

# St. Joseph Parish



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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 12/13
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

Chairperson	Laura Rossiter	905-546-0781
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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

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 16 / 17

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Sharon Boase John O'Connor Denise Konig	Denise Campuzano Cameron Nolan Michael Coughlin	Mark Mindorff Jennifer Weir Ken Sherman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Robert McCollum	Lydia Jegeris Rosemary Rhodes	Rochelle Martin Emily McDonald Bernice Clark
<b>Servers</b>	Lilly Francisci Bernadette Francisci Lauren Barr	Natalie Zidanic Grace Zidanic Dori Haines	Kiera OSullivan Shea Morghen Dick Sidney Jessome

#### **A FAREWELL FOR FATHER SUDIE MACDONALD**

We are planning an official farewell for Fr Sudie on the weekend of **January 16 / 17**. Please let us know if you plan to bring baked goods for the reception and we hope you will join us.

#### **PASTA SUPPER**

**GET YOUR TICKETS!** Tickets for the Annual Pasta Supper, to be held on Sunday, **January 31**, 2010, are on sale now. Adults: \$12. Seniors: \$10. Children: 12 and under \$6. Join us for an evening of great food and fun.

#### **2010 KENYA MEDICAL MISSION CONCERT**

Canadian Nurses for Africa will present Voices of the Savannah and The Burlington Welsh Male Choir in a concert at St Joseph's on Saturday, **January 30** at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds donated to the Kenya medical mission. Tickets available at the door or contact Gail at 905.335.2157.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

January is our membership month; information can be found on our bulletin board at the tower entrance. You will also find membership envelopes in your Offertory envelope box, on our bulletin board and you can sign up to renew your membership annually on your direct debit form.

#### **WII-FIT FOR SENIORS**

KIRKENDALL NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION has just received a New Horizons Canada grant to begin a WII-FIT program for our seniors at the Ryerson Recreation Centre. This is an interactive video exercise program designed to help seniors of all levels to keep fit.

If you are a senior (over 55) who might be interested in working with us or if you have questions about the project, please contact Norm Newbery at 905.521.2240.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> SCOUTING GROUP**

The Beavers and Cubs meet in St. Joseph's School Gym on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Please come and try the program out for a few weeks and see if you would be interested in joining the group. Please contact Yvonne Oliver at 905.529.9667 or Pat Troughton at 905.396.0886.

#### **Prayer and Candle Light Vigil For Life**

Please join Hamilton Right to Life as we hold our third annual **Ecumenical Prayer Vigil and Candle Light Vigil**: Thursday, **January 28**, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Main Street West, across from McMaster University. The Prayer Vigil is followed by a 30 minute candlelight vigil in front of McMaster Hospital, starting at 8:00 p.m. This event will mark the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the day our Supreme Court left the unborn children in Canada with NO legal protection from being killed in abortion. At least 100,000 Canadian children are aborted every year! Pray at home, and join in public prayer at this event. For more information, call the HRTL office at 905-528-3065.

#### **Social Justice News:**

As we begin this new year, it is once again time to reflect about our lives - how to make a difference in our lives, in our community, in our world. This year, Development and Peace is examining Food Justice. By examining our own food habits we can make the world a better place. Here are some ideas:

\* Eat local. Look for and ask for local food at the market or the supermarket.

\* Support your local farmers. Buy directly from a farmer. For a list of local farms, see [www.environmenthamilton.org/view/page/eat\\_local](http://www.environmenthamilton.org/view/page/eat_local)

\* Plan a 100 mile meal. Find out where your food comes from, and plan a meal with seasonal, local food. For more information try <http://hamiltoneatlocal.blogspot.com/> By supporting local agriculture we will be eating fresher foods, making sure we have a secure food supply, and helping farmers lead a life with dignity. Think about it.



The **OFFERTORY** Collections

for the past few weeks were as follows:

**December 19 / 20 - \$6,440.13, Christmas - \$14,679.50,**

**December 26 / 27 / Year end - \$10,735.60,**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - \$1,598.**

**January 2 / 3 - \$6,410.84.**

**The Our Neighbours in Need Collection  
for January was \$2,002.00.**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00 Pierre Dubuc Linda & Martin Pandzich

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:00 Intentions of Lawrence Wasala The Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

8 a.m. John Casuccio Rita Casuccio & Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:00 Endre Gonczi Aniko Ivanyi

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:00 Bernard Warren The Domladovac Family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**

5:00 Julius Ivanyi The Ivanyi Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

9:30 Rosario Agresta Caterina Agresta & Family  
Intentions of Vivian Walsh  
Ilidia Botelho and Maria Ennett

11:30 For all the People of St. Joseph Parish

from the pool they were clothed with a white garment, the symbol of their new life and dignity now as a child of God and also of the promise of eternal life. Today this is the reason the casket of Christians is covered with a white pall at the funeral Mass, another reminder of our baptismal garment and its accompanying promises.

The newly baptized and clothed Christians were ushered into the main worship space and the bishop would confirm their baptism by pouring the oil of sacred chrism over their heads. Then they were given a candle whose flame was taken from the Paschal candle, a symbol of the light of Christ. They now were sharers in this light as children of God.

So much for the ceremony, the real challenge is what was to follow, that is, living out the challenge of being a Christian, in name and in fact, by loving God and our neighbor the way that Jesus showed us to do. Today, that continues to be the challenge for each of us who are baptized. We need to continue to practice being Christian so that we get better and better at it each day. Christians, one theologian said, are "made, not born." So the next time we make the sign of the cross, we have a lot to remember. Let us thank God for making us who we are and ask for the help we need to truly live as a child of God is called to live.

**DAY OF PRAYER** – Friday, **January 29** at Sisters of Social Service Residence, 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with opening prayer followed by a Spiritual talk. The day is enriched with Mass and quiet time. The day closes with prayer at 3 p.m. You are asked to bring a bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided by the Sisters. Space is limited. To register call Sr. Elaine Arsenault, SSS at 905.388. 3966.

**Desk Scribbles . . .** Baptism of the Lord . . . January 10, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In the *Didache* (also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," written around the year 100), there instructions concerning the rite of initiation into Christ: "Baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, in living water: But if you have not living water, baptize in other water. If you cannot baptize in cold, then in warm . . . pour water three times on the head." Nineteen hundred years later, this is still the way we initiate people into the Body of Christ.

Most of us know the date of our birth but few of us know the date of our baptism. Perhaps it was because we were baptized as babies but, truly, that cannot be the reason since we were babies when we were born and we remember that date! I think a better reason for our baptismal amnesia is that we don't celebrate it or tell the story year after year as we do for our birthday. And yet, every time we enter church and dip our hands in the holy water and make the sign of the cross on our bodies, we do so because we are remembering our baptism and the implications of it — whether, in reality, we are conscious of it or not.

In the early centuries, baptism occurred after a long and intensive period of preparation. The season of Lent was set up as the final period of retreat before receiving the sacraments. At the Easter vigil the candidates for baptism were welcomed at the doors of the church and, after prayers, the men and women were ushered separately into the area around the font which resembled a sunken tub or tomb. They removed their clothes (Women deacons baptized the women) and stomped on them, symbolically saying goodbye to their old life of sin. They entered the pool and were submerged three times and held under. Literally they were "dying" to self. The priest/deacon would ask them if they believed in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as they gasped for breath, the breath and new life of God bringing them out of death. Emerging

**Youth Ministry - Upcoming Events:**

(For all of our youth ages 10-17 and their friends)  
Youth Ministry wants to kick off the new year with some outdoor physical activity - soccer in the snow (hopefully the weather will cooperate) we'll meet at the church for 2:00 and proceed to the HAAA grounds for our game. Please dress for the weather (layers are best).

**Net Ministry Retreat: Sunday, January 24th** from 2:00 until 7:30. Dinner will be provided.

The theme for this retreat for the youth of our parish is geared for those from grades 6 through 12, The theme will challenge candidates for Confirmation to embrace their mission in the Church and become personal witnesses for Christ. The NET Ministry team use skits, music, games and group discussion to get the youth involved. The last retreat was extremely interactive and the attendees really enjoyed their day. The NET Ministry website is [www.netcanada.ca](http://www.netcanada.ca) The team coming to St. Joes is made up of young adults from across Canada and the USA who are dedicating a year of their lives to take the message of Christ to our youth.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION** Parents and students preparing for these sacraments are reminded that the first meeting took place on Monday, **December 7 and registration forms were due on the 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you missed this planning meeting where the preparation books for both sacraments were distributed, please contact the parish office. **Also, if your child attends public school and is not enrolled in a Religious study program, please contact the parish office. All children attending public school should be part of a home based study program from grades 1 through 8.**

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS** This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Michael McHugh, Fr. Kevin Cull, all Missionaries, Fr. Michael Isabelle, Fr. Janusz Roginski, SAC, and Fr. Andrew Lopatniuk.

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