



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 30th, 2021 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Chris Tracey
Administrator: Rosalie Scarlett
Secretary/Receptionist: Gloria Villamil
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 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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

31-May-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
1-Jun-21	Tue	+	Parents of Rita and Gary Varsava	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
2-Jun-21	Wed	+	Lorraine Knudson	Barnabite Fathers (C.R.S.P.)
3-Jun-21	Thu	+	Theresa McGhee	Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
4-Jun-21	Fri	+	Erika Brockmann	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
5-Jun-21	Sat	+	Yvon Rancourt	Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.
Body & Blood - 10th O.T.		*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese
6-Jun-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 \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](https://www.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:	To be celebrated in the Fall 2021
Confirmation:	To be celebrated in the Fall 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 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.

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.

The Baby Bottle Campaign will be virtual again this year. It runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, to support the Grey Bruce Pregnancy Centre.

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

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

A Novena to The Sacred Heart of Jesus has been published by the Institute for Catholic Education for use by families, in classrooms, or privately. The nine-days of prayer leading up to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th, gives us an opportunity to “*find our sure comfort and rest in the Sacred Heart of Christ’s love for each and every one of us.*” The Solemnity is also the World Day of Prayer for Priests. Wednesday, June 2nd, is a day of preparation for the Novena which begins in earnest on June 3rd. The brief daily prayer provides opportunity to bring personal intentions before the Lord. The Novena can be found on our [Diocesan website](#).

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during July 8th to July 16th, 2021

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the **Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass,

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2021? The Diocese has had to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass this year, but Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will be married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021. You can register your anniversary via the link below, and the Diocese will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. [Register for your Wedding Anniversary Certificate.](#)

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 on line via [Canada Helps](#)

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 [Canada Helps](#)