

# St. Joseph's Parish



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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

Chairperson	Rochelle Martin	905-522-4355
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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:

Father Bob Liddy, C.R.  
519-885-0331 ext 312  
Sister Mary McIntyre, C.S.J.  
905-528-0138

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### LAY MINISTERS for MAY 14 / 15

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Jill Lyons Joyce Taylor Denise Konig	Patrick Reilly Anne Boyle Kathleen Dekker	Jennifer Weir Mark Mindorff Bill DiFrancesco
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maureen Harper Amanda Larsen Jeannie Milani	Joanne Matsos Ted Dekker David Shea Therese Gervais	Emily McDonald Aniko Ivanyi Gail Reid Kim Dorman Helen Anderson
<b>Servers</b>	Fischer Schikolenko Mikayla McCollum Emily Kolesar	Paul Agresta Kiera OSullivan Shea Iszak Illes	Andrew Linger Catherine Linger Larissa Reid

## *Happy Mothers Day*

**The Sacrament of First Communion** will be celebrated at St Joseph's next Sunday, May 1 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass for the Participants of the Catechetical Correspondence Program and at 2:00 p.m. for children who attend St. Joseph School. Please pray for our young people and their families.

### JOIN US!

**Trivia Night 2011**, May 14, 7 pm sharp - Parish hall. Join us for a night of fun, food, and prizes. The \$15/person cost includes snacks and a light buffet around 9:30 pm. Cash bar. Tickets are available after Mass or by contacting Lori 905-522-4719 or Linda 905-528-8470.

**Pot Luck Supper meeting**, May 24, 6pm - Parish hall. All women are invited and welcome to join us at our annual pot luck supper meeting. Share your favourite dish and take home some new favourites. Dinner will be followed by the May Crowning and a very short meeting. Hope to see you there.

### ST JOSEPH'S SENIORS GROUP

**Mark your calendars for upcoming events...**

**May 26** - Financial Planning - Savings, Investments, RRSPs, TFSAs, RRIFs 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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS** We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, **May 14**, beginning at 9:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, on Fennel Ave. East, just west of Upper Gage. Our theme will be Justice and The Environment, and our guest speaker will be Beatrice Ekoko from Environment Hamilton. All are welcome to join us. Refreshments provided; admission free.

**94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima** - Wednesday, **May 18**. **Mass for Life** - 7 p.m. followed by a Silent Walk for Life. Sacred Heart Church, 19 Viewpoint Ave.

### \*Concert\*Concert\*Concert\*

On Friday, **May 13** at 7:30 pm the Parish Choir will be joined by the Haldimand Choralairs for a spring concert here at St. Joseph's. A wide variety of music will be presented, from Renaissance motets to compositions by John Rutter and Oscar Peterson. A free-will offering will be accepted, but admission is free and everyone is welcome.

### PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please take a moment to consider being a member of Parish Council or nominating someone who you think would be interested in this ministry. Nomination ballots are found in the pews. This is the last weekend ballots will be accepted.

**The Parish Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.**

**Good Shepherd Centers Angela's Place** seeking young adult students seeking volunteer hours and adult volunteers for child care Mondays 3:30-5:30 p.m. and/or Fridays 4:00-8:00 p.m. Contact: Sr. Regina at 289-389-8534.

**ADOPTION BUILDS FAMILIES** Have you ever considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the adoption process through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton? Please join our adoption staff for our information night on Wednesday, **May 18** at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St. E. For further information call 905.525.2012, ext. 3125



The **OFFERTORY** Collection for  
**APRIL 30 & MAY 1** was **\$6,747.84**.  
**Budgeted Expenses - \$6,300.00**  
**Parish Debt - \$325,000.00.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

8:00 Intentions of Mrs A McPherson  
 Kathleen, Joe & Daniel McGarr  
 Martina & Gordon Harnden The Family  
 Elda Cerovac & Intentions of Rado Cerovac  
 Edda Starai

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

8:00 Grazia & Francesco Bruccoleri The Family  
 Intentions of Nora Pulcins  
 Lydia & Edgar Jegeris

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

8:00 David & Lillian Bellideau Bernice Clark & Family  
 Lizette Kalvans Lydia & Edgar Jegeris

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

8:00 Michael Milin  
 Steven Josipovic Lucia Milin

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

5:00 Josie Caradonna Rose Frizzell  
 Marie Lanza Cathy Brogly & Margaret Droughan

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

9:30 Patricia O'Brien Ted & Joan O'Brien  
 Nancy Urech Ene & Paul Readyhough  
 11:30 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish  
 2:00 First Communion Mass

always think he is joking and playing with them when he prods them with questions that clearly he knows the answer to. And then, finally, their eyes were opened as he explained the scriptures to them and broke bread with him.

And, so here we are, two thousand years later, on our own roads to somewhere. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too may be too close at times to recognize the presence of Christ walking with us on our journeys. Yet, we have available to us the same tools, the same keys of Scripture and the Eucharist, to help us unlock the door of understanding and pull back the veil over our eyes so that we can see. St. Augustine said that ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ; or in a more positive way, the more we read and pray on the sacred texts of God's revealed word, the more we will come to know and recognize Christ and the love of God who surrounds us. And for us, as Roman Catholics, we have been gifted with the promised and covenanted gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. Although we believe God is present everywhere and at all times, in the sacraments --- and most especially the Eucharist --- we have a 100% God-guaranteed place of encounter. Why would we not want this chance? This is certainly better odds than a lottery gives us.

And if we commit ourselves to this journey, to walking on the road with a stranger who joins us, who knows what may happen on any given ordinary Sunday? Perhaps, the veil hiding Christ's presence from our eyes and preventing us from recognizing him may be pulled back just enough to give us a glimpse of heaven and the life to come. We'll never know unless we head down the road.

**Desk Scribbles . . . 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter. . . May 8, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.**

Acts 2:14, 22-28; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Brantford, St. Pius X Parish, Sunday morning, sometime in the late 1970s, I took a few minutes to sit in the pew before the tabernacle before Mass was ready to begin to pray and center myself. And then, it was time for Mass to begin. It was an ordinary Sunday. The music was good but not much different than we had every Sunday. Nothing special was being celebrated and nothing extraordinary was happening. And yet, something happened. I can't really explain it to you except to say that somewhere toward the end of the Mass, the curtain, the veil that had been obscuring Christ's presence among us, was pulled back. Almost everyone cried --- all four hundred plus --- overwhelmed by the presence of the one who was always there just out of sight and touch. People left church that Sunday in stunned silence, trying to let the experience of what had happen sink in their minds and hearts.

This Sunday Luke tells us the beautiful story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Only one has a name, Cleopas. Perhaps, Cleopas' companion was his wife; we just don't know. Clearly, they are sad. The death of their leader, Jesus, has certainly pulled the rug out from under their group and dashed to pieces any dreams they may have had. They were walking without hope. Those of us who read the story as bystanders from afar may wonder how they could have missed what Jesus had told them about his death and resurrection. They were at the disadvantage of being too close to the situation to get any objectivity or to arrive at another perspective. This is the same thing that happened to Jesus in his earthly life. People could not accept that he came from God because they knew he came from Nazareth and lived with his mother, Mary and father, Joseph, who was a carpenter.

When Jesus joins the couple on the road, the same thing happens again. He is too close for them to recognize him. I

**What's happening around the Parish....**

Did you know ...that a few weeks ago, the door at the Lift was vandalized?  
 That during last week's wind storm, the church sign was torn out?  
 It really was quite a blow!  
 These both have since been repaired.  
 Did you know that the lovely Easter banner was designed and hand crafted by Clara Marchig, Deborah Singh and by Margaret Puchalski?  
 The beautiful sanctuary decorations were also designed and set up by Deborah, Clara and Margaret.  
 We are indeed blessed!

**WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY** to Paul and Maureen Harper and family on the death of Paul's mother Mary Elizabeth Harper. May our prayers be a support to Paul and his family and may the Lord grant Mary eternal rest.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** Next Sunday, May 15 is the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please join Catholics throughout the world in praying for a generous response to the call to priesthood, consecrated life, the missions and lay ministry. In his message for this 48<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocation, Pope Benedict XVI states: It is important to encourage and support those who show clear signs of a call to priestly life and religious consecration, and to enable them to feel the warmth of the whole community as they respond 'yes' to God and the Church.'

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS** This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Frank Freitas, Fr. Franjo Sprajc, Sisters of Social Service (S.S.S.), Fr. Luc Payette, Fr. Robert Love, and Fr. Peter Wayow, CSSp.

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