

April 26, 2020

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Joseph,
Happy Easter!

I pray that this email finds you all doing very well. This 2nd week of Easter has been a blessed one as we thank God for the gift of Divine Mercy in our lives.

Links to virtual Masses

Facebook – (Fr-Rico Passero) and the Parish Page – St. Joseph Catholic Church Grimsby

YouTube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX5_TJMB7GpOw6M0LV8t9pw

Parish Website – www.stjosephgrimsby.ca

Here are the updates for the week

1. Tonight at 7pm – in collaboration with churches across our great country, the church bells will toll for 10 minutes to remember the victims of the mass shooting in Nova Scotia. If you live close enough to the church, open your door and windows and join our country in prayer as you hear the toll. If you live too far from the church, pray together as a family and spend the time in prayer. Let us not only remember in prayer the victims of the shooting, but also their families – and may we also pray for the mercy of God upon the man who conducted such evil.

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

2. I am very excited to announce that the parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED. FORMED is like Netflix for the Catholic Church. This is an online portal with MANY amazing Catholic resources – good movies for adults, teens, children, of different ages. This resource will help everyone deepen their faith, watch quality programming and also pray. There is NO COST for parishioners. I have paid the annual subscription, so it is free for all families to use. You need to log in with an email. See the instructions below. Trust me – you will love it!

To log onto FORMED (again FREE to all parishioners)

- Visit www.formed.org
- Click Sign up
- Click – I belong to a parish or organization
- Type St Joseph Grimsby – in the “find your parish or organization” box and click on our parish name once it populates
- Click Next
- Add your name and email address – then click sign up
- Enjoy FORMED

3. Please find the Daily Mass Intentions for the upcoming week attached to this email. Note – if you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one – please contact the office. Let us continue to remember all of the dead, even if they died many years ago, in our prayers. It is our responsibility to pray for the deceased and assist them to attain eternal life – passing through the waters of death, through purgatory, to eternal glory. Mass intentions can also be offered for those who are alive – and we call them “special intentions” this can be for a birthday, anniversary, anticipation of surgery or special need of any kind. The grace from gifting a Mass to someone is

significant. Offerings for a Mass in the Diocese of St. Catharines are \$10 per name per Mass. Contact the parish office for more details.

4. The parish website is at its final stages and should be made public in the next 2 weeks. I am very excited to show you what has been a very large project. I pray it will become a very helpful tool to use as a parish family.

5. I once encourage parish groups – especially leaders, to look to use electronic measures to reach out to one another – email, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and many other platforms are a great way of staying connected to one another. Please continue to pray for and care for one another. I continue to make several calls myself and encourage all parishioners to reach out to one another – we all share the responsibility to look after each other. There are many groups using these platforms – let's stay connected!

6. Thank you again for remembering the parish in regard to finances. **Please continue to use the parish e-transfer email – myparishgift@gmail.com** (remembering there is to be no security question or password) **If you use the e-transfer option – please add your envelope number in the message line.** You can also continue to drop off your parish envelopes in the mailbox just outside the parish doors. I check and empty it several times a day. God bless you for your generosity.

7. The St. Joseph Schedule for the week ahead (remember times given are for the Live Stream on Facebook, uploaded later to YouTube). Everything given here is ONLINE only – please stay home

Saturday April 25

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour 9:30am

Sunday April 26 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Mass – 10:30am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Monday April 27

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Tuesday April 28

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Wednesday April 29

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

Thursday April 30
Mass – 9:00am
Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Friday May 1
Mass - 9:00am
Holy Hour – 12:00pm

If you have any pastoral needs, please email or call the parish.
You remain in my daily prayers – please pray for me.

God bless,

Fr. Rico