

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



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New Email Address:  
 We are transitioning to a new email address for the parish:  
[stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com), gradually  
 replacing the BMTS email.

## St. Joseph Church

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

## St. Patrick Church

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

*July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

### **\*\* Covid-19 Response: Stage 3 Update \*\***

The Prov. Govt and Diocese of Hamilton are permitting us to **increase mass attendance to Fall 2020 numbers**, yet still following the required distancing of two metres, the wearing of masks, and sanitizing of hands.

**Mass Registration** is on our Website Homepage at: [www.stjospar.com](http://www.stjospar.com)

Two masses will be celebrated live in person: **Saturday – 5pm / Sunday – 9am.**

[A **Video Recording** of the mass will be available Sunday, 11am on our Website for those unable to attend.]

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Christopher Tracey

**Administrator:** Rosalie Scarlett

**Secretary/Receptionist:** Gloria Villamil

### Parish Office Hours:

**Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

**Saturday – 5:00 PM**

**Sunday – 9:00 AM**

\* During Pandemic, only priest and lector visible in recorded Mass.

### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

**Wednesday – 9:30 AM followed by Adoration and Confession**

\* During Pandemic, other Weekday Masses celebrated in private by Pastor.

## **Mass Intentions**

### *Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time*

Request by Email at [stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjosephportelgin@hamiltondiocese.com), regular mail, phone 519-832-2202, Sunday collection or rectory letter box. Please provide your name, name(s) for Intentions (identify living or deceased), and if a Mass card is required. Please enclose cash or cheque in an envelope. Cost is \$10 per intention.

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

26-Jul-21	Mon	*	<b>Pastor's Intentions</b>	<b>Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger</b>
27-Jul-21	Tue	+	Neil Mellon	Rev. Robert Love
28-Jul-21	Wed	+	Margaret Steiner	Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
29-Jul-21	Thu	*	Rita O'Byrne	Rev. Ross Campbell
30-Jul-21	Fri	*	Helen Grant	Rev. Luc Payette
31-Jul-21	Sat	+	Gino Serafini	Rev. Gordian Okpuruka
18th Sunday in O.T.		*	<b>Parish &amp; Pandemic Front-Line Workers</b>	<b>Hamilton Diocese</b>
1-Aug-21	Sun			

## Church Collections During the COVID-19 Crisis

Thank you, parishioners and visitors, for your continued financial support during this time of uncertainty. If you cannot attend one of the Masses, you can mail or drop off your envelope contribution to the parish office. You can also sign up for Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) by completing the form on the website and submitting it to the parish office. This will be a regular monthly donation, by credit card or directly from your bank account. One-time or occasional donations can be made using the CanadaHelps button on the website.

This week's regular offerings were \$2155.00. PAR \$4918.00, and \$40.00 was received through CanadaHelps. Thank you for your generosity!

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations

have been **POSTPONED** until dates are selected and approved for **FALL 2021** as per Covid-19 restrictions.

*It was decided Fall Celebrations will be safer once the majority of people have been vaccinated, by end of summer.*

*New Dates will be announced in 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.**

### 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:

<b>Baptism:</b>	information and registration.
<b>Marriage:</b>	an appointment 1 year in advance of date.
<b>First Communion:</b>	To be celebrated in the Fall 2021
<b>Confirmation:</b>	To be celebrated in the Fall 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

### Readings for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 1

First Reading – Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a++

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 78

Second Reading – Ephesians 4.17, 20-24

Gospel – John 6.24-35

**Faith Programs:** To participate, please request a ZOOM invitation link from [tcarolan06@gmail.com](mailto:tcarolan06@gmail.com):

- **Faith Sharing:** This program will return in September.
- **Rosary:** Tuesdays at 7:00 PM to share in our community prayer to Mother Mary. It will run throughout the summer.

Visit our Facebook page [facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish](https://facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish) for updates and to find out more on how our parishioners are ministering in times of COVID.

### **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Amid the global pandemic, on 31 January 2021, Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. In Canada and around the world, we are invited never to forget our grandparents and elderly persons, cherishing them as essential members of the Church and society.



On Sunday, 25 July 2021, this first World Day resonates well within Pope Francis' broader initiative of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year (19 March 2021 – June 2022). Pastoral care of the elderly is an urgent responsibility of the Christian community, calling us to spend time with one another relating and sharing in intergenerational conversations. *Young people are especially encouraged to enter into dialogue with older generations and find time to dream together about our hopes for a better world.*

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life prepared a video message that brings to life the theme chosen for this day, "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20). You can watch the video message [here](#).

### **The Knights of Columbus Annual Car Draw Tickets have changed from the traditional paper-based Lottery to a 50/50 electronic Raffle.**

This was driven by the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Port Elgin Council **6736** is on the vendor list of the lottery that runs July through September. Winners will be announced and then the next draw will start in October and the winner will be drawn in December. K of C Members, Parishioners, their families and friends can participate by buying tickets, have a chance to win and support the charitable works of the Councils. Participants must be residents of Ontario and 18 years of age or older. See poster below, and click [here](#) to start the ticket purchase process. If you have any questions, please call Grand Knight – Harry Orszynowicz 519-832-9280. Thank you for your support in this endeavour, it is greatly appreciated. The cash prize for the last draw ending in June was \$45,000.

### **Do You Have a Passion for Social Justice Concerns?**



If you can answer YES, our SSVP Conference needs you: Parishioners who are looking for an opportunity to put their faith into action! *We are called by faith to serve our community.* We can set up an information meeting to share how we

serve our friends in need. Thank you! Contact Mairead Keely at 519-832-9979, for information. 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](#)

### **Baptism – Entering into the Body of Christ!**

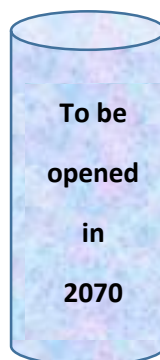
St. Joseph Parish is pleased to welcome new Catholics:

**Caellum Merek & Theron Asher**  
children of Troy & Cari Johnston,  
will be baptized this Sunday, July 25.



We offer our congratulations to their family and friends.

**Time Capsule:** In honour of St. Joseph Parish's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are preparing a time capsule that we will seal and open 50 years from now. The idea for this capsule is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Parish. This will represent the present, hope for our future, and heritage and history of those who open it 50 years from now. The Parish is thrilled to facilitate this unique opportunity for our parishioners, to leave thoughtful mementos and heartfelt



messages for our far-off successors to uncover. If you have any ideas about the size or shape of the capsule, where it might be placed (in or outside the church) or what items we could place in the time capsule, please send your suggestions to: [st.josephs.timecapsule@gmail.com](mailto:st.josephs.timecapsule@gmail.com). We hope to have the capsule ready by Fall this year!

**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 mail cheques to: Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9 or donate on line via [Canada Helps](#)





## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**“I am with you always” are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: the whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!**



**#IamWithYouAlways**

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