

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
 Sept. 24, 2017 A.D.
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Sept. 25** 8:00 am *Sts. Cosmas and Damian*
 Sick & shut-ins of
 St. Clements CWL
- Tues., Sept. 26** 7:00 pm *St. John de Brebeuf
 & Companions*
 Priest's Intention
- Wed., Sept. 27** 8:00 am *St. Vincent de Paul*
 † Stefano Pulci
 req. Nina De Francesco
- Thurs., Sept. 28** 8:00 am *St. Wenceslaus*
 † Luise Mattes
 req. Erika & Gerhard Kompter
- Fri., Sept. 29** 8:00 am *St. Michael, Gabriel
 and Raphael*
 † Maria Jose Ledo
 req. Eugenio Ledo
- Sat., Sept. 30** 9:00 am *St. Jerome*
 Int. of Daniel Wright
 req. Roberta Wright
- 5:00 pm † Iria S. Vargas
 req. Margarida Soares
 † Vidal Rodrigues
 req. Rocha Family
 † Cleo Wagner
 req. Bernadette & Family
- Sun., Oct. 1** 9:00 am *St. Therese of the
 Child Jesus*
 Intention of Parishioners
 11:00 am † Lino Soares
 req. Margarida Soares
 † Bob Issler
 req. Therese Eyono
 † Dec'd members of the
 Eckert Family
 req. Eckert 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
Sept. 17, 2017 envelopes (98)	\$	2843.50
Sept. 17, 2017 loose change	\$	403.85

Thank you for your generous support!
Parish Bequests: Keep your love for your parish alive!
Please Remember St. Joseph's in your Will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for:

- Mon., Sept. 25 Rev. Gerald Mulhall
 Tues., Sept. 26 Most Rev. Douglas Crosby
 Wed., Sept. 27 Sisters of St. Joseph (C.S.J.)
 Thurs., Sept. 28 Rev. James McSharry
 Fri., Sept. 29 Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
 Sat., Sept. 30 Rev. Daniel Dsyauswa, S.J.

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Sept. 25th:
 Main Church – Marko Stefanac
 Chapel – Marko Stefanac
 You can request your intentions for the Sanctuary Candles. The offering is \$10 each.

PARISH EVENTS

- Mon., Sept. 25th – PPC meeting, 7 pm
 Tues., Sept. 26th – Liturgical Committee meeting
 Thurs., Sept. 28th – SSVF particular council
 Sun., Oct. 1st – Coffee Sunday

FALL HARVEST PEACH TEA

St. Joseph's C.W.L. invites everybody to our Fall Harvest Peach Tea fundraiser on Sat., Oct. 14th from 1-3 pm in the church hall. We will be serving a homemade "fall peach delight dessert", accompanied by a beverage. Save your spare change, as there will be a Penny table, large item raffles, baked goods and fancy cake table, and

much more. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated, and will be accepted at the door. If you are able to provide us with raffle prizes, and/or baking for the baked goods and fancy cake tables, please contact Marie Simpson, President at mehocaliuk@gmail.com or call the office at 519-745-9302 for more info. Come enjoy some time with us and help support the good works of St. Joseph's C.W.L.

MAINTENANCE PERSON NEEDED

St. Joseph's Church is looking for a part-time Maintenance Person for winter (snow clearing and small repairs). Please contact Fr. Brian this weekend Sept. 23/24.

DIOCESAN FORMATION DAYS

- Ministers of Communion (both ministers at Mass and ministers to the sick) Sat., Oct. 14th, 9:30 am – 12 noon, St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener
- Ministers of the Word (Lectors) Sat., Oct. 14th, 1:30 pm – 4 pm, St. Anthony Daniel Parish Sessions are mandatory for those who are new to this ministry. They would be also useful as a refresher course for those already involved in the liturgy. You may register till Oct. 6th through the parish office 519-745-9302 or directly with the diocese through online registration.

LOYALTY FUNDING PROGRAM

Thank you to all who signed up for the Loyalty Funding Program. Interested? 519-669-1081 or www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Registration: Sun., Oct. 1st after the 9 and 11 am Masses, bring a copy of the baptismal certificate.

RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or in exploring the possibility of becoming a member

of the Catholic Church, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Program is for you. Sessions begin in October, providing an informal, non-threatening approach to understanding and deepening the Christian way of life. Please contact the parish office or one of the priests.



Pray to End Abortion

From **September 27th** to **November 5th** we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 40 Days for Life™ saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. You are encouraged to get involved by **Prayer and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil** outside of Freeport Hospital, (where abortions take place every week), for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, 7 days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is *sacred* and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies.

You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by calling Ewelina at 519-589-2919 or Patrick at 519-748-5548. It is **VERY IMPORTANT**, that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site.

You are also invited to join us for the Mass which be celebrated by **Bishop Crosby** on **Wed., Oct. 4th** at St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kitchener at 7 pm.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

This weekend, Sept. 23/24 we will have a special second collection for The Needs of the Canadian Church. Please be generous.

VOCATIONS OFFICE: “Seek the Lord while he may be found...” While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton; 905-528-7988 or email: mking@hamiltondiocese.com, or www.hamiltonvocations.com.

LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL: Sun., Oct. 1st, 2-3 pm in front of Kitchener City Hall, Kitchener. We remember over 4 million lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. More info: KW Right to life 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca

OUR LADY OF FATIMA’S PILGRIM STATUE: Sat., Oct. 14, 12 noon to 1 pm, Victoria Park Clock Tower, Kitchener (near Joseph Street). Come and pray with us asking Our Lady to intervene on our behalf to Her Son so that He may help Canada and the rest of the world in these times of great trial. Info: 905-630-3227 or www.canadaneedsourlady.org

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential info or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Nov. 3, 2017, please call 905-664-5212, e-mail: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org

TAIZE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP – Sun., Sept. 24th at 7:30 pm at St. Mark’s Parish, Kitchener. Light refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome!

ANIMAL BLESSING: Sun., Oct. 1st, at the Peace Garden in the rectory parking lot of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Bring your pet to this beautiful celebration.

PARENTING TIP – September tends to bring order to the joyful, but sometimes chaotic summer months. Now is a great time to sit as a family and set some family goals for the coming year. Your goals might include: increasing the time you will spend together as a family; setting a specific number of meals you will eat together (at a real table!); agreeing to detailed ways in which you will increase your faith practices; deciding on the amount of exercise you will engage in as a family; agreeing to increase the patience you will have for each other. The possibilities are endless! Remember, setting goals will both help you accomplish something beneficial and send a message that your family is a priority.

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.



<u>St. Joseph’s Parish</u>	www.stjosephkitchener.org
<u>Loyalty Funding Program</u>	www.loyaltyfunding.ca/stjoseph
<u>Diocese of Hamilton</u>	www.hamiltondiocese.com
<u>Hamilton Diocese Vocations</u>	www.vocationinfo.ca
<u>Catholic Canada</u>	www.catholiccanada.com
<u>Catholic Funeral Rites</u>	www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca