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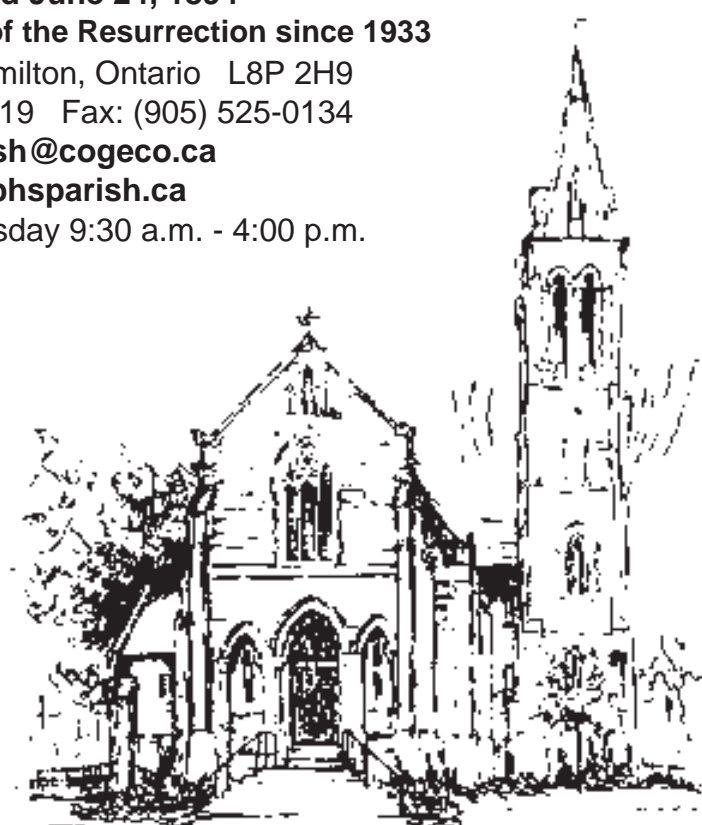
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WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE



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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 12/13	Feb 9/10	No Baptisms in March-Lent
Apr 13/14	May 11/12	Jun 8/9
Jul 13/14	Aug 17/18	Sep 14/15
Oct 19/20	Nov 9/10	Dec 7/8

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.

Parish Council

Lucy Agresta

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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 contact:

Father Toby Collins, C.R.

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EASTER SUNDAY

LAY MINISTERS for APRIL 6 / 7			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Carol Mullaly Julie Bellini Lilli Schikolenko	Janet O'Sullivan Anne Boyle Mary Tompkins	Adriana Rerecich Mark Mindorff Cindy Heuck
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YEAR OF FAITH BUTTONS

The Central place of the Cross in the design reminds us that the source of our joy is our encounter with Jesus Christ who gave us new life by his death on the Cross. It is also a reminder that all baptized have been claimed by his cross and share in the mystery of his death and resurrection. The baptismal roots of Christian faith are further signified by the water flowing from the shell and the blue background. The shell is often used in the celebration of Baptism and is also a symbol of pilgrimage. Our celebration of the year of Faith is but one privileged moment of grace as we, the People of God, make our pilgrimage to our heavenly homeland where we will see God face to face and enjoy the blessedness of eternal life.



This button, which reproduces our diocesan logo for the year of Faith, was designed by Amanda Teilinger, member of St. Patrick Parish in Burlington.

FAST, FREE & CONFIDENTIAL INCOME TAX SERVICE

April 4, (5-7pm) April 8, (10am-12) & April 11, (5-7pm) are the last dates that volunteers with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) will be completing 2012 Income Tax Returns for low income Canadians. Candidates whose 2012 annual income was approx. \$30,000 or less for singles, and approx. \$40,000 or less for families are eligible. This tax clinic's focus is the St. Joseph parish community and is staffed & co-ordinated by CVITP volunteers - *not by St. Joseph Parish staff*. Come to the meeting room below the church office 260 Herkimer Street, Hamilton. Your return will be prepared and EFILED to the CRA and your paperwork will be available for pick-up after e-filing.

ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS Each year, the Bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, **April 7 at 4:00 p.m.** All are invited to participate in this special liturgy

Divine Mercy Apostolate of Canada will celebrate The Feast of Mercy at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on **April 7**, at 2:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:00 p.m. Caplet and Rosary at 4:00 p.m. followed by Holy Mass.

Social Justice Committee

Happy Easter to all from the Social Justice Committee. While Lent is over, there's still time to make a contribution to this year's Share Lent collection: last year we set a record of \$11, 728, but records are made to be broken. . . .

The first session of the Damned Nations book study group will take place this Tuesday, **April 2**, at 7pm in Rm 3 of the Rectory. This introductory meeting will show how the Social Teachings of the Church relate to the concerns raised by Samantha Nutt's book. We are very encouraged by the number of books sold in the past few weeks and the number of parishioners who have signed up for the series: walk-in people are always welcome.

Donate a Crucifix for Prayer

The Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph's Parish ask you to donate any **extra and unused crucifix** that you might have at home. The CWL membership have been approached by Visitors to the Sick, who realized that some patients or clients did not have a crucifix that could help inspire their personal prayer or meditation time. Please donate any suitable 'wall' crucifix and place it in the box at the Locke St. or Herkimer St. entrance

Mark Your Calendars: Trivia Night - Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. Sharp! Bring your friends for a night of fun, food and prizes. Cash Bar. Tickets \$15. Everyone welcome.

The Annual Parish Golf Tournament is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, **June 2**. Details will be made available soon. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Next weekend we will have beautiful art presented by Holy Land Wood Art. The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem - the Birth Place of Jesus - is selling their hand crated olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the church of the Nativity. We encourage all of our parishioners to support Holy Land Wood Art in their efforts to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



The **OFFERTORY** Collection for
MARCH 23/24 was \$6,268.59.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH		
MONDAY, APRIL 1		
NO MORNING MASS		
TUESDAY, APRIL 2		
8:00	Norma Seguin	Jerry Marien
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3		
8:00	Stase Gimzauskas	Audra Gimzauskas
	Special Intentions of Ildia Botelho	
THURSDAY, APRIL 4		
8:00	Intentions of Bonnie Rutherford	
	Sharri Kimberley	Kathleen McGarr Helen Callender
FRIDAY, APRIL 5		
8:00	Jose Cabral	The Cabral Family
	Ed O'Hara	Pat O'Hara & Family
	Gyula Ivanyi	The Ivanyi Family
7 p.m. La Santa Messa in onore del Sacro Cuore di Gesù		
SATURDAY, APRIL 6		
5:00	Intentions of Maria Arsenault	Susan Harper
	Jerry Mancini	Marie Mancini & Family
	Sebastiana Bontempo	The Bontempo Family
SUNDAY, APRIL 7		
9:30	For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish	
11:30	Fran Lillis	The Lillis Family
	Berta & Fork Lepore	Assunta Iannone

**Desk Scribbles . . . Easter . . . March 31, 2013 . . . Jim Link, CR
Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-18**

The great Dutch theologian Edward Schillebeeckx remarked that nobody actually saw Jesus rising from the dead; nobody was there but something happened. How else, he reflected, can you explain the fact that the disciples were locked away in fear one day, hiding out and the next day they were out on the street preaching the resurrection of Jesus and unafraid to die.

When we think of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead it is hard to get away from the image of the lifeless corpse of the crucified Jesus somehow just waking up or coming to life from under the white shroud in which he was wrapped. But the body of the resurrected Jesus was not the same body that went into the tomb; if it were the same body, then why didn't Mary Magdalene recognize him in the garden just three days after his death. No, the resurrected body of Jesus was indeed a real body but different. No longer bound by time or space; it was transformed, transfigured, changed. Like the Big Bang at the beginning of creation, the resurrection of Jesus exploded in the center of creation giving meaning to everything to follow. And more than the scientific and mechanical understanding of what actually happened in the resurrection, what concerns you and me is what followed this pivotal event.

Many years ago I was at one on my religious communities Easter dinners. That year it was being held at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo. After we had Mass together we went down to the church hall to have dinner. It was a buffet that night and I sat down as the older members of the community got up to load their plates. We are a small religious community and, for the most part, we all know each other and our backgrounds. As each member stood in line, their life stories and my experience of living

and working with them in community came to mind. It was a motley assortment of bright, gifted, talented men who had served as university professors, high school teachers, pastors, administrators, cooks, maintenance, custodians, grounds keepers, missionaries and other assorted ministries. But among the "wheat" of their lives were also sown "weeds." Woven in the life tapestries of these men were struggles with alcoholism, depression, anger mismanagement, low self-esteem and other dark threads of mental, emotional, and psychological dysfunction. The strange thing for me is that I had a powerful feeling of being at home with these men because my life too is an intermingling of wheat and weeds. The incredible part of this whole experience of truth and reality is that we can face it because of the resurrection of Jesus. "The great gift of Easter is hope," said Cardinal Basil Hume.

It is this hope that helps us to stand directly in front of the stone rolled across the tombs of our lives and still believe in life and not give into death. We hold onto hope believing that the signs of death --- in whatever form they appear --- will not overcome the life that has been won for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Darkness will never overpower the light emerging from the tomb.

As St. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." (3:10-11) We need to let the power of that explosive resurrection permeate our minds, hearts, spirits and bodies. We need to chant again and again the Alleluia that gives us hope in the face of trial and adversity. And we need to share that hope with others. There is a saying attributed to St. Francis: "Preach the gospel always; if necessary, use words." The men of my own community passed that hope and belief in resurrection onto me. May we all share it with each other. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Happy Easter!

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Mary Lanza and her family on the death of Jim Lanza and to Angela and Don Richardson on the death of Angela's brother Michael Izzotti. May our prayers be a support to these families and may the Lord grant Jim and Michael eternal rest.

A reminder that the Good Shepherd Food Drive is on throughout the Easter season. You can leave your non-perishable food donations at the side altar steps. Let's all help keep the shelves stocked this Easter season.

*Peace and blessings this Easter, from the pastoral team,
Fr. Jim, Fr. Michal, Maria, Lynda,
Stillman and Les*



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