

Pentecost Sunday May 27-28, 2023



Mass Intentions May 29 – June 4, 2023			Prayer Calendar
Mass Times	St. Anne	St. Joseph	Diocese of Hamilton
Monday 8:00 am	No Mass	† Deceased relatives of Renata - Renata	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday 7:00 pm	† Joseph Latin – Mario & Vicky Lorello	Int of Veronica & Dominic - Renata	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
Wednesday 8:00 am	Int of Mary Lou – family Int of Veronica & Dominic - Renata	No Mass	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 8:00 am	† Tom Ioannidis – Hayek family	Int of Manjush Mani & family – Johny Baby	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
Friday 8:00 am	† Manuel, Maria & Paulino Matias – Georgina	Int of John Andrade – J & S Andrade	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Saturday St. Anne 4:00 pm St. Joseph 5:00 pm	† Ray Koch – family Int of Nan Farwell – Michelle Krulicki Int of Barb M – friend † June & Ken Adams - family	 † Ildebrando Silveira – Maria Silveira † Souls in Purgatory – Julia Domingues † Carlos Codeço – Alda Pimenta Int of people with addiction & mental illness – Tony Finoro 	Rev. Fidelis Umukoro, O.P.
Sunday St. Anne 9:30 am St. Joseph 11:00 am	Thanksgiving – Hayek family	† Jose M. Arruda & Mario D'Bosa – A & A Arruda Int of Dillon Benoit & family – Tony Finoro	

ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH

Our weekend and weekday Masses are celebrated at the usual times (see above).

Church Offering Report: once a month. Offertory envelopes can be dropped off in the parish mailbox. Please call the office to pick up your Church envelopes.

Pre-Authorized Giving: next withdrawal – June 15th

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St. Anne: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 8:30–11:30am St. Joseph: Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 12:30-3:30pm

DIOCESAN VOCATION CORNER

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: wocations@hamiltongiocese.com
Website: hamiltongiocese.com/vocations/

This Week's Liturgical Readings

- May 28th Pentecost Sunday

 1) Acts 2:1-11
- 2) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
- 3) John 20:19-23

FOCUS: Easter isn't just about Jesus' resurrection from the dead, but our rising to new life.

The first Easter – that day in human history where Jesus Christ was raised from the dead – is not simply a historical fact, but a theological and spiritual reality in which we continue to live. We are immersed in the life that was created for us in his rising, and we celebrate that "little Easter" in every Sunday Eucharist. Through the grace received there and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are sent as workers in the kingdom, helping to renew the face of the earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we hear about the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first followers of Jesus who begin speaking in different tongues. Saint Paul says that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts and forms of service, but the same Spirit and Lord, who produces all of them in everyone. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, saying peace be with you and showing them his hands and his side.

WELCOME FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS!

We are thrilled to welcome First Communicants and their families during our Masses this weekend and the next. Join us in praying for and supporting the children as they come to the table of the Lord for the first time! It is a joy to return to celebrating with these young families during our regular Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

We look forward to welcoming staff and students at St Anne School to the return of our annual "Family Mass." On **Sunday**, **May**



28 at 9:30 Mass, we will share the celebration of Pentecost with our extended parish-school family. Come, Holy Spirit!

ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH: K of C - ROSES FOR LIFE



THIS WEEKEND: The Kitchener Knights of Columbus will distribute roses after parish Masses, which attach to the land of jackets or

which attach to the lapel of jackets or coats. These are designed to increase



awareness of Pro-Life issues. When you receive your rose, your free will offering will help the Knights support Pro-Life issues in our

community. It's a practical way to raise funds and provide financial support for organizations for their work in this campaign. Knights will be offering the roses after Masses on the weekend of **May 27 and May 28**.

ST. JOSEPH - COFFEE SUNDAY

St. Joseph Church welcomes everyone for Coffee Sunday on **June 4** in the Church hall after Mass.

ST. ANNE - PARISH PICNIC JUNE 4, 2023!

Reminder: Please sign up for the BBQ which will be on **Sunday**, **June 4**. All you need to bring is a lawn chair. Signup sheets are at church entrances (right behind last pew at the front entrance and on the table at the Pandora entrance). We start serving burgers at noon. See you there.

ST. ANNE & ST. JOSEPH: BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



St. Anne and St. Joseph Parishes are proud to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. This fundraiser will run until June 18 (Father's Day). You can provide your support for the campaign by taking a baby bottle and filling it

with your change, making a donation in the box at the back of the church, donating online, or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place (109 Young Street Kitchener, Ontario N2H 4Z2). Thank you for your support.

ST. ANNE AND ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group for grades 6-8 continues to meet on the second Friday of each month at St Joseph, & the fourth Friday at St Anne. Our group for Highschool meets the first Friday of each month at St. Joseph, & the third Friday at St. Anne. Join us from 7-8:30 for games, prayer, fellowship and more.

ST. ANNE AND ST. JOSEPH - VBS 3...2...1... BLAST OFF!

Registration is now open for our annual Vacation Bible School. Stellar VBS is a week-long half-day summer camp for children finishing JK through grade 5. Camp will run at St Anne Parish for children and



volunteers from both St Anne and St Joseph 9:00 am to 12:30 pm the week of **August 21 to 25**. Online registration for camp and more information is available at https://bit.ly/stellar2023. We need teen and adult volunteers to help with preparation of materials, for our setup week July 17-21, and for the week of camp. Please contact Mary Forcier if you can help!

KW RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

<u>Prayer Vigil</u>: Thursday, June 1, 10:00 - 11:00 am. Opposite Freeport Hospital, (3570 King St. E., Kitchener), for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE: AUG 5 – AUG 12

20th Anniversary: Walking from Guelph to Midland. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days & acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days! Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE: registration deadline June 20, 2023.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH – SAVE THE DATE

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families, and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on **Sunday**, **July 16**. More info will follow.

BLESSED SACRAMENT - PILGRIM STATUE TOUR

Our Lady of the Cape Pilgrim Statue will visit Blessed Sacrament Parish (305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener), on **Tuesday, May 30** at 6:30 pm. The Pilgrim Statue Tour is sponsored by the National Shrine and is accompanied by Fr. Wedner Bérard. The Marian celebration includes:



- Rosary
- Mass including the history of Our Lady of the Cape
- Candlelight Procession, and
- Veneration

There will be a petition box, all intentions will be taken to the Nation Shrine and at the conclusion of the tour, Father Wedner will celebrate a Mass for them. A donation box and products from the Shrine will be available for sale as well.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit Our National Madonna, venerate Her Pilgrim Statue, and be blessed!

ST. AGNES (WATERLOO) - EDUCATION CAFE

Sometimes we stubbornly cling to a list of hurts, struggling to forgive. Sadly, relationships suffer & precious life moments pass by when hardness of heart prevails. Yet, we are always called to forgive, and in turn, Christ offers us His mercy & compassion, helping us to overcome anger & bitterness. On **Sunday, June 4** from 2-3:30pm, join us as Fr. Luke Kopaniak, speaks on "Freedom Through Forgiveness: The Road to Peace", at the next St. Agnes Education Cafe. For details events section at: www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

ST. LOUIS - FUNDRAISER DINNER AND DANCE



"Save a Life" Fundraiser Dinner and Dance, is presented by the Waterloo Knights of Columbus and St. Louis Catholic Church. There are two events being held to help raise money to purchase

AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) for St. Louis Church.

- Friday, June 9. Fish Fry dinner at 6pm with live music and dancing to follow with the Band, "Leap of Faith". (7-10 pm).
- Saturday, June 10. BBQ Beef dinner at 6pm with live music and dancing to follow with the band: "Derek Hines & the KW Big Band Theory" (8pm-midnight).

Check the bulletin board at the back of the Church for more details. Tickets must be purchased in advance!

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH - MARYHILL: INVITATION

You are invited to St. Boniface Church in Maryhill for their traditional, annual CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION to the two outdoor altar house on **Sunday**, **June 11** following the 11:00 am Mass. There will be a Festival Picnic on the old school grounds after the procession. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic lunch – BBQ hamburgers will be available to purchase. There will be live music, fun games for children, bake sale, horseshoes and more, including a raffle draw for a large prize. Everyone is welcome!

KIWANIS CONCERT



The Kitchener Waterloo Community Orchestra invites you to a special musical event on **Saturday**, **June 3**, 7:30 pm, at Knox Presbyterian Church (50 Erb St. W, Waterloo), featuring the Kiwanis Festival

Piano Concerto Winners. Angela Liang is performing Mozart's Concerto in A #23 1st movement; Anthony Vu is performing Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 1 Op. 1 1st Movement; and Jonathan Zhao is performing Mozart's Concerto in D Minor #20 1st Movement. The orchestra will also be playing the third movements of Brahm's Symphonies.

For more information, please visit www.KWCO.org, email kwcommunityorchestra@gmail.com, or call 519-744-2666.

MINI EMMAUS: LOCAL YOUTH DAY!

Calling all Altar Servers, Youth Groups, and Young People from grade 2 to 12! Join us on **Saturday, June 17** from 12:00 -4:00 pm on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for the



first ever "Mini Emmaus" - a Waterloo Deanery-wide afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Please contact your parish office to register by May 31, and we hope to see you at this great event!

JUNE IS INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH



We invite you to take time in this season to learn more about the Catholic Church's commitment to ongoing reconciliation efforts with

Indigenous communities through a four-week learning opportunity through the VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation). To learn more about this study, please visit us at: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.





Let us return with Joy!

May 24, 2023

Dear Friends:

For the past three years, the world has been shaken by the Covid-19 virus, and our lives have been changed as we sought to observe the many protocols which were established for our health and safety. These included frequent periods when we were unable to come together to celebrate our faith and be nourished by the Sacraments. On several occasions our churches were closed, and we were unable to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, which is so fundamental to our Catholic way of life.

Since we foresaw occasions when we would be prevented from participating in Sunday Mass, and we were fearful of gathering as long as Covid-19 and its variants were spreading and threatening the health of so many people, on March 16, 2020, I dispensed the faithful of our Diocese from the obligation to participate in the Sunday Eucharist.

During the pandemic, several Parishes in our Diocese provided livestreaming, so that even though parishioners could not be physically present and participate fully in the Sunday Mass, they were able to at least hear the Word of God proclaimed and witness the celebration of Mass broadcast from their Parish. I am grateful for all the ways that our Priests sought to provide spiritual support to their parishioners during those difficult years!

In recent months, we have been able to resume most of our former activities. It has been a great joy to gather again with our families and friends, and especially with our Parish communities. At the beginning of this month, the World Health Organization declared that the Covid-19 virus is an on-going health issue; however, it no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. Furthermore, all Covid-related restrictions have been removed in our Province. For this reason, I am removing the dispensation from the obligation to participate at Sunday Mass, effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), June 11, 2023.

I understand that some members of the faithful, for reasons of health, may not feel able to return to Mass. However, it has always been the teaching of the Church, that those who are impeded from participating at Sunday Mass because of ill health, or care for the sick, or some other grave reason, are not bound by the obligation to participate in the Sunday Eucharist.

Those who are now able to resume their regular activities and enjoy good health are obliged to participate at Sunday Mass. "Virtual Masses" online and on television, while spiritually helpful, do not fulfill the Sunday obligation for those who are able to attend Mass in person.

Today, on this Solemnity of Pentecost, we mark the conclusion of the Easter Season and celebrate the birthday of the Church. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have come together on Sunday, the Lord's Day, to celebrate the Eucharist. And so, I take this opportunity to invite all the faithful of our Diocese, if they have not already done so, to return with joy to the Sunday Mass.

May our faithful celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and our reception of the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion never cease to nourish our faith and strengthen us to be missionary disciples.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

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(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

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