



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

May 16th, 2021 – The Ascension of The Lord

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

Hamilton Diocese, as per the new government directives, has closed all Churches until further notice.

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Request by Email at 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.

The Ascension of The Lord

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

17-May-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Rafal Tomon
18-May-21	Tue	+	Robert Lepage	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
19-May-21	Wed	*	Mairead & Joe Keely	Seminarians
20-May-21	Thu	+	Robert Lepage	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
21-May-21	Fri	+	Jean McGinty	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
22-May-21	Sat	*	Fr. Chris Tracey	Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.
	Pentecost	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese
23-May-21	Sun			

Dear Parish Families and Friends,

The escalating rise and surge in the infections from Covid-19 and its more dangerous variants of concern have given our Provincial Government and Diocese of Hamilton no choice but to enact further, more restrictive measures to curtail the spread of the virus, especially for the sake of our hospitals' ICUs, beds, and medical response personnel.

Thus, **stay-at-home orders** plus other restrictions to public mobility were broadcast by the Govt on Friday, 16th April, 2021 until a medical and governmental re-assessment of the severity of the situation takes place. Therefore, Hamilton Diocese, as per the new government directives, has **closed all Churches until further notice**.

Meanwhile, our office will remain 'virtually' open, Tuesdays to Fridays, 10am to 3pm, with voicemail and email answered within 24 hours. Emergency calls will be responded to as soon as possible. In person appointments are discouraged, unless negotiated with pastor. The office will be closed on Mondays as usual.

For now, please keep well and safe, positive and cheerful. Jesus is always by our side. With God's grace and love for us, all will probably end sooner than we expected, and all will be forgotten except for important lessons in life and love and faith, learned from our challenges. Then, all of God's creation will renew itself with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings of Peace, Hope and Joy in Christ Jesus. – Father Chris.

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

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations have been POSTPONED until the FALL 2021.

It was determined Fall Celebrations will be safer considering the Govt aims to vaccinate the majority of the population by then.

New Dates to be announced in the coming months.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Milestones:



Fall 2020: Registration of children in Grades 2 & 3.

February 28, 2021: Our first 'virtual' preparation

March/April 2021: First Reconciliation

completed

April 20, 2021: Zoom call was well attended and it gave us a chance to connect and share experiences. Parents play a primary, invaluable role in their children's Faith formation and Sacrament preparation.

Please **complete** and **save** your portfolios so that you can submit them at your First Communion Celebration when rescheduled.

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.

The existing program runs until June 30, 2021. Approx. 20 children are participating and have been writing back and forth to their pen pals and getting to know one another over the past few months. It's been a wonderful way to build connection throughout the pandemic. We are grateful to those families who chose to participate and engage in this initiative.

Ashley and Scott Clark manage the '*Pen Pal*' Program.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Milestones:

Fall 2020: Registration of Children Grades 7 & 8.

February 2021: Our first 'virtual' preparation.

March 2021: A new website was launched to allow a more accessible domain to students from all boards. The Holy Spirit helps build a strong relationship with Jesus and deep knowledge to live as a true follower of Christ.



May 16, 2021: Please **complete** and **submit** your portfolio.

Please contact the Parish Office for the following:

Baptism:	information and registration.
Marriage:	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
First Communion:	Grades 2 & 3 April/May 2021.
Confirmation:	Students in Grades 7 & 8 May/June 2021.
R.C.I.A.:	Adults, and children in Grade 3 and up.
Care of the Sick:	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 Orsztynowicz 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 icarolan06@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.

POPE FRANCIS has launched a Marathon of Prayer for the month of May. "Guided by Shrines around the world during this month of May, we recite the Rosary to invoke an end to the pandemic and the resumption of social and work-related activities." (*Pope Francis, General Audience, 5 May 2021*) Father Ian Duffy, Rector of our own Diocesan Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph, is joining the Pope's prayer marathon by praying the Rosary at noon each day. You can participate in the daily prayer with the Pope by checking the Vatican website for a listing of Shrines, or pray the Rosary in union with Father Duffy at the Basilica in Guelph.

Pope's Pastoral Works Collection May 16, 2021:

This collection is taken up in the Easter Season to support the Pope's Pastoral Services as Head of the Church and to contribute to his works of charity.

Donation of \$5 for 1 Ticket \$10 for 3 - \$20 for 8



All proceeds go to Women's House of Bruce and Canadian Catholic Missions.

To be drawn on
Tuesday May 18, 2021.

Payment E-Transfer to
H-112@CWLHAMILTON.CA

Drop off in Parish Rectory Mail Box or Text or call Deborah at 519-386-0384

The Baby Bottle Campaign will be virtual again this year. It runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

<https://preview.mailerlite.com/o2r3h8>

Catholic Moms Groups: Where Moms Connect and Find Support for their Journey.

Now, more than ever, moms are feeling isolated and are craving connections. A Catholic moms' group allows women to connect with other moms, topics of interest, topics that impact their personal selves and God; it provides both support and encouragement. Beyond that, moms groups help develop friendships with other moms providing proven mental health benefits and is a way of drawing women together to form a stronger sense of parish community. **Join us for a ZOOM session on Tuesday, June 1st at 7 P.M.** to learn more about the what, where, when and why of starting a moms' group and hear information on the material available to provide support. We will welcome Mrs. Dorothy Pilarski, who spearheaded this ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2015. This session will be an information sharing session, so is recommended for pastors, associate pastors, lay ministers and/or interested lay members of your parish who may be interested in starting a group, or those who would like to know what supports are available for an existing group. A training session for those who are interested will occur later. **This event will be provided using ZOOM, so registration will be necessary.** You can register under upcoming events on the Diocesan home page at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/catholic-moms>.

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.

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival, May 27th, 2021, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the screening of *The End of Immigration*. This powerful documentary examines the realities of temporary foreign workers in Canada and reveals an inequity that is having a profound impact on the society in which we live. **Following the film, Sarah Guinta, Coordinator for the Office of Justice and Peace, and Rev. Peter Ciallella, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Burford, will offer a conversation regarding ministry to temporary foreign workers in the Diocese of Hamilton.** RSVP online:

<https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/> or by email: library@hamiltondiocese.com. Join the discussion! The *Reel Justice Film Festival* is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

Unpacking Patris Corde – With a Father's Heart

“WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph””. This opening line from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In *Patris Corde*, we hear that, “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 25th at 7 P.M. for a 90 minute ZOOM webinar** (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the Catholic Church and Canada.

Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.). Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/online-webinar-unpacking-em-patris-corde-with-a-father-s-heart-em-> (on the home page go to Upcoming Events). For further information, contact Teresa at 905-528-7988.

LEARNING TO FORGIVE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP



Presented by: ANNA RACINE
Sat., May 29, 2021 10:00 to 3:00 Held Virtually on ZOOM Platform Cost: \$40.00
Register at: annaracine.org@gmail.com or (905) 351-8367

THE IMPACT OF COVID 19 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP



Presented by: ANNA RACINE
Sat., June 19, 2021 10:00 to 3:00 Held Virtually on ZOOM Platform Cost: \$40.00
Register at: annaracine.org@gmail.com or (905) 351-8367