

Saturday August 8, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

I pray this update finds you all doing very well. May we continue to pray for an end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Let us also continue to pray for researchers to find a vaccine, and for the endurance of all medical professionals and first responders.

It has been so good to see so many returning to Mass. Please note that the parish is very safe – with mandatory masks worn at Mass along with hand sanitization and cleaning between Masses, I again encourage you to make the transition back to church.

Please note the parish is OPEN on weekends and has been for many weeks now
The Weekend Masses are – Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm.

The Sunday Mass will continue to be live streamed for parishioners at 10:30am for those who do not feel ready to leave their homes yet.

Other important updates:

1. Please take the time to call the parish to participate in Pam de Laat's retirement gathering on Sunday August 30. She has served our parish as bookkeeper for over 40 years. This event is sponsored by the parish and is free to all parishioners. We look forward to a great day together as we thank God for her ministry. Please call the parish office to sign up for the time for you to join us for some good food, fellowship, and fun! Pam – thank you for saying 'YES' to God's call to ministry!

2. The parish website continues to help so many – visit www.stjosephgrimsby.ca – and our social media accounts to help enhance your faith. Also please continue to look at the parish YouTube channel for daily updates.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/StJoesGrimsby/>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/stjoesgrimsby/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/stjoesgrimsby>

The parish YouTube channel once again is

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

3. Thank you to all those who have donated towards our FIRE FUND. The young family of Jeff, Jennifer, Marcus, and Julianna are so grateful to the parish's outreach of monetary gifts, household items, clothing and gift cards that has been donated so far. Many have asked the ages of the family members. The couple is young, and the children are four and 16 months, respectively. If you still wish to give, please either send an e-transfer to (myparishgift@gmail.com) and place FIRE FUND in the message line, drop funds in the collection in an envelope noted as "FIRE FUND" or drop off your items this week to the

parish office. I will be making another drop at their home this week. The family is so overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you on their behalf.

For those who wish – I have again included the link to the GoFundMe page which is set up to assist the 11 families impacted by the fire in the Eden rock community.

The link to the page is - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/edenrock-fire-community-support>.

May we continue to pray for all 11 families affected by the fire.

4. Last chance to sign up for our parish Paint Night. The deadline for registration is Monday August 10. The Paint Night will take place via Zoom on August 21st at 7:00pm. Again, registration is required to prepare for the event, especially in the purchase of art supplies. Each person interested is asked to email Andrew directly – andrewjnatale@gmail.com or to contact the parish office to sign up. Cost is \$25 per person, covering all your art costs and Andrew will arrange pick up / drop-off of art supplies. Join us for what promises to be a fun night of painting!

5. The parish Bible Study – God Talk - continues with its next session on Tuesday night at 7:00pm. We will be studying Ezekiel Chapters 7-13. Click on the link below and join as you are encouraged to deepen your relationship with God and the study of the scriptures. If you need help setting this up – contact the parish office.

Fr-Rico Passero is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Fr. Rico Passero God Talk Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82763215683?pwd=TnFENVhveEF5VktKem1NMDVMdlldzQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6321 5683

Password: GodTalk

6. Daily Masses are again public to all who wish to attend. Masses are celebrated daily at 9:00am Monday to Saturday. They will also continue to be streamed online. Please note that everyone will be sitting in the **one assigned section** of the church – everyone is to remain socially distant, must wear a mask and sanitize their hands. Come begin the day off by thanking God as we gather around His sacred altar!

7. Friendly reminder, confessions continue to be heard on Saturday afternoons in the Marian Grotto from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

8. Baptisms continue to be celebrated. If you wish to have your son or daughter baptized, please contact the parish office.

9. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting another Bottle Drive to support the many charitable works they do here in the parish and Grimsby Community.

The Bottle Drive will take place:

Friday August 28 – from 3:00-7:00pm

Saturday August 29 – from 10:00am-3:00pm

They will be collecting all recyclable beer, liquor, and wine containers.

Please save your bottles and drop them off to support such a worthy cause! Thank you!

10. Note that next Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This is an incredibly special day in the Church. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am followed by a Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and ask the Intercession of our Blessed Mother and renew your love for God.

11. I continue to invite you all to utilize the FORMED.org platform. Again, free to all parishioners, there are NUMEROUS resources for you to check out as an individual and as a family. Free to all parishioners. I have again included the instructions to enroll here:

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

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

13. Thank you again for remembering the parish regarding 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. There are many parishioners who have supported us during this difficult time, I am asking those who are holding onto their offerings to kindly drop them off to assist in the paying of the parish regular expenses. Thank you in advance.

14. This is the St. Joseph Schedule for the week ahead. Note that Daily Masses again can be attended in person as well as the Daily Holy Hour (Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary,

Divine Mercy Chaplet and private prayer) and will also continue to be streamed LIVE along with a daily holy hour (except for Sundays)

Saturday Aug 8 – Feast of St. Dominic

Mass – 9:00am (Live stream)

Holy Hour – 9:30-10:30am

Confessions – 3:00-4:00pm

Mass – 5:00pm in Church

Sunday Aug 9 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses in Church – 8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Live Stream Mass – 10:30am

Monday Aug 10 – Feast of St. Lawrence

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Tuesday Aug 11 – Feast of St. Clare

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Wednesday Aug 12

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

Thursday Aug 13

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Friday Aug 14 – Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass - 9:00am

Holy Hour – 12:00pm

Saturday Aug 15 – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass – 9:00am

Holy Hour – 9:30am

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

St. Joseph – pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church – pray for us.

God bless, Fr. Rico