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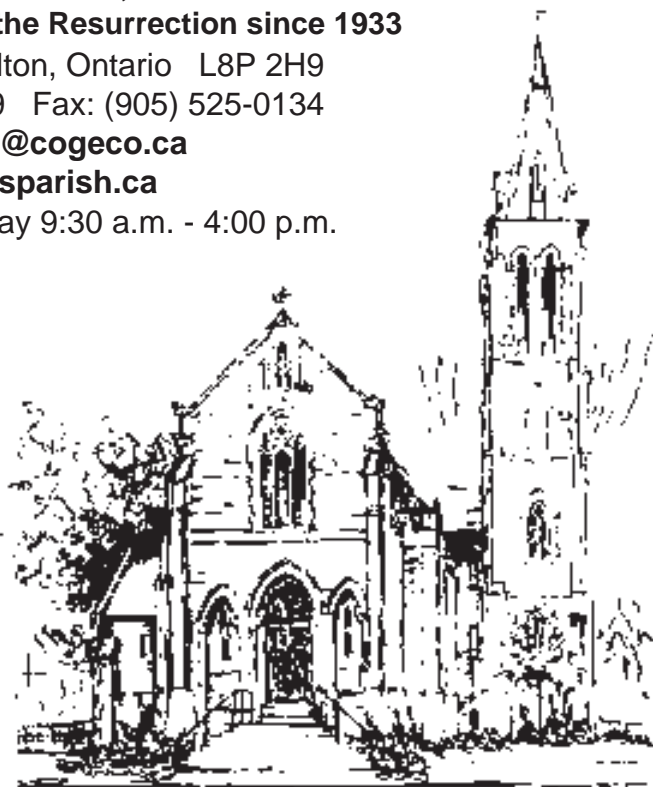
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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 8/9	February 12/13	March 5/6
April No Baptisms	May 14/15	June 11/12
August 13/14	September 17/18	October 22/23
November 12/13	December 10/11	

Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

Pastoral Council

Chairperson	Rochelle Martin	905-522-4355
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Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or call:

Father Bob Liddy, C.R.
519-885-0331 ext 312
Sister Mary McIntyre, C.S.J.
905-528-0138

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for FEBRUARY 19 / 20

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Joyce Taylor Rose O'Connor Lynda Narducci	Amy Maggio Larry Bomford Anne Boyle	Annette Mihic Cindy Heuck Bill DiFrancesco
Eucharistic Ministers	Chris Jewell Dean Lossing Maureen Harper	Sandra Mlekuz Joanne Matsos Ene and Paul Readyhough	Aniko Ivanyi Jacqueline Horn Helen Anderson Mike Scozzaro Bernice Clark
Servers	Bernadette Francisci Leo Francisci Dori Haines	Sylvia Kukucska Ben Kukucska Jessica Dekker	Michael Mattice Morghen Dick Claire DePaul

SOCIAL JUSTICE: When Port-au-Prince was struck by a massive earthquake a year ago, images of crumbled buildings filled television screens and newspapers. At the same time, however, hidden away in the mountains of Haiti an untold story was unfolding. An estimated 700,000 people fled the capital to take refuge with friends and family in rural parts of the country, where most people live off of subsistence farming.

It didn't take long for these households to go through their food reserves, including seeds set aside for the next crops. This loss of crops has heightened food insecurity and left many families susceptible. The tragedy is that at one time Haiti produced enough food to feed itself, but with policies that lowered tariffs, cheap imported produce pushed peasant farmers further into poverty and drove people into the city. This is why **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** has made food security, with the aim towards food sovereignty, one of its top priorities in Haiti.

D & P has committed over \$5 million to support several peasant and agricultural organizations to generate enough healthy organically-grown local food to feed the country and for export. This will also provide income for peasants to improve their living conditions and send their children to school. It could also give the opportunity to those who have left overcrowded Port-au-Prince to restart their lives on the land they once knew.

Please join us for our annual Ash Wednesday Soup and Solidarity event in the parish hall on March 9th, 5-7 PM.

St. Joseph School offers a French Immersion Program beginning in Kindergarten to Grade 8.

If you wish to consider a French Immersion experience for your child, please contact St. Joseph School at 905-529-1002. Transportation by bus is provided to St. Joseph School from your home school. St. Joseph School is located at 270 Locke St. S. Registrations are by appointment only on Wednesday, February 23rd, Thursday, February 24th and Friday, February 25th from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary in 2011? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 2 p.m. Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more are allowed 1 guest. Please refer to the poster at the Herkimer St. entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration. Registration forms must be in by March 26.

PRAYING WITH NEW WORDS

A Workshop for liturgy committee members, musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers servers and all interested parishioners. Workshops are being offered in each Deanery of the Hamilton Diocese. **Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in this workshop.** Each workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

Area workshops are offered on:

***Saturday, March 5, St Dominic Parish, Oakville**

Register by – March 1

These are other dates and locations for out of town workshops:

Please register at the parish office.

Saturday, February 26 Church of Our Lady, Guelph

Register by – February 15

Saturday, February 26 St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener

Register by – February 22

FAST, FREE & CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE

Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) will be completing 2010 Income Tax Returns during March & April, 2011 for low income Canadians, whose 2010 annual income was less than \$25,000 for singles, and around \$35,000 for families. This FREE income tax service runs from March 3rd until April 19, 2011. Tax Clinics will be open every Monday morning, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon and every Thursday afternoon, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, (downstairs) 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. Your return will be EFILED to the CRA and your paperwork can normally be picked up a week later. This Tax clinic is staffed & co-ordinated by CVITP volunteers - not by St. Joseph Parish staff.

The 2010 Income tax receipts are now available for you to pick up at the back of the church.



The OFFERTORY Collection for
FEBRUARY 5 / 6 was \$6,350.20.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
NO MORNING MASS**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 Helen Sinclair Sister Michaela Sinclair

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 Antonio Santaguida
Rosario Agresta Caterina Agresta & Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 Brian Spence Rita Casuccio

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 Scott Emerson Porter Dianne Porter

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

5:00 For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:30	Charles Fudurich	Linda & Martin Pandzich
	George R Toth	Margaret Webster
11:30	Patrick O'Donnell	11:30 Choir
	Giuseppe Messina	The Messina Family

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Stuart and Vivian Walsh on the death of Stuart's sister Dorothy Bursey. May our prayers be a support to Stuart and his family and may the Lord grant eternal rest to Dorothy.

YOUTH MINISTRY This Sunday, the Youth Ministry is heading to the great outdoors **for skating**. We are going to meet at Pier 8 (47 Discovery Drive -Take James St north until it ends, then turn right onto Guise St and then left on Discovery) for 7:00 pm and finish with hot chocolate by 8:30. Helmets are mandatory and no hockey sticks are allowed. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the evening. As always, youth ages 10 - 17 are welcome to bring their friends.

2011 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are now stored in the parish office. If you have not picked up your 2011 Offertory envelopes please contact the parish office. Please do not use your 2010 envelopes as your number may have been reassigned.

PERSONS SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

LEARNING TO COPE (Level I) is a ten week support program starting Tuesday, March 1st (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm) for persons experiencing the trauma of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Office for Ministry, Family, & Religious Education (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. **Past participants are welcome to inquire about other Levels programs available.**

Desk Scribbles . . . 6th Sun Ord Time . . . Feb 13, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.

This is my second attempt to write this article on Wednesday. My laptop is not cooperating today but here goes. It has been nearly two and a half weeks now since my surgery and a week since I left the hospital and moved to my friend's the McConnell's house, here in Burlington. The surgery went well as expected and I am in less pain than I was after my July surgery because this time the new implant was cemented into the femur to stabilize the joint. The big difference is in my thigh muscles which have been compromised twice now in the last seven months. I am sore and for almost four days after the surgery I could only move my left leg a little bit by manually shifting it around. Finally, something reconnected and the feeling came back.

So what am I learning? First of all, thank you for your prayers, cards, expressed concerns and best wishes for me. I am convinced that it is your prayers that have protected me from hitting bottom several times when the frustration of being sick threatened to drag me down into depression. When we are used to going and coming as we wish most of the time, it definitely is not fun when the body does not cooperate. I find it ironic that the word 'patient' has multiple meanings. As a patient, I am struggling to be patient with the limitations on my energies and activities that this round of surgery has brought upon me. Although I am not in as much pain this time, I realize that my body is going to take a little longer to heal this time. It may also have something to do about getting older. In addition, I am wearing a portable pump for some very powerful antibiotics going into my PICC line every twelve hours. I will have this for the next five weeks accompanied by weekly blood test to monitor the effects on my body.

I miss being at St. Joseph's and must admit that I am a reluctant patient. This Sunday's first reading gave me some things to think about with its reminder that each and every day we have choices to make one way or the other. I promise to continue to make the best decisions I can and to do my best to return to you soon. In the meantime, you are in my thoughts and prayers and, in good hands, with Fr. Toby, Maria and the staff at St. Joseph's. Thank you for your continued prayers. God willing, I will heal well and quickly.

ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN A SENIORS' GROUP HERE AT ST JOSEPH'S? Our next meeting of this group will be on Thursday, **February 24** at 1 p.m. in the Parish hall to discuss the organization of a senior's group at St. Joseph's parish. Anyone interested in becoming involved in a senior's group is asked to attend, bring a friend and bring your ideas concerning the role of a senior's group in our parish. This meeting should last about an hour, and is open to anyone, especially those over 60 years of age.

The group could engage in many activities, including regular meetings, trips, guest speakers, workshops on pensions and other topics of interest to seniors. Some of these topics are: advocacy for pensions, elder care, local seniors' issues and the like, social justice, employment, referrals, development of a seniors' centre and liaison with other seniors' groups.

Please attend – the number of those attending will indicate whether to continue with the idea. Phone John Roberts at 905.869.4139 for additional information or with ideas.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED SERIOUSLY if you have a vocation to be a sister, brother, or priest? Are you looking for an opportunity to get away for quiet prayer and reflection to explore this more serious? Set aside a weekend for yourself and make a discernment retreat arranged specifically for this purpose. Which weekend? February 25-27, 2011. The retreat will take place at the Scarboro Mission Centre, 2685 Kingston Road in Toronto. The retreat is intended for persons 18 and older and is sponsored by the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association (TAVDA). For more information please contact the parish office.

RESOURCE MATERIAL AND TEACHING AIDS NEEDED We have received a request from parishioners who will be travelling to Belize in March to deliver school supplies. If anyone at St. Joseph's would like to donate supplies, it will be much appreciated and put to good use.

Resource books and teaching aids/charts are especially useful. The teachers in Belize would welcome input from our teachers for lessons and teaching strategies.

Please call Cindy at 905- 521-8882 or at cfm@inadvance.net.

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