

June 7, 2020 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph,

As we prepare for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – worshipping God Father, Son and Holy Spirit – may God be praised forever!

I hope you all enjoyed my telephone call last weekend to prepare our hearts for Pentecost. I sincerely miss seeing you all – but we trust we are united in spirit! I pray for you daily.

This update is quite lengthy because I am happy to say, there is much to report to you this week.

1. The parish website continues to help so many navigate things during this COVID tie – please look at – 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

2. Our next session for my parish Bible Study will be on Tuesday night at 7:00pm. Please pray and read over Jeremiah Chapters 30-37. All parishioners and friends of the parish are welcome. To join, click on the link below. Again, this is free for everyone. 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=TnFENVhveEF5VktKem1NMDVMdldzQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6321 5683

Password: GodTalk

3. This week, I had a ZOOM conference with Bishop Bergie and the priests of our deanery. There is hope for parishes to open in the future – however this will not take place until at least after June 30. For now, we gather as the Communion of Saints digitally. Please utilize the digital Mass here at St. Joseph daily and enhance your prayer practice.

4. Bishop Bergie is now allowing priests to hear confessions once again. **Fr. Bill and I will be hearing confessions beginning next Saturday June 13.** Fr. Bill will hear confessions from 9:30am – 10:30am in the church parking lot, while I lead the Holy Hour inside the church at the same time. Both Fr. Bill and I will be hearing confessions next Saturday in the afternoon from 2:00-4:00pm. **If you wish to go to confession, you are asked to call the parish office beginning Monday morning, where you will be given your time slot. Please do not just show up – we need to be conscious of numbers of people.** We are making appointments to ensure that your wait time is minimal, and we can adhere to health & government restrictions. Please only come 5 minutes before your allotted time slot and stay in your vehicle until the person just before you completes their confession. You will see the two confession stations – one just in front of the Marian Grotto – the second station will be at the far end of the parking lot. Please honour the 6 feet between you and the priest.

5. Please continue to pray for an end to racism – especially towards the Black Community. Let us be united in caring for their rights and the rights of all people. Let us also remember that June 6th is the anniversary of D-Day. Let us thank God for all who fought for our freedom. We pray for those who never came home and for those who came home differently. Let us pray for peace in our world. Jesus expects us to live “Love one another as I have loved you.”

6. Please find attached to this message – the Parish Financial Statement for 2019. I apologize for the delay in putting this out to you, however, with COVID-19 we have all learned that some projects now take longer than in the past. I would like to formally thank John O’Sullivan, Judy Mason, and Sarina Kaluzny for assisting me in preparing this document for you to examine. Thank you again for your generosity as continue to build the kingdom of God here at St. Joseph.

7. Find attached to this message, also the links to the 3 videos I have created so far to assist families in praying the rosary as a family – especially with young children. Note – these videos are especially geared to families with children aged 2-6 years old but can be used for all families. These videos will be sent to all families in our 3 Catholic elementary Schools this week. Check the parish YouTube channel for new material daily. Please use them to enhance your practice of prayer at home as a family. The links are here below:

Setting up a Prayer space for Children - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2apo3OVzx0&t=21s>

Before, During and After – For Parents while praying the Rosary with your children
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgTtIgEz0S0&t=11s>

Praying One Decade of the Rosary with Children -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFGEciA5MFQ&t=209s>

8. In 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

9. 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.

10. Continue to stay connected to each other. Use telephone, text, email, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and many other platforms to stay connected. Please continue to pray for and care for one another. Know that I pray for you all daily.

11. 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.

12. 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

Sunday June 7 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Mass – 10:30am

Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Monday June 8

Mass – 9:00am
Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Tuesday June 9

Mass – 9:00am
Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Wednesday June 10

Mass – 9:00am
Holy Hour (Worship Wednesday) - 3:00pm

Thursday June 11 – St. Barnabas Apostle, Fr. Rico 9th Anniversary of Ordination

Mass – 9:00am
Holy Hour – 3:00pm

Friday June 12

Mass - 9:00am
Holy Hour – 12:00pm

Saturday June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua

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