

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Dec. 3, 2017 A.D.

1st Sunday of Advent



MASSES THIS WEEK

- Mon., Dec. 4**
8:00 am Intention of Lynn Maher
req. Melissa Martz
- Tues., Dec. 5**
7:00 pm Intention of Darlene O'Hara
req. William Barrett
- Wed., Dec. 6**
8:00 am † Shirley LeBlanc
req. Friend
- Thurs., Dec. 7**
8:00 am Intention of Danny Rocha
req. Valdemira Meideros
- Fri., Dec. 8**
8:00 am In Praise & Thanksgiving
req. Elaine Ditner
- Sat., Dec. 9**
9:00 am † William Barrett Sr.
req. William Barrett
- 5:00 pm** † Jorge Ribeiro
req. Rose Ribeiro
- † Carlos Lobo
req. Friends
- † Dec'd members of the De
Francesco Family
req. Nina De Francesco
- † Souls in Purgatory
req. Julia & Max Domingues
- Sun., Dec. 10**
9:00 am Intention of Parishioners
- 11:00 am** † Iria S. Vargas
req. Margarida Soares
- † Calusa & Peter Riba
req. Maria Bundache
- † Orlanda Amorim
req. Vidal Family
- † Ildebrando Silveira
req. Maria Silveira
- 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
Nov. 26, 2017 envelopes (101)	\$	2921.50
Nov. 26, 2017 loose change	\$	373.00

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., Dec. 4	Rev. Charlie Jordan.
Tues., Dec. 5	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Wed., Dec. 6	Discalced Carmelite Sisters
Thurs., Dec. 7	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis
Fri., Dec. 8	Rev. Edward Mahony
Sat., Dec. 9	Rev. Peter Ciallella

INTENTIONS FOR SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of Dec. 4th:

Main Church – Julia & Paula
Chapel – Rosemary & Wilf Corriveau 
You can request your intentions for the Sanctuary Candles. The offering is \$10 each.



QUILT DRAW

Only 2 more events to purchase quilt tickets before the draw! Tickets will be for sale at Coffee Sunday on Dec. 3rd and at Christmas Around The World on Dec. 16th. There are also some tickets available at the Rectory Office. \$2.00 each OR 3/\$5.00 with proceeds going toward Snow Removal Equipment. The draw will be held Sat., Dec. 16th. The quilt is a full King size (approx. 100" x 100") hand cross-stitched and

quilted "Star of David" pattern. If you are unable to purchase tickets at the events listed, please call Cathy at 519-578-0785 to make other arrangements.

CHURCH PEWS

There are still 3 pews that are 10'6" long x 33" high x 21" deep available for parishioners to purchase. Best offer – first come, first served. You must make your own arrangements for pickup. Call Cathy at 519-578-0785 for details.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL HEART ORNAMENTS

Anyone wishing to remember deceased loved ones this Christmas in a special way may do so by making a donation for altar flowers. Please enclose your donation and the name of your loved ones in the envelope in your Church envelope package marked "flower donation" or in a plain envelope marked "flower donation". Write your name and address on it, and place it in the collection basket. Donations (by cheque payable to St. Joseph Church) are receipted for tax purposes. A memorial heart ornament with your loved one's names will be placed on the trees at the side altars beginning the first week of Advent, Dec. 3rd. These beautiful hearts are yours to take home after your Christmas Mass.



POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for our annual Christmas Around the World Potluck Dinner on Sat., Dec. 16th after the 5 pm Mass. Bring a festive dish from your culture or heritage and join

us for a fun evening, including a play put on by our Youth Group! Please label your dish so we can know what we are enjoying. Sign-up sheets are available at the doors of the Church. If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact a member of the Social Committee, or please e-mail us at socialcmty@stjosephkitchener.org.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PPC

Meeting on Mon.,
Dec. 11th at 7:00 pm

SUNDAY MISSALS 2017/2018

Sunday Missals are available for purchase at the entrances of the Church for \$4.



CHRISTMAS CAKES

After all Masses the weekends of Dec. 2/3 and Dec. 9/10 we will have Christmas Cakes available for sale in support of **Campaign Life Coalition**. Cakes: 600gms - \$15, 1kg - \$25, Abbey Gift Basket: \$25.

Nativity Scenes made by the **Knight of Columbus** will be available for sale after all Masses Dec. 3rd.

39th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA

Nine daily Masses at 6:30 am at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, from Fri., Dec. 8th to Sat., Dec. 16th. Each day, a different celebrant along with musicians from across the twin cities, come together in joyful praise and worship. Note exception: Sunday, Dec. 10th, on this day you are welcome to attend your own Church. For more information please call Marg Weber 519.747.5937 or email: marg.weber@sympatico.ca.



VOCATIONS OFFICE: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or 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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Mon., Dec. 4th, St. Louis Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;
Tues., Dec. 5th, St. Agnes Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;
Wed., Dec. 6th, St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo, 7:30 pm;
Thurs., Dec. 7th, St. Clements Church, St. Clements, 7 pm; Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo, 7:30 pm

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE: Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. St. Mary ‘s Church, 16 Cooper St., Cambridge, Mon., Dec. 11th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 519-658-4443. If you haven’t registered you are free to attend.



PRAYER VIGIL: Thurs., Dec. 7th from 9 am -10 am in front of Freeport Hospital 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

CARMELITE NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS: The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, Dec. 16-25. You can participate in the Novena. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., RR #1, St. Agatha ON N0B 2L0.

MESSIAH CONCERT: On Sat., Dec. 9th, 7:30 pm, breathtaking images of handcrafted illuminations from *The Saint John’s Bible* will be projected as the Grand Philharmonic Choir sings **Handel’s Messiah**. In addition, 6 of the 7 volumes of this Bible will be on display in the lobby of the Centre in the Square, courtesy of the Diocese of Hamilton. And there will be a pre-concert presentation by Fr. Eric Hollas. Tickets are available from the Centre in the Square Box Office.

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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