



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, December 8

7:00pm **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 am **Vince Zettel** – Peter and Carol Landoni

9:00 am to 10:00 am **Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**

Thursday, December 10

8:30 am **Mary Richard** – Eldon & Hilda Richard

Friday, December 11

8:30 am **Tony Reilly** – Anne Karn

Saturday, December 12

3:30pm 4:30pm **Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**

5:00 pm **Evelyn Goetz** – Jerome & Hope Lehman

Hermie Vanspall

Vince Zettel – Elaine Taylor

Larry Mason & Kevin Costin – Don &
Barbara Cassidy

Sunday, December 13

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

11:00 am **Special Intention**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Dec. 7	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Dec. 8	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Dec. 9	Order of Preachers (Dominican) O.P.
Dec. 10	Rev. Peter Ciallella
Dec. 11	Rev. Roshan Loy D'Souza C.S.C.
Dec. 12	Rev. Francis Salasiar C.S.C.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact **Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com**



December 5 – 11, 2020

The candles at the ***Shrine of the Blessed Virgin***
burn for the repose of the souls of

Karen Schives and Amy and Claude Dafoe

The candles at the ***Shrine of St. Joseph*** burn for
the repose of the souls of
Tim Rock and Rocky Rock.

Register for Christmas Mass

Our Church is allowed 30% capacity (150 people) and this will hopefully not change in the coming weeks. To keep attendance at or below this capacity on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, parishioners are being asked to sign up for the Mass they will be attending. The signup sheets are located in the Narthex and you are welcomed to sign up for the Mass of your choice. Please be sure to indicate how many people will be attending with you. If you prefer you can call 519-843-2006 to register or email the Church at stjosephfergus@hamiltondiocese.com. You will be advised if any Masses become full.



Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Fr. Ken will be offering Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Joseph Parish (Fergus) on Tues., Dec. 8th at 7pm.

St. Joseph's CWL Membership Drive 2021

Your Catholic Women's League Executive is happy to see the end of 2020, and is eagerly looking forward to 2021 and hopefully an end to the Pandemic. There will likely be much work to do, and we will need the support of our membership. Attached please find information on our 2021 Membership Drive which includes information on a chance to win your 2022 membership for free. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Daniel by email judy.h.daniel@gmail.com.

Nativity Scenes & Christmas Religious Articles

Gail Brown will have a table of Christmas items in the Narthex on this weekend. She has a limited quantity of items for sale, and if you are interested please stop by the table. Please be sure to keep socially distanced.

2021 Collection Envelopes

The 2021 Collection Envelopes are in and can be found in the Parish Hall. The boxes are spaced apart and separated alphabetically. Please stop in to pick up your box, being careful to remain socially distanced. There is also hand sanitizer available and it is recommended that you use it!

Christmas Floral Tributes

Christmas is a time when thoughts can turn to those who are no longer with us and the memories of them from Christmases past. If you would like to contribute to the Parish's Christmas flowers as a tribute to your lost loved ones, please pick up the Special Envelope and form in the Narthex and return to the Church Office or in the collection basket at any Mass. Over Christmas your deceased loved ones' names will be placed on the Altar and remembered at each Mass offered.

Centre Wellington Food Bank - A COVID Christmas

The impact on our community throughout the past months has resulted in an increase of families in need. Never have we experienced a year as we have just lived through. Economic hardships mean that more families and households struggle financially and emotionally. As a result, many in our community cannot afford to celebrate this Holiday season.

COVID has caused the Food Bank, as with so many others, to change our normal programs to meet the requirements that our COVID world has dictated.

This year client families registered with the Food Bank will receive FreshCo grocery cards on their last shopping date at the Food Bank before Christmas.

St. Joseph Church will once again be giving a donation to support the Food Bank's annual Christmas program. Anyone in the parish wishing to do the same is asked to drop off your donation to the Food Bank, 105 Queen St. W., #11, Fergus, in the historic Fergus Marketplace, 519-787-1401.

Thank you to our Parish

We just received a lovely letter from the Centre Wellington Food Bank, thanking St. Vincent de Paul and St. Joseph's Parish for their solid support of the Food Bank and their programs. Attached you will find a copy of that letter for you to see firsthand!

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2020

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Anniversary Mass 2021

As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. More information will be sent in January about how to register.



A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting.

Amen

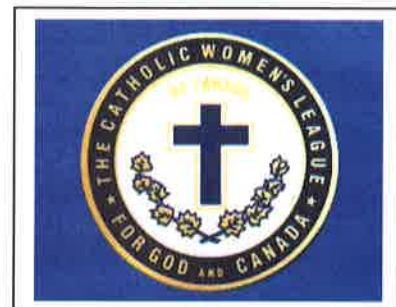
Prayer from www.cccb.ca

OUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS BEGUN.....

The League needs the strength of its membership especially now as we slowly recover from the devastation brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible.

\$25.00



Options to pay your dues are:

1. Use the blue Membership Envelope included in your Sunday Offering Box. ***Please include your full name, address, phone number and email.**
2. Use your own envelope. Make sure to mark it "CWL Dues" and ***include your full name, address, phone number and email.**
3. You can drop it in the collection basket at church when coming to Mass.
4. You can bring it to the Parish Office.
5. You can mail it to the Parish Office – 760 St. David Street North, Fergus, ON N1M 2K9

**Your personal data is entered into the CWL National Database directly from your envelope and having this information there saves us from having to hunt for it elsewhere. It also provides us with the opportunity to up-date our parish records with missing or changed data.*

Please make your cheque payable to St. Joseph's Parish CWL

If dues are paid before January 15th, 2021 your name will be entered for a chance to win a **FREE ONE-YEAR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022**

It is our honoured tradition to pay for the membership for anyone who has had 60 years of service or more with the Catholic Women's League. We are pleased to extend this honorarium to the following ladies: Stasia Brohman (75 years), Eunice Drumm (73 years), Jean Martin (70 years) and Joan Pollock (60 years).

May our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, intercede and pray for us



December 1, 2020

To the Members of SSVP Saint Joseph - Fergus

Once again, we at the Centre Wellington Food Bank thank you for your generosity and your solid support, especially during one of the toughest years that all of us have had to face during this pandemic.

I am overwhelmed by the support you have provided in making sure all the families and individuals we support receive those basic necessities of life we take for granted. Over the past dozen years the Food Bank has invited you and others to our AGM to not just thank you but also to recognize your support through an award. This year that was not possible of course but I want to stress the fact that your support is never taken lightly and as a result we plan on honoring you next year at our 2021 AGM.

It has been a hectic year but we have undertaken all kinds of wonderful, ground-breaking new programs and initiatives and I would love to share some of these with you here.

First of all, we have increased the production of our home-made meals that our shoppers can take home and enjoy at their leisure. This includes a great variety of healthy and fun-to-eat dishes like soups, stews and sauces which are safely stored and served at our soup station. Our members can help themselves to these foods and take them home to their families.

In 2020 we piloted two new cooking programs . . . one focusing on children ages 6-8 and the other on seniors 65+. Only 5 food banks from across the province were chosen by Food Banks Canada to carry out these projects and we were the first to be asked. This we could never have achieved without your generous support.



Without a doubt the most important new initiative this year has been our continued leadership in moving our community towards food rescue and recovery. This initiative all started years ago by Little Caesars Pizza in Fergus and has expanded to include rescuing food from several KFC franchises here and in Guelph and many of our local grocers in Elora and Fergus, including

FreschCo and Zehrs, have also come on board. However this year the most significant food rescue partner has been Walmart Canada. From this one retailer in our community we rescue over 4,000 pounds a week of unwanted, not-selling, close-to-expiry foods and foods in damaged packaging. What a windfall for the food bank and the people we support! And once again, this could never have happened without your support and the community's support and for this we truly thank you.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Andrews".

Jackie Andrews, Chair
CWFB Board of Directors