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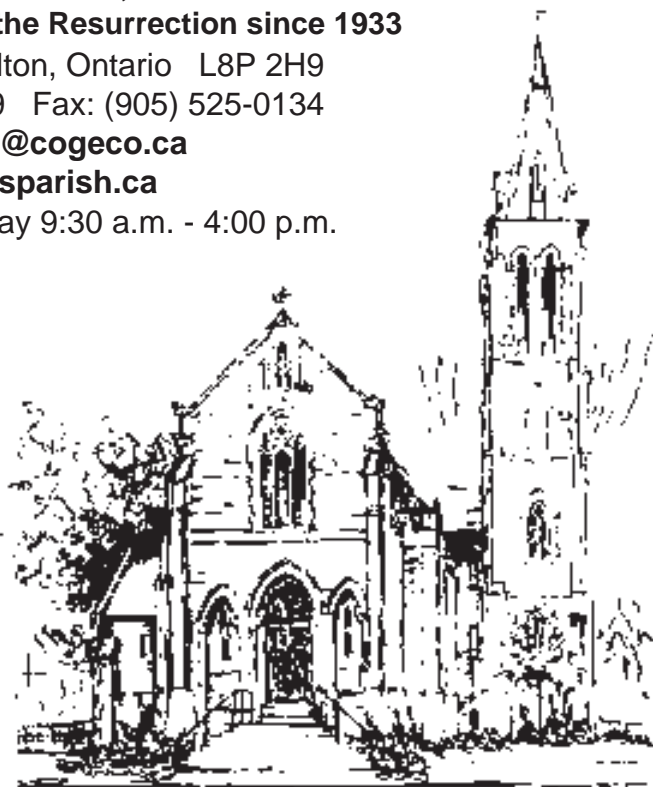
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Sunday Eucharist

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

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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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LAY MINISTERS for SEPTEMBER 17 / 18			
	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lectors	Carol Mullally Phyllis DeRosa Koetting Julie Bellini	Deirdre Pike Larry Bomford Christine Weir	Gerry Shea Ken Sherman Andrea Wade
Eucharistic Ministers	Sister Maureen Sweeney Jeannie Milani Margaret Moran	Therese Gervais Lynne Adams Roberta Weiss Maria Ennett	Jacqueline Horn Emily McDonald Aniko Ivanyi Bernice Clark Mike Scozzaro
Servers	Fischer Schikolenko Emily Kolesar Paul Agresta	Iszak Illes Kiera OSullivan Shea Mikayla McCollum	Andrew Linger Catherine Linger Larissa Reid

LOCKE ST. FESTIVAL was on Saturday, September 10. We thank all of the volunteers for their hard work, those who made donations, as well as those who attended this event.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT This year's tournament will be Sun, Sept. 18 at the Old Knollwood Golf Course. It will be a scramble format ("best ball") and is for fun and socializing with others from the parish. We will have a shotgun start at 2:00, but please be at the course for 1:15 for registration. Cost is \$65 for golf and dinner, \$45 for golf only and \$20 for dinner only. The dinner will be a catered buffet in the Parish hall, with a cash bar (wine & beer). We will take registrations after each Mass until September 11. Entry forms can be returned to the parish office or handed to a committee member after Mass. You can make up a foursome or let the committee place you in a foursome. For more information you can call Peter at 905-526-9395 or Bill at 905-627-8931

STEWARDSHIP FAIR – September 24/25 – after each of the Masses in the parish hall.

ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR! November 19/20. Yes we are preparing already – **start thinking about how you can help!**

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS Caritas Kenya will be providing food and water to families living in the most drought-affected parts of the country over the next six months. This far-reaching emergency relief program, which will help over 180,000 people, will cost a total of \$5.6 million. **Development and Peace** is contributing \$350,000 to this humanitarian assistance. This emergency operation will provide food and water in 14 dioceses until the beginning of 2012. It will also support families through the distribution of seeds and livestock, enabling farmers to regain their livelihood. The program will also help communities to rehabilitate and gain better access to local water sources. The Canadian Government has put in place a program to match donations for the Horn of Africa. For each dollar donated to Development and Peace **by September 16th**, the Canadian Government will place a matching dollar in its **East Africa Relief Fund** for the victims of this drought. Donations can be made by telephone (1-888-234-8533), on our website www.devpo.org or by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace and indicating Horn of Africa Drought to Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West. 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7

The **St. Joseph Parish Social Justice Committee:** next meeting Wed. Sept. 20 for anyone interested in this important outreach. Chairperson Jen Weir (289)389.8125.

FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND SEPARATE SCHOOLS - CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES Programs are available for children from Kindergarten through to

High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Carol in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and for registration forms.

CHOIR NEWS... All children in Grade 3 and up are welcome to be members of the **St. Joseph Children's Choir**. Practices take place on Wednesdays from 4 – 5:00 in the Parish Hall (doors open at 3:30), and the choir sings at the 5:00 Mass on Saturdays. This year, rehearsals will begin on Sept. 21.

Wanted: singers, dancers, yodelers, and performers of all kinds! On October 21, a talent show is being organized by the Parish Choir as a fundraiser for their upcoming trip to Ireland. It will take place in the Parish Hall. Please pick up an audition registration form from the music stands at the church doors, and return completed forms to Stillman Matheson or any member of the choir. Auditions will take place in September.

On Tuesday September 20, 2011 we at CCAS will be holding our **Peder Larsen** Care Beyond Belief Golf Tournament at Copetown Woods Golf & Country Club benefitting our children and families in care. If anyone is interested in golfing that day or putting in a foursome, contact 905.525.2012, ext. 3256.

Parish Weekly Offertory Pre-Authorized Payment Plan Enrolling is Easy! Payments are convenient. Enrolment forms are available at all of the doors of the church or from the Parish Office. For more information, please call the parish office.

Parents interested in participating in the Religious Homestudy program for the 2011-2012 school year are asked to contact this year's coordinator Mary Louise Pigott at mlpigott@cogeco.ca or 905-524-2423. If your children do not attend a separate school and you would like to pursue Catholic education for your children in small groups with other families in our community, please join us!

ALTAR SERVERS if you are interested in becoming an altar server, contact the parish office (Sept. start for training).



The OFFERTORY Collection for SEPTEMBER 3 / 4:
\$6142.32

LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH		
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12		
NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAYS		
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13		
8:00	Mary E Harper	Daniela & Renzo Conz
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14		
8:00	Ronald MacCharles	Eleanor Drew
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15		
8:00	Teresa Leahy	Mildred McDougall
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16		
8:00	Grazia Bruccoleri	The Family
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17		
5:00	Intentions of Molly Bronte-Tinkew	
	Anne Patterson	Beverly Bronte-Tinkew Margaret Webster
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18		
9:30	James Harris	St Joseph Parish Council
	Randolph Rhodes	rosemary Rhodes
11:30	For all the people of St. Joseph's Parish	

WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY to Bernice Clark, wife of Joe Clark, to Phyllis Dwyer, sister of Gordon McGowan, to Julius Paglia, brother of Mary Belissario and to Stuart Walsh, brother of Anna Carr.

Desk Scribbles . . . 24th Sun Ord Time . . . Sept 11, 2011 . . . Jim Link, C.R.
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Psalm 103; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

In some holy sense of irony on the tenth anniversary of 9/11, the readings from the book of Sirach and the gospel of Matthew talk about the need to forgive and let go of anger. To help move us in that direction Sirach states bluntly, "Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside." There was a Japanese Buddhist saying that said we should each wake up every day and imagine a Samurai standing over us with sword drawn ready to cut off our head. When I worked as a chaplain at St. Jerome's High School in Kitchener, we used to joke that the students thought they were immortal, invulnerable and infertile. The truth is, most of us never grow out of this stage and we always seem to be surprised by death when the truth is, death has always been hovering over our shoulder from the time we were born.

In our culture, we have a problem with death, probably because we have a problem with life. Only those who know how to live fully have less of a struggle with death because they know that all the suffering, hardships and the limitations of life are signs of death woven in the fabric of our daily existence. And if the thought of our mortality is not enough to help us forgive others, then the mere desire to not live with pain and to choose happiness should move us. Why would anyone want to let anger contaminate their heart and mind?

At a conference on forgiveness I attended once in Saskatoon, author and speaker, Brother Loughlan Sofield said, "Holding resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die; or again, holding resentment is like letting the people you don't like live rent free in your mind forever." Gandhi said, "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." And Lewis B. Smedes wrote, "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." After his long imprisonment in South Africa, in his presidential address, Nelson Mandela said, "If I did not forgive, I would still be in prison."

But why is it so difficult to forgive? One reason is that we have few models for forgiveness. But, as Christians, we have Jesus as our model. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Another reason is that we often have a difficult time forgiving ourselves for our own faults and failings. And also perhaps too we confuse forgiveness with reconciliation; they are not the same. We certainly need to forgive others but it may not be prudent to be reconciled to them, for example, in the case of an abusive relationship. Nor does forgiveness mitigate the demand for justice. I can forgive someone who committed a serious crime but they are still going to have to go to jail for what they did.

Recently CBC aired an interview with a woman from Rwanda whose entire family was killed in the tribal massacres that took place there in the 1980s. And she too was slashed in the belly and left for dead with a pile of other bodies. Eventually she escaped, recovered and years later returned to Rwanda. She found the man who had killed her family (he was in jail) and she forgave him. When she finally tracked him down and found him locked up, she said he looked burdened and sad and she felt sorry for him. All the horrible things that he had done had come to rest within him. Forgiving him helped her to move on to her new life and to break the chains of the past that were holding her back.

Unlike the Western mindset which often associates the heart with emotions and feelings, the people of the ancient Near East saw the heart as the seat of the intellect. To forgive someone is an act of the will, a deliberate decision to let go of the anger and hurt caused by an offense. If we simply based forgiveness on our feeling, we may never get around to it and it may not last. And if we are waiting for someone to apologize, we have placed the locus and center of control outside ourselves. On the contrary, the control is always ours and we are the projectionists of our own minds. We control what and how we see the world and those around us.

God's grace helps us forgive. Our own forgiveness is conditional on our ability to release others. We pray in the *Our Father*, ". . . Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". May God help us forgive from the heart.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the parish on Tues. Sept. 27, 9 p.m, downstairs at the rectory. It is a process of welcoming adult newcomers into the Catholic Church and continues once a week until spring. If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please let them know. Register at St. Joseph's office at 905-528-0019 or stjosephsparish@cogeco.ca

YOUTH MINISTRY planning meeting – Mon. Sept. 26, 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Scott Whitfield will be on staff to facilitate a youth program this year. However, he needs input from a variety of parishioners (youth, parents, past volunteers, any parishioners with ideas, interest, or relevant experience) in order to move forward. Please join us on Monday Sept. 26, at 7pm in the parish hall with your ideas and input. Attendance at this meeting will not commit you to ongoing work with the youth ministry program but is a great opportunity to help our parish with the revisioning process. We need you there!

THANK YOU....we are grateful for our volunteers who help keep our church grounds looking their best throughout the year. At this time we would like say many thanks to Mark and Paul Agresta, Noah Illes and their friend Dan Sequeira who did a great job of repainting the lines in the church parking lot this summer. This was quite an undertaking. Thank you boys!

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER INTENTIONS Please pray for the following: Fr. Jackek Mikulski, SAC, Fr. Sang Seon Lee, All Catholic Teachers, Fr. Tom Moisan, Fr. Ronals Voisin, and Fr. Terence Sehl.

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