

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH



920 Wellington Street
 Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C3
 519-832-2202 - Website: www.stjospar.com

New Email Address:
 We are transitioning to a new email address for the parish:
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

October 3rd, 2021 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Provincial Government 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

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:

Wednesdays – 9:30 AM –

* Please note there is No Mass on Wednesday October 6 *

Mass Intentions

Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Request by Email at 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]

4-Oct-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
5-Oct-21	Tue		No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on retreat	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
6-Oct-21	Wed		No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on retreat	Felician Franciscan Sisters (C.S.S.F.)
7-Oct-21	Thu		No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on retreat	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
8-Oct-21	Fri		No Mass Scheduled - Fr. Chris on retreat	Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
9-Oct-21	Sat	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre
28th Sunday in O.T.				
10-Oct-21	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese

COVID Vaccines

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated. Please see the Hamilton Diocese Covid-19 Vaccination Policy at our website www.stjospar.com

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 offerings were \$819. Diocesan collections were \$50. Thank you for your generosity!

Life Chain 2021

Spread the Message of Hope that Life Matters

Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 @ 2 PM Southampton, in front of St. Patrick Church

It is a time of silent prayer to end abortion.

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 2022
Confirmation:	for students in Grades 7 & 8, to be celebrated in 2023
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.

Visit our Facebook page

facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish

for updates and to find out more on how our parishioners are ministering in times of COVID.

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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 10

First Reading – Wisdom 7.7-11

Responsorial Psalm 90

Second Reading – Hebrews 4.12-13

Gospel – Mark 10.17-30

The Saints of the Week -

October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

Sacrament of Confirmation Celebrations

Congratulations to these 20 young people who were confirmed in faith on

September 30th (Thurs, 7 pm)

Eric Capstick

Jacob Fairhall

Evan Morrison

Stella Hestera

Sofia Hestera

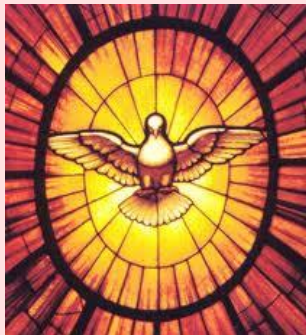
Kara Mudrick

Victoria Matches

Huxley Ebenstreit

Rylan McCulloch

Quinten Wilke



October 1st (Fri, 7 pm)

Julie Heenan

Aspynne Bezpalko

Amy Chin Yut

Emma Aldridge

Noah Shields-Klein

Sarah Lang

Sean Moorehead

Claire Miller

William Eagleson

Max Druer

The *confirmandi* were baptized as infants and now accept the Catholic faith as their own. Let us bring our spiritual help and our authentic witness that they make a commitment to live the faith out with God's help.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Father Thomas J Clancy – Council 6736 (Port Elgin/Southampton)

is looking for participants for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest - this is open to all Catholic students in public, private or parochial schools in grades 8 to 12 during the current school year. Essay(s) must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length on the topic:

“Describe some everyday obstacles to living a life of authentic faith, and how to overcome them, while providing examples from your own life”

Essay Contest for Council level will be open from September to Friday, October 29th, 2021. Entries must be submitted to Mark Lukas either via mail (Knights of Columbus, 920 Wellington Street, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C3) or email (lukas@bmts.com).

Winners will be notified (prizes awarded for Council Level will be cash prizes). Essay(s) will be judged on the following:

- Content (35 points)
- How clearly is the theme presented, Grammar (30 points)
- Does the essay reflect proper sentence and paragraph structure and utilizes correct spelling and Style (35 points)
- Does the essay show creativity, imagination and Development of the topic in a compelling style.

A Knights of Columbus - Community/Faith in Action Program.

Care, Healing and Resilience during COVID-19

Join the St. Joseph Parish CWL for a zoom session providing strategies for dealing with all of these COVID concerns and more. When: Tuesday, October 19th from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Presenter: Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (Director, Family Ministry Office) Register online by e-mailing Lucie Desbiens at desbiens@eastlink.ca so we can send your Zoom invite!

*Compassionate Care Ministry *** NEW ****

In the difficult times that the world is going through, St. Joseph Parish is working toward opening a new ministry to “*Helping people understand that Jesus is truly present to them here and now, walking the path of discipleship along with them!*”. If this might be of interest to you, please, please contact the parish office for more information.

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

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](#)

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](#)

The Third Annual National

Catholic Health Care Week runs from Sunday, October 3rd to Saturday, October 9th. Established by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, this year's celebration seeks to build understanding, connection and trust about the organization's mission and contribution to the pandemic response in Canada. Through stories, reflection and prayer, the week also seeks to foster healing, and to advance Catholic health care's commitment to social justice and the values of inclusiveness and compassion in the spirit of reconciliation. In the Diocese of Hamilton, St. Joseph's Health System embodies these fundamental values! How blessed are we! This year, more than ever, we must celebrate the importance of healthcare in our community.

Parenting Tip of the Month - Parenting Tip 133:

October brings cooler air and the final harvests of the season. It is a time when we see the beauty of nature and the creative mind of God in providing this world for each of us. Children spend a lot of time wishing for things they don't have, instead of focussing on what they do have, including love from family members, their faith community and friends and neighbours who care for them. During this month of thanksgiving, help your children focus on giving thanks for all they have by writing a daily gratitude journal. Each day they can write about the goodness's of their day and at the end of the month they will have documentation about how much they have to be grateful for - both to God and everyone else who contributes to their lives.

Marriage Tip of the Month - Marriage Tip 113:

As we continue to deal with the COVID virus in our communities, people are feeling the continued burden of the unknown about its dangers and how long it will last. This causes stress which might cause couples to lash out at the one they love most. Take some time to change the pattern of your life by planning some fun activities for the two of you, communicate truthfully about how you are feeling, acknowledge that your spouse may not be at their best because they are stressed, hold hands and hug often as touch can relieve stress and pray together that God will give you strength. Feeling united will reduce stress levels for both of you and create a more peaceful environment to help you deal with the unknowns.

ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program

- Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. For more information, contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

Synod of Bishops 2023

Pope Francis recently announced that the next Synod of Bishops will take place in October 2023. The Theme of the Synod is: ***For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.*** For the first time, the meeting will be the culmination of a “three-year path” involving all of the People of God at every level of the Church. This “path” is a process rather than an event, which Pope Francis will solemnly inaugurate this October 9-10, is meant to be a manifestation of “synodality) which is a form that realizes the participation of all the people of God in mission.

The synodal path will take place in three phases. The first phase (October 2021 to April 2022) begins on October 17th under the leadership of the Bishop in each Diocese. This stage is conceived as a broad consultation with the People of God in each Diocese. The second phase (September 2022 to March 2023) is the “continental” phase. This will involve the fruit of deliberations on each Continent. For example, Canada and the United States of America will collate their responses to the questions posed by the Holy See and submit them to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in Rome by March 2023. The final phase of the Synod will take place in October 2023 with the celebration of the Assembly of Bishops in Rome.

In the Diocese of Hamilton, a Committee has been established to guide the Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process. Information will be sent to the Parishes in late October and the parishioners in the Diocese of Hamilton will have an opportunity to respond to the questions to be considered by the Synod. The actual consultation will take place beginning in November and conclude by mid-December, so that our Diocesan Report can be prepared and sent to the Ontario Assembly of Catholic Bishops to be included in the Canadian report. We pray for the success of this unique and historic synodal process:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of the truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
for ever and ever. Amen.