

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, July 5, 2022

7:00pm Vincenzo & Marianna Pietropaolo – Damiano Pietropaolo

Intentions Of Grace Robinson

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

8:30am

Thursday, July 7, 2022

8:30am Intentions Of Veronica Rowe – Tove Schmidt

Friday July 8, 2022

9:00am

Saturday July 9, 2022

5:00pm Intentions Of Fr. Ken —Dolores Schmidt Intentions Of The Mccabe Family — Sheila, Intentions Of Therese Kenny — The Reidy Family

Sunday July 10, 2022

9:00am Intentions Of The Parish 11:00 Am Special Intentions

Diocesan prayer calendar

July 4	Rev. Michael Bennett
July 5	Rev. Ralph Diodati
July 6	Our Parish Community
July 7	Rev. Robert Dunn
July 8	Rev. Michael McHugh
July 9	Rev Mike Myroniuk



Join Us This Sunday For A Meet And Greet Strawberry Social

The knights of Columbus are holding a strawberry social after the 9:00 and 11:00 masses on Sunday July 3. Please join us for strawberries, ice cream and an opportunity to meet father Robert Hétu,our new Parish Priest.

Who is our New Pastor?

Father Robert Hétu, the new pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Fergus, was previously on loan to the Diocese of St. Catharines. He recently concluded a three-and-a-half-year term as pastor of the four catholic French language parishes in the Niagara Region (Welland, St. Catharines, Port Colborne, and Niagara Falls).

On may 10th, 1986, father Robert was ordained a priest for the diocese of Hamilton. He was born and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. He is the second son and fifth child of nine of the late Jean-Marie and the late Thérèse Hétu.

In 1975, he graduated from Cathedral Boys' High School, Hamilton; in 1979 with a B.A. from St.. Jerome's University—university of waterloo; in 1984 with a M.Div. (Master of Divinity) from St.. Peter's seminary—King's University College—University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario; and, in 2001 with a STM (maters of sacred theology—magna cum laude) from Regis College—Toronto School of Theology—University of Toronto..

For three years, Father Robert was a part-time high school Chaplain at Ecole Secondaire Catholique Père-René-de-Galinée, in Cambridge. He also served as an elected Catholic School Board Trustee for over 17 years. Fr. Robert has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for forty plus years. He is also a long-time Fourth Degree member. He has, also, served as chaplain to various councils over the years.

Father Robert. Also enjoys dabbling in photography (a hobby since he was twelve), acting in community theatre, tending goal in oldtimers' hockey (which he first took up in the seminary), writing articles for the your bread of life magazine, writing poetry, and playing tennis. After bilateral (both) knee replacement, he has recently taken up pickleball. He hopes, one day soon, to learn to read music and to play the piano.

Note that Father Robert, writing as R.J. Hétu, has recently published his second poetry book entitled: An Easter People. He wrote his first poem on retreat in 1998 and a second one for a radio contest in early 2000. Since winning free concert tickets, he has not stopped writing poetry. Today, he mostly writes faith-based poetry.

Father Robert is happy to be with you and eager serve you, here at St. Joseph's Parish.

Thanks From The Organizing Committee For Father Ken's Retirement Party

We would like to thank all of the guests, parishioners and visitors from other parishes who came to wish Father Ken well in his retirement on Sunday. we would also like to offer a special thanks to the St. Joseph's parishioner who arranged and donated the excellent catered lunch provided by Mary Lloyd, Carriage House Catering, that we all enjoyed.

A Message from the McCabe Family

The McCabe family would like to thank the parishioners of St. Joe's for your prayers, good wishes, and sympathy throughout Chris' illness and passing. We are so grateful to you for your constant support, especially during this last month. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Chris' wake and funeral. Thank you to Father Ken, Frank and the choir, Ryan, Aidan, and Daniel and the CWL for a lovely funeral service and luncheon. We would also like to thank all of you who have had Masses said for Chris. Your kindness means so much to us. Thank you.

CWL Nominations Encouraged

"THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

has worked in the parishes and diocese of our country in support of the Church's mission for more than a century! Members of the League are often among the most committed and active parishioners priests can rely on to support the pastoral care of parishioners and address social issues". This statement by Bishop Stephen Jensen, Bishop of Prince George and National Spiritual Advisor of the League appeared in the May 2022 edition of Bishop Crosby's 'Heart to Heart' newsletter sent to all Parish Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton. He went on to say "As the largest grassroots organization of women in Canada, we encourage women to become members of the League".

For our parish, this means, after two years of inactivity, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get back to doing what the CWL does best, working together to promote Catholic values and to carry out volunteer and charitable work.

The driving force behind any local Parish CWL is its' Executive. As your current Executive's terms of office expired in December 2021, all positions on the Executive are available, with the two year term of office beginning January 2023. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve and learn. We are opening up the nomination process early to allow time for reflection,

discussion and discernment and we encourage all of our members to nominate someone you feel would help invigorate our local council by bringing their talents to roles on our Executive. We all need to motivate, inspire and cheer on ladies who, with a little nudge, will help to ensure that the CWL thrives and prospers at St. Joseph's Parish. Members are also encouraged to consider nominating themselves for a position on the executive.

If you currently are not a CWL member, consider joining. If you've never held a position on the Executive, or know of someone you think would be an ideal candidate, please fill out a nomination form. A list of eligible members, duties of officers and nomination forms can be found on the CWL table in the Narthex.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 3, 2022

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." Pray for vocations! If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



A Summer Prayer for Family

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts
during these months of summer and vacation days.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we constantly strive to make a meaningful
difference in the lives of our loved ones and
in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.
Amen.