



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.

Prayer Intentions

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

7:00pm **John McKenna** – Marilyn and Bryan Ross
Intentions of Eileen Hill – John & Jean Paul

7:30pm **Confessions until 8:30pm**

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

8:30am **Intentions of Stanley & Zofia Kaeperzak** – Mary Epoch

7:00 pm **Confessions until 8:00pm**

Thursday, December 23, 2021

8:30am **Agnes Givens** – Leo Givens & Family

9:00am **Confessions until 10:00am**

Friday, December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve

5:00pm **Christmas Eve Mass**

7:00pm **Christmas Eve Mass - To Be Livestreamed**

10:00pm **Christmas Eve Mass**

Saturday, December 25, 2021

10:00am **Christmas Day Mass**

Sunday December 26 2021 –

9:00am **Intentions of the Parish Livestreamed at 9am**

11:00 am **Special Intentions**

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Dec. 20	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Dec. 21	Rev. Ronal Voisin
Dec. 22	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
Dec. 23	Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu
Dec. 24	Rev. Miro Grubisic
Dec. 25	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)



Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 19, 2021

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Christmas Midnight Mass – Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25, 2021. The Mass will be preceded by Carols at 11:30 p.m. on December 24. The Carols and the Mass will be shown live on Salt+Light Television and CHCH-TV.

Admittance to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by **ticket only** – a limited number of tickets are still available by calling the Cathedral at (905) 522-5744.

Year Of Amoris Laetitia Family – Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series

The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church.. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at

<https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in Roman Catholic history. He founded the [Franciscan orders](#), including the [Poor Clares](#) and the lay Third Order. He and [St. Catherine of Siena](#) are the [patron saints](#) of Italy, and he is also the patron saint of [ecology](#) and of animals. Francis considered all nature as the mirror of God. He called all creatures his “brothers” and “sisters,” and, in the most endearing stories about him, preached to the birds. For the past several years, the Franciscan Fraternity of Guelph has provided packets of seeds which are to be scattered to feed the birds in celebration of Christmas.

The packets have arrived and you will find them in the Narthex. Please take one and feed the birds – it's an excellent activity to do as a family at Christmas!

Great News About FORMED

They made us an offer we couldn't refuse (and offered a terrific price). We are pleased that to announce that the parish subscription to FORMED has been renewed!! If you were a past user, you'll know how great the material, videos etc. are. If you've never visited this awesome, all Catholic website, you are in for a treat!

How do past users re-register for an account?

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish (using zip code is easiest)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

How do parishioners log into FORMED that ?

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. In the upper right corner, select "Sign In"
3. A new "Sign In" screen appears and user enters their email address and selects "Next"
4. A message appears for user to "Check your email!"
5. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



Parenting Tip Of The Month

The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

Marriage Tip Of The Month

Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022.

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent Or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten.
- Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, contact your local school.