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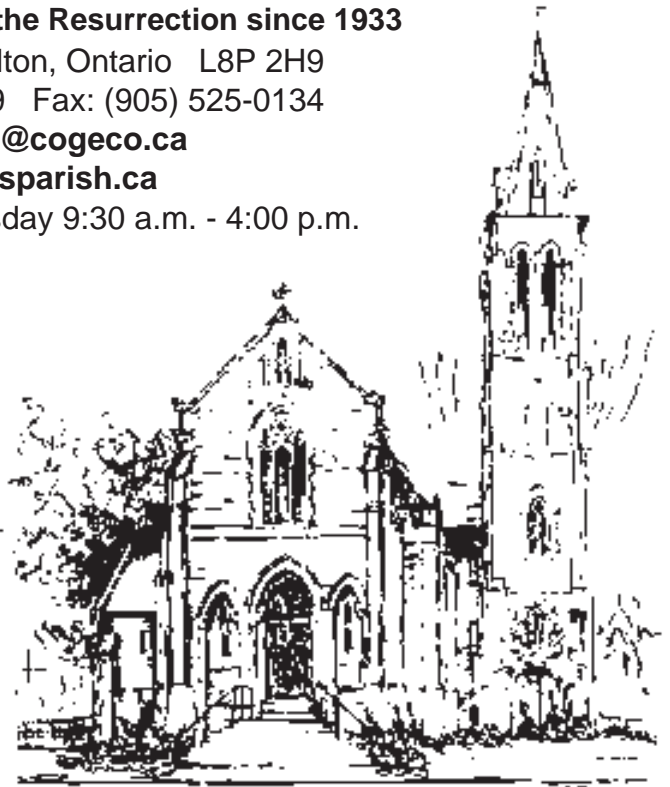
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Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Jan 9/10

May 22/23

Oct 23/24

Feb 13/14

June 26/27

Nov 13/14

No March Baptisms

Aug 14/15

Dec 11/12

April 17/18

Sept 18/19

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

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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
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905-528-0138

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

LAY MINISTERS for FEBRUARY 27 / 28

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Lorraine Lossing Linda Pandzich Grant Ranalli	Verdi Gough Deirdre Pike Kathleen Dekker	Bill DiFrancesco Gerry Shea Josie Shea
Eucharistic Ministers	Chris Jewell Patty Foley Elizabeth Harkin	David Shea Angela Cocca Joanne Matsos Rosemary Rhodes	Ilidia Botelho Aniko Ivanyi Kim Dorman Gail Reid Emily McDonald
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

GET YOUR TICKETS! Our annual **Roast Beef Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, March 14**. This is a long standing tradition to commemorate St Joseph's Feast Day which is on March 19. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. They will be sold at the church starting Saturday Feb 20.

Our next **CWL General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **February 23** at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Once again the ladies of the CWL will offer Lenten breakfast for the children who attend 8:00 a.m. Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent. Check the school schedule as breakfasts will not be served on PA days or during March break.

Thank you to the members of the CWL and the 'honourary members' who helped serve pancakes to students and staff of St Joseph school, all 527 of them, on Shrove Tuesday. Your dedication to the school community is second to none and the pancakes were delicious! God bless you all.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary in 2010? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 10 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Guelph or **April 18** 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 tower entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration. Registration forms must be in by March 26.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCERY 'His Excellency Bishop Tonnos has confirmed that the regular practice of worship with no restrictions be implemented. This means that we can resume shaking hands at the Sign of Peace and distribute Communion in accordance with parish norms.

We continue to support good health practices. Hand sanitizers should remain available at entry locations to parish facilities. In addition parishioners are encouraged to stay at home if they are sick.'

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

The third annual Pasta Dinner for Development and Peace will be held Friday, **February 26** at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre on Upper Ottawa St. Pasta, salads, bread, dessert and coffee are all included. Bishop Tonnos will be the guest speaker, and there will also be entertainment. Dinner starts at 6 pm. Tickets are available after Mass today, and by calling Rita Bailey 905-525-1198. \$15 for adults, \$10 for elementary school children.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

A reminder that St Joseph's Parish is holding an ongoing food drive. Non-perishable food items can be left in front of the Sacred Heart altar every Sunday. The Brothers of the Good Shepherd have graciously offered to pick up your donations and they join us in thanking you for helping to provide food for the hungry. The food items most desired by the Good Shepherd presently are: Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta, Juice, Canned Tuna and Salmon. Thank you for your generosity.

Room in your heart and home?

Make a difference in the life of a child. The Catholic Children's Aid Society will be hosting an information night on Thursday, **March 4th** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Agency, 735 King St. E. Call: 905-525-CARE (2273) to register, visit our website www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

INVITING ALL ST. MARY SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary of Catholic Education from May 27 to 30, 2010. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the events, please call 905 528-0214, ext. 507. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

FAST FREE & CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE

Volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be completing 2009 Income Tax Returns during March & April for low income Canadians, whose 2009 annual income was less than \$25,000 for singles, and around \$35,000 for families. This FREE income tax service runs from March 1st until April 19, 2010. Tax Clinics will be open every Monday morning, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and every Thursday afternoon, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, (Rm 3) 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. Your return will be EFILED to the CRA and your paperwork can be picked up a week later. For details contact volunteer Chris Dunn by phone at 905-525-8388 or by email at: cnjdunn@cogeco.ca

2010 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES If you have not picked up your 2010 Offertory envelopes or your 2009 income tax receipt yet, you will find them at the back of the church.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection
for **February 13 / 14** was **\$5,784.45**.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 Peder Larsen Pat & John McKenna

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 Glenda McDonald Michael & Kathleen Foley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8 a.m. Robert Souter Bernice Clark

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 Michael Sinclair Staff at St Joseph School

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 Christine Cully Kathleen McGarr

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 Giovanna Castiglione
Special Intentions Jim & Josephine Castiglione
The Consulta Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30 For all the People of St. Joseph's Parish
11:30 Intentions of Joyce Brown
St Joseph's 11:30 Choir
Diane Bonafiglia John Bonafiglia

Desk Scribbles . . . 1st Sunday Lent . . . February 21, 2010 . . .
Jim Link, C.R.
Deut. 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

At the RCIA session this past week I was reminded of an incident that happened to me many years ago at the university. My phone rang about 1:00 a.m. It was a group of students calling me from a house they were renting and wanting me to come over and bless their residence. One of the girls had come out of a downstairs shower and as she was looking at the fogged up mirror, she saw the words "GET OUT" written in the mist on the mirror. As she stood there, the round knob on the lower cabinet drawer started unscrewing itself.

Well, after hearing that, there was no way I was going over there. As it turns out, things like this had been happening to them for a long time in that house. This event was simply one of many. One of the students was given a bottle of holy water by her Irish grandmother. I told her to take the water and walk through the house sprinkling the holy water and calling on the name of Jesus to protect them and expel whatever spirits or evil forces may be bothering them.

The next day I did go over and celebrate Mass at their house and do a formal and solemn house blessing. They were not bothered again as far as I know. I tell that story because I think that the movies have sometimes misled us into thinking that somehow God and the devil are on a level playing field or on an even plain as if somehow in a pitched battle the outcome could go either way with God or the devil winning depending on the circumstances. The truth is, the devil can never win in the end; the victory has already been won for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, even if it looks like evil may be triumphing at any given time in our lives, or in the world at large, the outcome is already assured. God wins.

In Israel the desert was seen by the Jewish people as the abode of the devil. Here at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is driven by the Spirit to go into the desert to fight the devil. He needs to make sure that his trust is in God and in God alone and

that he is faithful to his mission of proclaiming the reign of God at hand. No short cuts or cheating would be allowed. Jesus would be called to be totally faithful to the human condition and not claim power for himself. God alone provides the bread we need. God alone provides the power that Jesus needs and it does not come from political power. And in the third temptation we come to understand that God's hand cannot be forced and it is wrong to test God as the Israelites did in their sojourn in the desert. Jesus, too, throughout his life and right up to his death, would be asked to place his total trust in God's care and providence. He invites us to do the same.

As we journey with Jesus into our own personal deserts during the season of Lent, we are asked to confront the demons in our own lives, the things, attitudes, positions, activities — whatever — that threaten to break our trust in God and tear us away from our reliance on God.

As we name and claim these movements within ourselves we will be challenged to take up prayer, sacrifices and activities that counteract them, that move us back toward God. These are the Lenten penances which we need to embrace during this holy season.

No doubt about it, there is opposition in the world to love, health, wholeness, and peace. Closing one's eyes and smiling does not make it go away. It is those who are called by God and committed to the way of God in the world who will have to struggle most with the forces of evil. But God does not leave us alone in this struggle; the Spirit is with us just as the Spirit was with Jesus. May the prayer, fasting and almsgiving we embrace this Lent, truly help us grow in holiness, goodness and love. And may our faith, trust, hope and reliance on God sustain us as it helped Jesus to boldly face the world around him and embrace it in God's love and mercy.

DID YOU KNOW... Though hardly a household name today, 500 years ago Josquin des Pres was the most famous composer in Europe. Biographical details are rather sketchy, but we do know that he was born about 1450 in what is today Belgium, or possibly in France. At least 374 compositions are believed to have been produced by him, although some were probably by other composers and had his name attached to them in order to increase sales. A large part of his output was music for the church, such as the short communion motet *Ave Verum Corpus* sung at the 11:30 Mass this weekend:

*Hail, true body of Christ, born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered on the cross for all people.*

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Roger and Pamela Guagliano on the death of Roger's father Alfonso and Grazia Criminisi and the death of her sister in law, Carmela. May God gently welcome Alfonso and Carmela home and may our prayers support Guagliano and Criminisi families at this time of grieving

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS Sunday night, the Youth Ministry is having a movie night. We are going to show "*Cloudy, with a Chance of Meatballs*". Please consider joining us and bringing a friend for an evening of fun and friendship.

LENTEN SCHEDULE If you missed the bulletin last week, copies of the Lenten schedule are available at the doors of the church.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Gabriel Morais Catarino, Fr. Juan Montoya, The Brothers of the Good Shepherd, (B.G.), Fr. Eugene Pietrasik, C.R., Fr. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R., and Fr. Wojciech Kuzma.

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