



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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St. Patrick Church

Location: 36 Albert St. S.
(Highway 21), Southampton, ON

St. Joseph Church

Location: 920 Wellington St.,
Port Elgin, ON

February 20th, 2022 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

** Covid-19 Update **

No changes in religious services, but if you feel sick, please stay home.

Mass Registration opens Wednesdays at 8am on our Website Homepage at: www.stjospar.com
and closes Fridays at 6 pm.

Two masses will be celebrated live in-person: Saturday – 5pm / Sunday – 9am

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Christopher Tracey
Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett
Secretary/Receptionist: Gloria Villamil

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday – 5:00 PM

Sunday – 9:00 AM

** During Pandemic, only priest and lector visible in recorded Mass.*

WEEKDAY MASS:

Wednesdays – 9:30 AM –

** During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.*

Mass Intentions 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Request by Email at stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com, regular mail, phone 519-832-2202, Sunday collection or rectory letter box. Please provide your name, name(s) for Intentions (identify living or deceased), and if a Mass card is required. Please enclose cash or cheque in an envelope. Cost is \$10 per intention.

[Date: + Deceased or * Intention / Clergy, Hamilton Diocese]

21-Feb-22	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
22-Feb-22	Tue	+	Mary-Adele O'Gorman/Schmalz	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
23-Feb-22	Wed	+	Joshua George	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (R.S.J.C.)
24-Feb-22	Thu	+	Jim O'Hanlon	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahoney, E.V.
25-Feb-22	Fri	*	Marcin Panek & Family	Rev. Felix Nwatu
26-Feb-22	Sat	+	Dwight Donnelly	Rev. Piotr (Peter Machnacki, S.A.C.)
8 Sunday in O.T.				
27-Feb-22	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	

Church Collections During the COVID-19 Crisis

If you cannot attend one of the Masses, you can mail or drop off your envelope contribution to the parish office. You can also sign up for Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) by completing the form on the website and submitting it to the parish office. This will be a regular monthly donation, by credit card or directly from your bank account. One-time or occasional donations can be made using the CanadaHelps button on the website. This week's contributions were \$1303 for the parish, and \$75 for Diocesan collections.

2022 Offertory Envelopes are mailed quarterly. Please let the office know if you would like to start or stop receiving them.

Thank you to all who have continued to support our parish with your gifts!

Please contact the Parish Office for the following:	
Baptism:	information and registration.
Marriage:	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
First Communion:	to be celebrated in 2022
Confirmation:	for students in Grades 7 & 8, to be celebrated in 2023
R.C.I.A.:	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
Care of the Sick	To arrange pastoral visits to the sick in hospital or at home, please call the parish office.

Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion on Sundays at 6 pm

Thank you for registering children in Grades 2 & 3. Our first 'virtual' preparation commenced on January 9, 2022.

The **6 Weekly Lessons** will help Catholic and Public School parents play a primary, invaluable role in their children's Faith formation and Sacrament preparation.

Celebration of First Reconciliation:
Sunday, January 30 @ 2-4pm

Mass Celebrations of First Communion will be on:
Saturday, March 5 @ 11am and Sunday, March 6 @ 2pm

May the Holy Spirit guide the candidates and their parents/guardians and catechists who are accompanying them in this journey.

Make a Call, Make a Difference!

The lockdown and the weather mean that many members of our parish cannot make it to Mass, and some are becoming lonelier, and in need of social interaction. The **Compassionate Care Ministry** will pair willing phone-callers with individuals who may just need a kind chat. If you would like to participate, please call the parish office.

Vocations Seeds: The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988). Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Catholic Organizations:	
Catholic Women's League (CWL)	Lucie Desbiens Cell 519-706-0442
Knights of Columbus	Harry Orszynowicz 519-832-9280
SJTW Secular Franciscans	Brenda Murray 519-832-6185
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Hot Line: 519-832-2207

Countdown for Lent:

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

Ash Wednesday is approaching!

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. on March 2nd.

Liturgy this week

Feb. 22 – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

Feb. 23 – St. Polycarp, bishop, Martyr



The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Liturgy Office have prepared a variety of resources for parishes and families for the Lenten season. The link below brings you to the **Lent 2022 Virtual Resources** on the Diocesan web page. A few of these resources are highlighted below.

- Liturgy of the Word for Ash Wednesday with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger prepared with an elementary school participant in mind. This can be celebrated virtually in a classroom or at home.
- Tips for families celebrating the Lenten rituals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving at home.
- Resources available for purchase from the Diocese office or free on-line links to children's activities, literature for teens, and adult resources.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/lent2022/>

Saint Vincent de Paul is collecting pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, and taco mix.

You can now contribute regular monthly donations to St. Vincent de Paul by PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR). Contact the parish office, to register.

SSVP continues to seek new members. If you would like more information about what being a member entails, please call Anna Kapshey at 226-338-9462, or Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979.



40 Days for Life is a peaceful campaign that seeks to draw attention to the abortion issue by undertaking three distinct actions during the 40 days of the campaign: encouraging prayer and fasting in support of life, constant quiet and respectful prayer vigils outside of places that provide abortion, and education for community/family/friends on the issue. In Hamilton Diocese the 40 Days for Life campaign will run throughout Lent (March 2nd – April 10th). Click on the [link](#) to find out more about the campaign in your area.

Winter Walk in the Woods



Canceled in windy or icy conditions.

Mondays
Thursdays
9am
Nodwell Park
@
Tuesdays, 4 pm
Woodland Trail

All are welcome!

Dr. Moira McQueen has written a very informative book on the synodal experience in the Church. In *Walking Together-A Primer on the New Synodality*, Dr. McQueen explains the purpose and history of synods, the desire of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council regarding synods, and the commitment of Popes since the Council to the synodal process. She reflects on the 20 synods since the Council, Pope Francis' approach to synods, and his plan for the 2023 Synod. Moira shares her own experience as a participant at a recent Synod. The book is available through Novalis. Once read, you will want to participate in the preparation process for the upcoming synod which is being encouraged throughout the Diocese.

Youth ministry online learning - There are spaces open for new learners in the upcoming cycles of the Youth Ministry Certification program. If you are interested in participating in Relational ministry with Youth- A Canadian Perspective please visit www.hamiltondioceselearns.com to register.

Canadian Food for Children is operating on reduced hours to ensure they can do the best for their volunteers while providing essential goods to those they serve. While donations are genuinely needed and welcomed, they ask you to consider whether your item is something a family in a developing country in need can use to survive and support their children. They are very grateful for your monetary donations. There is a donation box at the back of the church. You can mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 or donate on line via CanadaHelps

Formation Workshops

The Liturgy Office is pleased to offer in-person formation at **St. Paul the Apostle Parish**, 2265 Headon Forest Road, Burlington, ON/ Saturday, March 5th, 2022 for the following two Ministries: **Minister of the Word** from 10am to 12:30pm, and **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** from 1:30pm to 4pm.

Registration is required as space is limited to 40 participants at each workshop. In keeping with the Government of Ontario Covid-19 protocols, we require all participants to adhere to social distance mask wearing protocols while attending the workshop. Please follow the link below to access the desired registration:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/>

Marriage Tip of the Month - Marriage Tip 117:
In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: “After the love that unites us to God, conjugal love is the “greatest form of friendship”. It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life.” (AL #123) February is a great month to spend some time with this beautiful quote and ask yourself if your love truly reflects a great friendship, or if it is time to restore these traits to your marriage.

ReStart – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. To see the programs we offer, and to find out dates of the new program for 2022, check out the Diocesan website at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>

If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information, call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space, Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. Individuals are also welcome to book out the “Cottage” for a personal retreat experience. For more information, please visit:

www.mountmary.ca

Stories of A Generation With Pope Francis is the title of a warm, uplifting and inspirational series on NETFLIX. The series began on December 25th – and is based on the Pope’s 2018 book, *Sharing the Wisdom of Time*, published by Loyola Press. The series showcases stories from people over 70 from all quarters of the globe, including the Pope himself, as they impart their life experiences to young filmmakers. Each of its four onehour episodes is devoted to a central theme: “Love”, “Dream”, “Struggle”, and “Work”. There are a few famous names among the stories, including Martin Scorsese and Jane Goodall, but most of those who are presented have never lived in the spotlight! If you subscribe to NETFLIX, it is well worth a watch!

TWO LENTEN EVENTS ON ZOOM:

- **Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**
Saturday March 19, 2022 - 9am-4pm
Speakers
His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins
Antonia Salzano,
Blessed Carlo Acutis' mother
Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle
Divine Mercy in a Woman's Life
Anna Nuzzo
Consecration to St. Joseph
Rosanna De Zio Magnotta,
Founder & CEO of Magnotta Wines
Love, Loss and Faith
Dorothy Pilarski
Start a Catholic Moms Group at Your Parish
\$25 (plus HST) before March 5 and \$35 after.
- **Calling ALL Girls** (for female High School & University students and their mothers)
Friday March 25, 2022 7:00pm-10:00PM
Speakers
Noelle Merring
Contending with the Lies of Becoming a Woman
Gerry Whelan
The Loss of My Daughter, My Shining Star
Isabelle Bruno
Girls, Stress and the Pandemic
Fr. Denis Lemiex
Staying Human in the Digital Age
Dorothy Pilarski
Host and Moderator
\$20 (plus HST) before March 5 and \$30 after
REGISTER at www.dynamicwomenfaith.co

Prayer: Best wireless connection

Stay at home if you are sick or unwell and isolate whether you test positive or negative on a rapid test. ***Continue practicing the Three W's*** while socializing with individuals who are not in your household: Wash hands frequently; Watch distance (at least 2 meters); and Wear face coverings correctly.

Minimize the number of gatherings you attend and arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoor activities whenever possible.

Get vaccinated against COVID-19, if eligible. It's your best defence against severe disease and complications.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, and we're getting close to reaching it; but we must remain vigilant until that happens.

Happy and healthy Family Day.

Extracted from Dr. Arra, Public Health report

The Confessions of Saint Augustine

**“Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new:
late have I loved you.**

And see, you were within and

**I was in the external world and sought you there,
and in my unlovely state I plunged into
those lovely created things which you made.**

You were with me, and I was not with you.

**The lovely things kept me far from you,
though if they did not have their existence in you,
they had no existence at all.**

You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness.

**You were radiant and resplendent,
you put to flight my blindness.**

You were fragrant,

**and I drew in my breath and now pant after you.
I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you.**

You touched me, and

I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours.”