

## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Robert Héту

Daniel Cellucci, CEO of the Catholic Leadership Institute, shared a story of one of his many trips. He goes on to ask us how we might react if we were in the Exit Row? Mr. Cellucci recalled, "I need a verbal confirmation that you are willing and able." That is the request when you sit in an Exit Row on an airplane. Getting the Exit Row seat can be an essential survival strategy for someone who is often on a plane. On a flight to Chicago, he was struck when he was asked that question and the insistence with which the flight attendant waited for him to say 'yes' at six in the morning.

The reality is the Exit Row is an others-focused seat. In the event of an emergency, you are taking responsibility for others. "I can guarantee you," he reported, "I didn't choose the seat for the sake of the person sitting behind me. But, in taking the seat, I said 'yes' to sacrifice for others."

His Holiness Pope Francis reminds us that "mercy does not just mean being a 'good person' nor is it mere sentimentality. It is the measure of our authenticity as disciples of Jesus."

It struck Mr. Cellucci that we are always, especially these days, being asked to 'give a confirmation' of just how 'authentically' our discipleship extends past ourselves. We are a journey of faith together. "*If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.*" (1 Corinthians 12:26) It is okay to enjoy the extra legroom, but let us hope that today and every day we live up to the 'yes' we give and not just in case of an emergency!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "Our only response to receiving the gift of mercy is to offer mercy to others." ~ Bishop Douglas Crosby

**LAUGHTER GOOD FOR THE SOUL:** Pat and Mike, both in their 90's, had played professional baseball together and, after they retired, they had remained close friends. Pat suddenly fell deathly ill. Mike visited Pat on his deathbed. After they talked a while and it became obvious that Pat had only a few more minutes to live, Mike said, "Listen old friend. After you die, try, and get a message back to me. I want to know if there's baseball in heaven." With his dying breath, Pat whispers, "If God permits, I'll do my best to get you an answer." A few days after Pat died, Mike is sleeping when he hears Pat's voice. Pat says, "Mike, I've got good news and bad news. The good news is, yes, there is baseball in heaven. The bad news is, you're scheduled to pitch the bottom half of tomorrow's double-header."



### Welcome to St. Joseph's Parish

We extend a warm welcome to all.  
We pray that you feel at home.  
Please introduce yourself and  
Consider becoming a member of  
Our family of faith.

### Prayer Intentions

#### Tuesday, November 8, 2022 All Saints

7:00pm **Special Intentions**

Jack Karn – Anne Karn & Family

#### Wednesday, November 9, 2022 All Souls Day

8:30am Eamon O'Farrell – Sean & Colette Rea

#### Thursday, November 10, 2022

8:30am David Caldas – Tove Schmidt

#### Friday, November 11, 2022

8:30am Robert Landoni – Peter & Carol Landoni

Rick & Shawn VanDelft – Theresa Pigozzo

#### Saturday, November 12, 2022

5:00pm **Intentions of Tove Schmidt**

Intentions of Nunes-Teixeira Family – Maria Fatima Nunes

Intentions of Sean & Colette Rea – Paddy Garvey

Dave & Elizabeth Mitchell – Terri Wellstead

Lino Pigozzo – Theresa Pigozzo & Family

#### Sunday November 13, 2022

9:00am Georgina Gillen – Jim Gillen & Family

11:00am Intentions of the Parish

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar

November 7	Rev. Melvin Pinto O.C.D..
November 8	Rev. Vivek Trindade
November 9	Deceased Priest of the Diocese of Hamilton
November 10	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.
November 11	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
November 12	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 6, 2022

Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Bishop Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, (905-528-7988).

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



Join the Knights of  
Columbus this Sunday  
for their monthly  
Charity Breakfast!!

### Lending Library

The parish is in need of someone who is interested in taking over the maintenance of the Lending Library. This is a low- commitment job of which tasks include: screening donations for Catholic content that is in line with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, labelling and categorizing materials, keeping the shelves tidy, and donating overflow. If you are interested in this ministry and/ or know of another church or charity that is in need of some overflow from our shelves, please speak with Pamela Da Maren or contact at the parish office 519-843-2006.

### Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide: Know the Truth

A presentation by Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Learn what everyone needs to know about Medical Assistance in Dying and its impact on Canadians. Thursday, December 1, 2022  
Gord Brown Hall, CW Community Sportsplex, 550 Belsyde Ave, Fergus, ON  
6:00 pm  
All welcome. Free admission.  
Hosted by the Guelph & Area Right to Life Association

### CWL Sponsored Pizza Party Friday November 18th

All ladies of the parish, 16 years and up, are invited to a pizza party on **Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:00p.m. - location - St. Joseph's Parish Hall. We will be presenting a recap of the results of our Fall Bazaar as well as encouraging membership in the Catholic Women's League of Canada and nominations for the various positions open on our Executive. All we ask is that you reserve a seat no later than **Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>** and let us know of any allergies you may have by calling the Parish Office at 519-843-2006 and speak to Lori.

### CWL Fergus – Elora Christmas Party

All CWL members are invited to a joint Fergus/Elora Christmas Party on **Tuesday December 6th** following the 5:00p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Parish. The Christmas Party will be held in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Fergus. Tickets will go on sale starting October 29th, at a cost of \$20.00 each. Our turkey dinner will be catered by Belwood General Store. Our caterer needs to know numbers by mid November so we would be grateful if you would buy your tickets as early as possible. Please join us for an evening of good food, fun and games and celebration.

### Dedicated Hearts

Dedicated hearts like yours  
are not so easy to find.  
It takes a special person to be  
So generous and kind.  
To care so much for your fellow man  
is a quality all too rare,  
yet you give of your time and talents  
for all in need to share.  
Thank you for being a volunteer.  
We're privileged to work with you.

We want you to know how appreciated you are  
not just today, but the whole year through!  
I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to our Fall Bazaar on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This event would not have been made possible without your donations, time and talents. Walking through the crowds and seeing old friends, along with making new ones. It was such a joy to see every one laughing, hugging, conversing and catching up. This was truly a successful St. Joseph Parish event. The smiles on your faces said it all. Thank you and God Bless

Sherie Bowen  
Bazaar Lead Convenor

### Young Adults Night - December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fr. Mark Morley, invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm). Saturday, December 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### Upcoming Parish Events

November 8	Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting
November 18	St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30am
November 18	CWL Pizza Party, 6pm Parish Hall
November 22	Knights General Meeting, after 7pm Mass
November 24	Thursday Club
December 2	St. Joseph School Mass, 9:30am
December 4	Knights of Columbus Charity Breakfast
December 6	CWL Christmas Dinner – Mass at 5pm, Dinner for 6pm