

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Feb 18, 2018 A.D.

1st Sunday in Lent



MASSSES THIS WEEK

Mon., Feb. 19	
8:00 am	† Vidal Rodrigues req. Family
Tues., Feb. 20	
7:00 pm	† Mengué Damarice req. Therese Eyono
Wed., Feb. 21	<i>St. Peter Damian</i>
8:00 am	Int. of Lucinda Rodrigues req. Lucinda Rodrigues
Thurs., Feb. 22	
8:00 am	† Souls in Purgatory req. Lucinda Rodrigues † Maurice Bierschbach req. Elaine Ditner
Fri., Feb. 23	<i>St. Polycarp</i>
8:00 am	† John Corelli req. Angelina Corelli Mass at Conestoga Lodge
10:30 am	
Sat., Feb. 24	
9:00 am	† Fortunata Marra req. Anna Giovinazzo Intention of Doug Hess req. Elenoare & Michael Olinski † Dec'd members of the Hundt & Shantz Families req. Annette Shantz † Ildebrando Silveira req. Maria Silveira
5:00 pm	
Sun., Feb. 25	
9:00 am	Intention of Parishioners
11:00 am	† Orlanda Amorim req. Husband & Children † Christian Teixeira † Maria Eduarda Texeira req. Family
1:30 pm	Eritrean Community Mass



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday after 7 pm Mass
in the Rectory Chapel

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Average weekly contribution needed to cover budgeted expenses:	\$	3500.00
Feb. 11, 2018 envelopes (102)	\$	2962.00
Feb. 11, 2018 loose change	\$	218.85
Building Fund	\$	966.90
Thank you for your generous support!		
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!		
Please Remember St. Joseph's in your Will and <u>when</u> recommending expressions of sympathy.		

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:

Mon., Feb. 19	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Tues., Feb. 20	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli
Wed., Feb. 21	Salesians of Don Bosco
Thurs., Feb. 22	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Fri., Feb. 23	Rev. David Avila
Sat., Feb. 24	Rev. Tim Hingston

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Feb. 19, 2018:
Main Church – Zennie Sunga
Chapel – Frieda S.
Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the intention and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Join us on Sat., March 17th from 7 pm to 11 pm in the Parish Hall for a St. Patrick's Day Dance, with music provided by DJ Danny Rocha. There will be a cash bar, a light "lunch", and lots of fun. All proceeds will go towards St. Joseph's Energy Conservation retrofit project – wear some green to support us going green! Tickets will be available after

all Masses from today to Sat., March 10th. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door; tickets are available only to those 19+.

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ Family Games Day Fundraiser – Mon., Feb. 19, noon – 6 pm
- ✓ Stations of the Cross – Fri., Feb. 23, 7 pm – Liturgical Committee
- ✓ Baptism of registered school-age Children - Sun., Feb. 25 following 11 am Mass
- ✓ First Holy Communion Retreat – Mar. 3 from 10 am - 12:30 pm
- ✓ Confirmation Retreat – Mar. 3 after 5 pm Mass
- ✓ Coffee Sunday – Sat., Mar. 4 after 9 and 11 am Masses
- ✓ First Reconciliation – Mar. 5, 7 pm
- ✓ Lenten Retreat sponsored by CWL, Sat., Mar. 10th from 1-5 pm, closing with Mass



SPRING VENDOR SALE

We are hoping to plan a sale for mid-April and need to know if there is an interest for such an event. Vendors would rent table space and we are hoping to have a variety of crafters, artists, home businesses, etc. If you are interested in being a vendor, please call Cathy at 519-578-0785 for details.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

St. Bernadette Catholic School Registration for children NEW to Junior Kindergarten or Kindergarten on Tues., Feb. 20th and Wed., Feb. 21st. Please call the school and speak to Ms. Hanley for more info / set up an appointment time to register 519-743-1541.

LENTEN RETREAT

Sat., Mar. 3rd from 10 am - 1 pm, St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener. Led by Fr. Toby Collins, CR.



POPE FRANCIS' REQUEST

He asked to join him in a special *Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace* for the worn-torn people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of South Sudan. "I invite all the faithful to take part in a special Day of Prayer and Fasting on Friday, February 23rd, the First Week of Lent." We at St. Joseph's will pray for these suffering countries next Sunday, Feb. 25th.

JOIN THE "CALL FOR CONSCIENCE" IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country or province in Canada does this. Ontario, however, refuses to protect doctors who object to assisted suicide/euthanasia. The Hamilton Diocese wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples available at the entrances of the Church) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place until March 31st.

GET INVOLVED!

VOCATIONS OFFICE: Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation as a priest, religious or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton; 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or www.hamiltonvocations.com. Please check the website for the new issue of the “Reflections”.



For this year’s Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine by the entrances of the church today.

MEN’S CONFERENCE: On Sat., Feb. 24th join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries’ 3rd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men’s Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is “Manly Virtue”. It is a one day intensive men’s retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. Info/tickets: 1-888-522-2070, info@ServiamMinistries.com or www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/

26th Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally: Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada. The theme of this year’s rally is “Fire on the Earth”. Sat., Mar. 3rd, 9 am – 5:30 pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets \$25/adults and \$15/youth: 416-251-4255, 905-270-2510 or www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca. There is a bus to the event. The bus leaves the parking lot of St. Mark’s Catholic Church, Kitchener at 6:50 am. Bus tickets are \$15/person (includes snacks and driver gratuity); please call Anna 519-577-8519.

MARRIAGE TIP – In February we celebrate love on Valentine’s Day, but love is an action word, needed every day of every month. Make a commitment to tell each other on the 14th of every month what it is you love about each other. An attitude of gratitude, recognizing the good in the other and making a point of telling each other why you are in love is a great way to put love into action and it helps you to never take your love for granted.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS – Mary Wagner a Pro-life activist is jailed again for her peaceful efforts to save women and unborn children from the violence of abortion. Letters to Mary Wagner can be sent to: Vanier Center for Women, 655 Martin Street, Milton ON L9T 5E6.

Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish is a faith-based community - founded on Baptism, nurtured by prayer and centred on the Eucharist - that welcomes and serves all with compassion, united under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, while sharing our talents and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.



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