



# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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## St. Joseph Church

**Location:** 920 Wellington St., Port Elgin, ON

## St. Patrick Church

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

*April 18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter*

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Chris Tracey  
**Administrator:** Rosalie Scarlett  
**Secretary/Receptionist:** Kay Pyke-Mullen

### Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### **Weekend MASSES**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

*(Online registration begins Saturday afternoon one week prior to the Mass)*

**During the Pandemic, only the priest and lector are visible in the 'on-line' Mass.**

### **Weekday MASS**

**Wednesday 9:30 AM (CANCELLED until Further Notice)**

**During the Pandemic, Weekday Masses are celebrated in private by Pastor, Fr. Chris.**

**Public Masses have resumed with further limited capacity (15% of worship space) in accordance with COVID-19 Government and Hamilton Diocese Restrictions.**

**Registration for Weekend Masses is required via Website Home Page: [www.stjospar.com](http://www.stjospar.com)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Request by Email at [stjospar@bmts.com](mailto:stjospar@bmts.com), regular mail, leaving phone message 519-832-2202 or dropping off in Sunday collection or Rectory letter box. Give your name, name(s) for intentions and if living or deceased and if a Mass card is required. Cost is \$10, please enclose cash or cheque in an envelope.

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

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

19-Apr-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Rev. Christopher Tracey</b>
20-Apr-21	Tue	*	Joe Dillon	Rev. Mark Morley
21-Apr-21	Wed	*	Lloyd Schlenker	Jesuit Fathers (S.J.)
22-Apr-21	Thu	+	Padraig Mooney	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
23-Apr-21	Fri	+	May Mooney	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.
24-Apr-21	Sat	+	Donal Hynes	Rev. Charles Galea
4th Sunday of Easter		*	<b>Parish &amp; Pandemic Front-Line Workers</b>	<b>Hamilton Diocese</b>
25-Apr-21	Sun			

### Provincial COVID-19 Restrictions: Update

**Unless the Covid-19 Variants ongoing and concerning upsurge requires even further restriction measures, the churches in Hamilton Diocese will still continue to be open for worship, but now at a much further diminished 15% capacity of worship space (previously 30%) required by the Ontario Board of Health.**

In order that people may feel secure enough to return, parishes are following rigorously the protocols prepared by the Chancery according to Government restrictions. We aim to assure the safety and good health, physical, mental, and spiritual, of all parishioners. Like many parishes, our **office will still be operating 'virtually'**, with staff safe at home. **Meetings are by special appointment or performed on-line. Emergency and pastoral calls will have priority**, responded to with utmost care to observe Provincial health rulings. Meanwhile, please follow carefully the **3-Ws: Wear a Mask, Wash Hands, and Watch Your Distance (6')**. Stay home in your 'bubble' to repel this dangerous virus, especially as it mutates into more highly infectious, lethal cells, possibly immune to the new vaccines.

May God bless you, and keep you well and safe in his embrace. – Father Chris.

Diocesan Links: [Statement on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines - Diocese of Hamilton \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](#)

**\*\*Please Note:** Children must be registered to allow the parish permission to perform the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation\*\*

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated in April/May, 2021 and Confirmation in May/June, 2021

(depending on COVID-19 Government and Hamilton Diocese Restrictions)

**First Reconciliation and First Communion:**

Thank you for registering children in Grades 2 & 3.

Our first ‘virtual’ preparation commenced on February 28, 2021.

The **7 Weekly Lessons** will help Catholic and Public School parents play a primary, invaluable role in their children’s Faith formation and Sacrament preparation/

**First Reconciliation** was completed in March.

A ZOOM call has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 20 from 6-7 PM**. All candidates are expected to participate (even children receiving the sacrament later in April and May).

Parents please check your e-mail for details communicated on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

**St. Joseph’s ‘Pen Pal’ Program:**

This Parish Pastoral Council program is to help families with children Grades 2-8, to accomplish three main goals:

- To build community among youngest parish members.
- To provide opportunities to support children’s spiritual and social development from home
- To practice reading and writing in a non-threatening, authentic environment.

Ashley and Scott Clark manage the ‘Pen Pal’ Program.

More information is on our [parish website](#).

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Children Grades 7 & 8 are eligible to receive Confirmation. The Holy Spirit helps them build a strong relationship with Jesus and deep knowledge to live as a true follower of Christ.

A new website was launched for Confirmation preparation and to provide a user friendly and more accessible domain for students to access from all boards.

Parents, please check your e-mail for latest communication on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Please contact the Parish Office for the following:	
<b>Baptism:</b>	information and registration.
<b>Marriage:</b>	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
<b>First Communion:</b>	Grades 2 & 3 April/May 2021.
<b>Confirmation:</b>	Students in Grades 7 & 8 May/June 2021.
<b>R.C.I.A.:</b>	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
<b>Care of the Sick:</b>	Visits are not allowed due to COVID-19, but prayers by phone are available.

Catholic Organizations:	
Catholic Women’s League (CWL)	Lucie Desbiens 519-832-6521 or 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

- Faith Programs:** To participate, please request a ZOOM invitation link from [tcarolan06@gmail.com](mailto:tcarolan06@gmail.com):
- **Faith Sharing:** Wednesdays at 1:00 to 2:30 PM to discuss up-coming Sunday readings.
  - **Rosary:** Tuesdays at 7:00 PM to share in our community prayer to Mother Mary.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

To sanitize pews and touch points for approximately 1/2 an hour following weekend Masses. Please call or email the parish office.

**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. As always, they are very grateful for your monetary donations. You can contact them at: (905) 274-9239. Or Mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 Or [donate online](#).

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** If you wish to support St. Vincent de Paul, please send a cheque to the parish office via the rectory letterbox or donate on line via [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).