert. You must pre-order your dinner, and all orders will be distributed by drive through pick up. For details on how to order, please see the flyer on the Church website stjosephfergus.org. **The deadline to order Monday, Sept. 21, 2020.**

The Diocese Welcomes...

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to announce that on August 15th four new priests were welcomed to its ranks – Father Francisco Sordo, Father Pawel Stankiewicz, Father Paul Edmonstone and Father Hayden Starczala. They were ordained priests at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. In addition, two new permanent deacons were ordained on August 14th – Rev. Mr. Joseph Gigliotti (Stoney Creek) and Rev. Mr. Paul Mulligan (Elora). Seminarian Patrick Ohl has been called to the Diaconate and will be ordained on October 3rd. We are also been blessed to have four men beginning the first year of Diaconate formation, five men in year three of the four year program, and two women who are discerning vocations as Consecrated Women in the World are also joining the sessions. Please join us in praying for these men and women as they embark on their ministries.

Marriage Tip of the Month

Couple relationships often experience strain during times of stress and the last several months have provided some of the highest stress many couples have faced. It is important to step back and recognize why tensions might be running high and then engage in actions that can release the pent-up stress. Try cooking together, walking, biking or hiking together, praying together, or any activity that will bring laughter to the day. It may even mean finding ways to have some time apart, whether that be one person being outside while the other is in, or one person being on one floor of the house, while the other is on another. Time together is wonderful, but too much can be distressing! Remember that you are in this together and together you can find ways to feel connected and beat any feelings of stress.

National Catholic Health Care Week 2020

From October 4 to 10, we celebrate National Catholic Health Care Week across Canada. The Week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially society's most vulnerable.

This year the COVID-19 pandemic transformed our health care landscape and society. In Canada, the pandemic has shone a public light on many important social and ethical issues calling us all to reflect on the importance of human connection, quality of life, and the meaning of wellbeing—body, mind and spirit. The pandemic has also highlighted the timeless relevance of Catholic social teaching and our collective role in building a Canadian society that reaches out to every person who is suffering from illness, stigma, poverty, or loneliness.

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care during these challenging times—in hospitals, community health centers, or seniors care homes. The pandemic calls us all to live the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Holding all those impacted by COVID-19 in our hearts, we ask God to bless the work of Catholic health care and we offer our prayers, support, and encouragement for the people of our Catholic health organizations who care for all in need with compassion and courage.

For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at www.chac.ca

Experiencing Stress in Your Marriage? Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Is your marriage not what you hoped it would be? Are you, or a relative or friend, heading for a possible divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. The Retrouvaille program is highly successful in saving marriages and in helping them to thrive. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Oct. 23, 2020. Please call 905-664-5212 or email:

Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.



Catechetical Correspondence Course

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis .Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

Have you Been to Camp Brebeuf?

Like many people, we have been affected by the pandemic and need your help.

Ways you can help:

- Come camp out in one of our cabins with your family;
- Plan a family day at camp;
- Follow us and share our posts on social media;
- Join us for outdoor events; and
- Visit our website for more information.

Since 1941 Camp Brebeuf has been making memories for children, youth and adults. We need your help so we can be here for our 80th summer!

Website: www.campbrebeuf.ca

Prayer of Pope Francis during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary,

*you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your
faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*