

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

October 10th, 2021 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!

It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ (see Eph. 1.3-10). Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

Thank you to the Wurmli Family for decorating the Altar at St. Joseph Church.

** 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:

Wednesday – 9:30 AM followed by Adoration and Confession

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

Mass Intentions

Twenty-eighth 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]

11-Oct-21	Mon	*	Pastor's Intentions	Rev. Peter Nwachukwu, O.C.D.
12-Oct-21	Tue	+	John Kischuck	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
13-Oct-21	Wed	+	Doug Grant	Chaplains
14-Oct-21	Thu	+	Dan Keenan	Rev. Bradley Markus
15-Oct-21	Fri	+	Rosemary Motz	Very Rev. David Wynen
16-Oct-21	Sat	+	Daniel Keenan	Rev. Msgr. Edward D. Sheridan
29th Sunday in O.T.				
17-Oct-21	Sun	*	Parish & Pandemic Front-Line Workers	Hamilton Diocese

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 \$1864. Thank you for your generosity!

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

The world is facing the most serious crisis of recent times, St Joseph Parish is working towards opening a new ministry "by 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 contact the parish office for more information.

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.

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

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!

The Saints of the Week -

October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor

October 16 – St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious

Pope Francis has announced that the next Synod of Bishops will take place in October 2023. The theme for the Synod is: **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.** It will be the culmination of a "three-year path" involving the People of God at every level of the Church.

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY will be officially opened by Pope Francis at a Mass celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on the weekend of October 9-10. NEXT Sunday, October 17th, it will be opened at Masses celebrated in Dioceses around the world. We will inaugurate the Synod at the 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The committee charged with coordinating the involvement of parishioners is already at work developing an effective process for participation. A report of the responses from the Diocese will be sent to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario for inclusion in the report from the Ontario Region. The responses from the Ontario Region will be sent to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for inclusion in the Canadian response, which in turn will be sent to the Synod Committee in the Vatican.

Readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 17

First Reading – Isaiah 53.10-11

Responsorial Psalm 33

Second Reading – Hebrews 4.14-16

Gospel – Mark 10.35-45

Visit our Facebook page

[facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish](https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish)

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

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.

World Meeting of Families Diocesan Event Being held May 28, 2022 at Mount Mary in Ancaster.

Pope Francis is urging diocesan administrators to begin preparations for the 2022 World Meeting of Families and this is exactly what the Diocese of Hamilton has begun to do! The Pope has asked that, “wherever it is possible, I would like to invite diocesan communities to plan initiatives based on the theme of the meeting, and to use the symbols being prepared by the Diocese of Rome.” More information will follow. For now, we encourage you to keep **Saturday, May 28th open**. As the Pope Francis reminds us, this is “a great opportunity for Catholics to renew their commitment to family ministry.”

Unpacking UNPLANNED: Bringing Hope and Healing

Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocesan Family Ministry Office are partnering to bring you an online information session regarding UNPLANNED, the story of Abby Johnson, the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic director in the U.S., and how she changed her mind on abortion. The Zoom event will combine video, questions and discussion. Join us on Oct. 27th from 7-8:30pm as Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (MRE), Director of Family Ministry, will share how individuals and groups can spread the pro-life message. The session is free, but donations will be accepted during registration. [Click here to register](#) or call Hamilton Right to Life at 905-528-3065

Parenting Tip of the Month:

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

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

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](#)

Video clip from Pope Francis

Jesus asks us all, and you as well, to be missionary disciples. Are you ready?

See the video clip from Pope Francis on our website homepage.

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 Food Day – October 16

A World Food Day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world, remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgment of the nations "... I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." (Mt 25.35)

Time Capsule 2070

If we were going to open a Time Capsule that our ancestors left for us 50 years ago, what would you like to find? What would be the spiritual legacy you hunger from the past? What would we do different for our descendants to inherit? Send your ideas to st.josephs.timecapsule@gmail.com.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses –

Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school?

If you are wondering how to support their ongoing formation in religious education, the Diocese of Hamilton offers Catechetical Correspondence Programs for every age and stage from Kindergarten through to High School including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. [Click here for more information](#) or contact Sybil at 905-528-7988 x2339 or email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

Online Learning for Adult Faith Formation –

The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. For more information check out the [Hamilton Diocese learns web page](#) or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at (905) 528-7988 x 2339 or catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Diocesan Episcopal Board will meet next week with the Diocesan Finance Committee in a strategic planning process for the future. The full-day meeting will be an opportunity to discuss fully insights and opportunities moving forward. We ask for prayers that we will be gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit!

October Month of the Rosary

Pray the Rosary with your family for the salvation of the world.