

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 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 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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LAY MINISTERS for MAY 22 / 23

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Jill Lyons Julie Bellini Linda Pandzich	Deirdre Pike Michael Coughlin Cameron Nolan	Lynne Taffs Jennifer Weir Gerry Shea
Eucharistic Ministers	Chris Jewell Dean Lossing Maureen Harper	Sandy Mlekuz Joanne Matsos Ene & Paul Readyhough	Aniko Ivanyi Bernice Clark Jacqueline Horn Diane Shea Helen Anderson
Servers	Lilly Francisci Bernadette Francisci Paul Agresta	Mikayla McCollum Kiera OSullivan Shea Izsak Illes	Andrew Linger Catherine Linger Michael Mattice

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The date for the Annual General Meeting has been set for Tuesday, **June 1** at 7:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Council elections will take place next week. Please take a moment to choose three people who will represent you on council.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Ladies mark your calendars and plan to attend the next general meeting on **May 25** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting will open with the Crowning of Mary and a social will follow the meeting. This is the last meeting until September so we hope to see you there.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is time to start thinking about enjoying some social time with some of your fellow parishioners. We have booked Knollwood Golf Course for Sunday, **June 13th** for our annual golf tournament. The costs for this year's tournament are about the same as last year: \$80 for 18 holes of golf, including a cart and dinner (Italian buffet). Golf only is \$50 and dinner only is \$30. Please consider joining us for a day of fun and friendship. We play a scramble format, where each team chooses which shot to play. Enter your own foursome or allow us to mix and match players. Register at the back of the church after each Mass.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Our next Social Justice Committee meeting is Thursday, **May 27**, at 7 p.m. in rm. 3 of the Rectory.

Development and Peace was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples). Development is the new word for Peace. Peace is not only the absence of war. Peace must be built daily and move towards a more perfect justice among human beings.

The focus of Development and Peace has shifted from a "project based" organization to a "program based" organization. The funds that Development and Peace sends abroad support grassroots organizations run by people who know firsthand the issues facing their brothers and sisters in their respective communities. Since 1967, Development and Peace has provided 441 million dollars to 15,000 projects worldwide.

The work of Development and Peace is overseen by a 22-member National Council comprised of volunteers and 2 representatives of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

THE 50TH ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate Mass on Saturday, **May 29** at 2:00 p.m. at Annunciation of Our Lord Church, 280 Limeridge Rd. W. If you wish to arrange for transportation please call 905.648.3290.

Adoption Builds Families

Have you ever considered adoption? Please join our adoption staff for our information night on Wednesday, **May 19** at 7 p.m. at the Society, 735 King St. E. Call: 905-525.2012 ext 3125 for further information.

LEVELS SPRING DANCE

Sponsored by the programs for separated and divorced persons

When? Sat. May 29th at 8:00 pm.

Where? St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton, Herkimer & Locke St. S.

Cost? \$13/person in advance; \$16/person at the door

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, please contact the Office for Ministry, Family and Religious Education (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249.

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. For more information check out the website at <http://stmary40thanniversary.webs.com/>



The Offertory Collection for MAY 8 / 9 was \$5,648.53.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

MONDAY, MAY 17

8:00 Intentions of Joyce Brown Polly & Ray Plant
 Intentions of the benefactors of the Congregation of
 Resurrectionists

TUESDAY, MAY 18

8:00 Scott Emerson Porter
 Dianne Porter

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 Ann Hanlon St Joseph's Parish C.W.L.
 Anne Patterson Margaret Droughan

THURSDAY, MAY 20

8:00 Peder Larsen The Lossing Family

FRIDAY, MAY 21

8:00 Margaret Malcolmson Loretta & Jerry Ward

SATURDAY, MAY 22

11:00 Wedding – Joan Paxton & Stephen O'Brien
 5:00 Francesca Bozzo The Family
 Pasquale DeSimone The Family

SUNDAY, MAY 23

9:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish
 11:30 Frank Lombardo Vicky & Mike Scozzaro
 Christian Mark Bealne
 Jim & Donna McGreal & Family

fact that Jesus has taken with him everything that is ours. We cannot explain this mystery theologically, Rahner admitted, but he defied those who would try to remove the mystery or explain it away. It simply was enough to hold on to the belief that by ascending to God, Jesus has taken us with him. By going away, he has come near and this is possible because the Holy Spirit is with us.

With the departure of Jesus, his work and mission were closed . . . but not ended. The work that still needs to be completed was passed on to us. A paraphrase of the opening words of Star Trek seems appropriate for this occasion:

"The World . . . The Final Frontier. These are the voyages of the Church. Its continuing mission: to explore strange new worlds; to seek out new life and civilizations; to boldly go where no one has gone before."

Several weeks ago I quoted, St. Teresa of Avila who wrote: "Christ has no body now on earth, but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes from which the compassion of Christ will look out upon the world; yours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good and yours are the hands with which Christ is to bless us now." This is both the power and privilege of the Church in carrying out the work of the ascended Christ.

To help us rise to the task of the bold challenge of this mission, Christ has sent the Spirit to help us. We are not alone. May we be full of joy as we celebrate the nearness of the risen and ascended Christ and may we, with willing hands and hearts, embrace the mission of being Christ's presence on earth.

Desk Scribbles . . . Ascension of the Lord . . . May 16, 2010 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Christ into heaven. The Ascension provides closure to the ministry of Jesus, enthrones him at the right hand of God, and proclaims Christ's lordship over the church and over all powers in the created order. And even though at first reading it appears like a divine *bon voyage*, the ascension sets the stage for the sending of the Spirit at Pentecost; and with the sending of the Spirit, Christ will be actually closer to us than if he had stayed on earth.

A close reading of the scripture stories describing the ascension of Christ will clearly reveal that we are not talking about the commemoration of an historical event that can be dated. The stories have Jesus ascending either on Easter Sunday or the day after or forty days afterward. The authors are not giving a news report on what happened but are trying to make a theological point about the implications of what this means for us. Listen to this clue from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day: "In the ascension of Christ your Son, our human nature is raised above the heavens, and where Christ the Head has gone before in glory we, his Body, are called in hope."

When I was young, I used to feel envious of the apostles and those who hung around Jesus when he was alive on earth. It must have been easy for them to believe, I reasoned, because they actually saw him. The truth is, with Christ's resurrection, ascension into heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit, I can know Christ in a deeper and more intimate way than was ever possible of the apostles. Christ can actually be in me and part of me and I can be part of him.

And Christ's going from us is a cause for great celebration because Jesus has not returned to God and to glory unaccompanied. The late and great theologian Karl Rahner (*The Great Church Year*, Crossroad Publication Co., New York, NY: 1994) insisted that our faith and consolation are centered on the

Did you know....? The poet and hymn writer Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus was born about the year 530 in northern Italy. While a student at Ravenna he lost most of his sight, but regained it when he had his eyes anointed with oil taken from a lamp that burned before the altar of St. Martin of Tours. This miraculous recovery induced him to make a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Martin at Tours, and he remained in Gaul the rest of his life. He was ordained late in life and went on to become Bishop of Poitiers shortly before his death in 609. Among his hymns still sung today is *Hail thee, festival day*, which we sing this weekend at the 5:00 and 11:30 Masses.

The text of the Palestrina motet sung at the beginning of Communion at 11:30 is as follows:

O blessed Jesus, have mercy on us, for you have created us and redeemed us by your most precious blood.

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Doreen Redmond and her family on the death of her daughter Sheila. May God grant Sheila eternal peace and may the Lord console Doreen and her family. May our prayers support them during this time of great loss.

YOUTH MINISTRY- CAR WASH- Saturday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. Come and join us for this fundraiser car wash / BBQ. **Rain date Sunday, June 27 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.**

This week is our last meeting until the fall. Come out to help us close off the year in style with crafts, games and lots of food. The Youth Ministry is open to youth from 10 to 17 years of age.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS This week we ask that you keep the following people and intentions in your prayers: Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, Fr. Cornelius O'Mahony, Our Parish Community, Fr. Daniel Cyr, Msgr. Vincent Kerr and Fr. Edward Hughes.

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