



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Little Church with a Big Heart

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Mass Times

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 11 a.m.
 Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 9, 11 a.m.
Confessions: during the pandemic, by request.

Sunday, April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

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| Monday, April 26 Our Lady of Good Counsel Patroness of the CWL | +Carla Perone 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Adoration and Benediction Church open 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Bruno & Lidia Carlesso |
| Tuesday, April 27 | +Maria Rebeiro | Ryan & Kim Watt |
| Thursday, April 29 | Hull Family | Steve Hull |
| Friday, April 30 | +Basil Haffey | Gail Bailey |
| Saturday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker | 5 p.m.: +Martin Stefanac | Paul & Margaret Brunning |
| Sunday, May 2 5th Sunday of Easter | 9 a.m.: <i>pro populo</i> 11 a.m.: Betty Forster LATIN 12:30: intention of the donor | Ryan & Kim Watt |

Because of the new restrictions, all weekday masses will be at 11 a.m. Please see the schedule.



Our Easter bottle drive was a great success. Thank you to the CWL and especially to Melissa Saccone, and her son, Paul, to Marian and Ray Brown for organizing this event. Thank you to everyone who participated by bringing in their empties. A total of \$256 was raised of which \$128. will be going to the parish. The other half of the money will be given by the CWL to the charities they support.

The CWL is organising a scrap metal drive. A large bin from Attara Scrap in Fort Erie will be in the hall parking lot from **May 3 – 17**. Anything with metal or electronics is acceptable – tv's, stereos, old tools, old pots and pans, really the list is endless, just toss it in. If you have large items that you would like to donate but can't get them to the bin, Attara will make arrangements to pick it up from you: call or email Marian Brown and she will assist making the arrangements. **Please place all pop cans in a clear plastic bag separately BESIDE the bin – they are worth more money and need to be separate.** Once again, half of the funds raised will be donated by the CWL to the parish. I want to thank them sincerely for their creative fundraising ideas and for their support of the parish. Please share this with your family and friends.

Monday is the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the patroness of the CWL. CWL members are invited to attend the parish Mass that day at 11 a.m. It will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 1 p.m. Members are asked to sign up with Marian Brown to ensure that someone is in the church at all times during exposition. Of course, anyone is welcome to attend Mass and adoration. **The church will remain open, Monday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** for anyone, especially members of the CWL, who would like to make a pious visit. A vase will be available in front of the statue of our Lady for those who wish to honour her with a flower on this feast day.

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Welland are establishing a private school as an extension of their already long-running and successful daycare. Enrolment for Kindergarten and Grade One is ongoing. For more information, please call Sr. Amanda at 905-732-4542.

I am going to use the opportunity of this latest lockdown to take some holiday time. The church will be closed, **with no masses, May 5-19 inclusive.** It is my normal practice to cancel weekday Masses when I am on vacation. For this time, I am cancelling Sunday Masses as well because: i) I don't want to burden a guest priest with trying to limit the number of people at mass; ii) the bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation is ongoing; iii) so few people are able to attend Sunday Mass during this lockdown that it is not a huge inconvenience; iv) it saves the parish the expense of having to pay a guest priest; v) several parishes have just shut down completely, as the bishop has left it up to individual pastors to decide whether or not to continue having public Masses during the lockdown. I have advised the bishop of this and know that I can count on your understanding. For those who have mass intentions scheduled during this time, I will still be saying Mass for those intentions on the scheduled days. If you wish to change the date, please let me know before May 5.