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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 8/9	February 12/13	March 5/6
April No Baptisms	May 14/15	June 11/12
August 13/14	September 17/18	October 22/23
November 12/13	December 10/11	

Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Pastoral Council

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Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or call:

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519-885-0331 ext 312
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905-528-0138

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LAY MINISTERS for APRIL 16 / 17

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Julie Bellini John O'Connor Phyllis DeRosa Koeting Passion Reading Denise Konig Denise Campuzano	Anne Boyle Kathleen Dekker John Skinner Verdi Gough Amy Maggio	Mark Mindorff Bill DiFrancesco Andrea Wade Lynne Taffs Jennifer Weir
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Mark your calendars!
The Lenten Reconciliation Service
will take place on
Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Joseph's on Thursday, **April 14**. Bishop Crosby will be our celebrant this year. Please pray for our young people as they continue on their faith journey.

FAST, FREE & CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE
 The CVITP will continue until April 14. Clinic hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m., in Room 3 of the Rectory.

C.W.L. NEWS – The Catholic Women's League meeting for April will be on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**, in the church hall at 7:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are welcome. We encourage everyone to attend Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 26 in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel.
Our next Card Party will be held on **Thursday, April 28** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Join us for an afternoon of fun and come and meet your friends.

ST JOSEPH'S SENIORS GROUP

The St Joseph's seniors' group is offering a workshop on **Thursday, April 28**, at 1 pm in **Room 3 of the Rectory**, by P.C. Ingrid Boiago, Senior Support Officer, Senior Support Services, Hamilton Police Service. She will be discussing safety issues for seniors, fraud, scams, senior abuse, and other topics of interest. There will be a presentation followed by questions. All seniors and anyone with an interest in the topic are welcome. There is no charge for the workshop.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events...

May 26 - Financial Planning - Savings, Investments, RRSPs, TFSAs, RRI's and Life Insurance, with Paul Doesburg, CFP, CLU, ChFC, Retired Financial Planner.

June 23 - Long Term Care, with Lucy Daigle-Lemmond, BBA, Life and Health Insurance Advisor.

All workshops free of charge and start at 1 pm.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH SEDER MEAL

St. Joseph's annual Seder Meal will take place during Holy Week, on Tuesday, **April 19th** in the Parish Hall. This year's Seder is sold out! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. See you on the 19th: the Seder starts at 6 p.m. sharp!

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS – 2) In this year's World Day of Peace message, Pope Benedict XVI writes 'In the words of Pope Paul VI, to whose wisdom and farsightedness we owe the institution of the World Day of Peace: "It is necessary before all else to provide peace with other weapons – different from those destined to kill and exterminate mankind. What are needed above all are moral weapons, those which give strength and prestige to international law – the weapon, in the first place, of the observance of pacts".'

A recent national survey, conducted by Leger Marketing, asked: "With Canada's military role ending in Afghanistan next year, what should the focus be on the government's military spending?" Almost 60% of those questioned believe: "Canada should take a peace dividend and cut back on military spending to focus on other more pressing social issues at home."

On April 12, 2011, the **Global Day of Action on Military Spending**, people all over the world will join together in joint actions to focus public, political, and media attention on the costs of military spending and the need for new priorities.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on April 4, 1967 warned: "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." The Canadian Voice of Women for Peace is therefore calling on the Canadian government to invest our tax dollars to help our country transition to a sustainable, low carbon economy, to create a more equitable and vibrant society, and to support child care, education, and health care; in other words to help create a Culture of Peace in Canada and the world

The D&P Solidarity Sunday collection for
Share Lent takes place this weekend.
Please be as generous as you can.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection for
APRIL 2 / 3 was \$6,720.67.
Budgeted Expenses - \$6,300.00
Parish Debt - \$325,000.00.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MONDAY, APRIL 11

NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 Angelo Cocca Angela Cocca & Family
 Connie McLean The Liston Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 Bill Cauley The Liston Family
 Norm McDonagh Joan McDonagh & Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 Intentions of Bonnie Rutherford Kathleen McGarr

7 p.m. Confirmation Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 Teresa O'Donnell St Joseph's Good Shepherd Group
 Pasquale DeSimone Maria DeSimone & Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

1:00 Wedding – Gianna Bentivegna & Nick Blasutto
 Adelina Spadaro Francis & Alice Grasso
 Irene Moscardini Betty & Barry Taylor
 Rosario Agresta Caterina Agresta & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 Sheila Redmond Vivian & Stuart Walsh & Family
 Joyce Brown Ene & Paul Readyhough
 11:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish

Desk Scribbles . . . Fifth Sunday of Lent . . . April 10, 2011 . . .
 Jim Link, C.R.

Many years ago when I was chaplain at the university in Waterloo, Melinda, my colleague in chaplaincy, and I were called over to visit the home of a dying friend named Joan. We went there to celebrate the last rites with her to help her prepare for death. After praying and giving her holy communion, she looked up at us from her bed and said, "This is so hard!" "What's hard?" we asked her. "Dying," Joan replied, "I've never done this before."

In the gospel today we hear of the raising of Lazarus. This was not the first person that Jesus brought back from the dead but it certainly was one of the most dramatic miracles he had worked. I have met people who died, medically speaking, and had come back to life. For many of them, their second chance was a new beginning for them. They lived their lives with a renewed sense of purpose and focus in a way that was certainly less selfish than before their death. Their death sort of realigned their sense of life priorities and many things that they had considered so important were reassessed as less. And from my experience dealing with death over 35 years as a priest, I have learned that at the end of our lives if we don't have faith, family and friends, we die poor.

When I reflect on it, it is true what my friend Joan said that she was having a hard time dying since she had not done it before. But the truth is, all our lives are a rehearsal for the death that will ultimately close our eyes forever this world. Our lives then are a proving ground and a testing zone for our faith. When that time comes, will we believe that it is not really the end but a new beginning and a passage to a new and different life? Scripture writer, Patricia Sánchez (*Celebration*, National Catholic Reporter Pub., Kansas City, MO: April 2011) captures well what I too believe:

"During the life span of any human being, there is, of course, one conclusive and ultimate death. Everybody dies. But there are also many little and large experiences of dying along the way. There are the losses of friends and family whose absences create dying in our hearts. There are the losses of oppressed and needy brothers and sisters throughout the world whose deaths continue to assault the consciences of those more fortunate. There is the dying of a friendship as it is surrendered to an argument that cannot or will not be resolved. There are the deaths come as the distances between us grow larger and our times of communion less frequent. There are the inevitable deaths when memory fails, when bones break and muscles ache with the loss of youthful vigor. There are also deaths that come with the loss of a job or a home. In all these experiences of death, believer are assured that these deaths are but a prelude to that final act of surrender to God. Each helps us prepare for the moment that is not an end but a passage to a new and endless beginning. In that final moment, and in all the little preludes of dying that lead up to that moment, Jesus will say to us as he said so long ago at the tomb of Lazarus, "Come out! Unbind him and let him go free!"

YOUTH MINISTRY "The Youth Ministry event for this week takes place in the school gym. Come out Sunday night at 7pm for a night of Runner Board Basketball, Snatch and other games guaranteed to get the blood pumping and put a smile on your face."

"Grief Relief" and "Grief Talk"

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you wondering if these feelings are normal? You are not alone!

"Grief Relief" - a six week educational series dealing with grief
When: Tuesdays, from **April 26th to May 31st** **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

"Grief Talk" – afternoon drop-in sessions – first Thursday of the month
When: April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th **Time:** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Where: both programs are at P.X. Dermody Funeral Home (1919 King St. E. Hamilton).

There is no cost to participate. You are welcome to attend any/all sessions in both programs. To register call Dermody's at 905-549-9955 (www.pxdermodyfuneral.com)

EASTER FLOWERS You are invited to donate flowers (Easter lilies) which will be used to decorate the altar for the Easter season. Please bring your donations in during Holy Week anytime before Holy Saturday morning. If you wish to donate funds towards the purchase of Easter flowers, envelopes can be found at the doors of the church or in the pews. Your donations will help us keep the sanctuary decorated throughout the Easter season.

A reminder that the Good Shepherd Food Drive is on throughout the Lenten season. You can leave your non-perishable food donations at the side altar steps. Let's all help keep the shelves stocked this Easter season.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. David Wilhelm, Fr. Francis Trzupek, Salesians of Don Bosco (S.D.B.), Fr. Jiri Macenauer, Fr. Aleksander Mazur, and Fr. Czeslaw Kolas, SAC.

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