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## Welcome Back

#### by Rachel McNamara, Youth Minister

Welcome to another youth ministry year! This year is not our typical welcome back. We have been a part for quite sometime because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the parish community and the youth ministry have been praying for you and your families. 2020 is the mark of a new decade for the world, but also for our youth ministry. We have seen hundreds of young people go through our ministry. Some of them have gotten married, had babies, became doctors, sport stars, but regardless of what has become of them, they have used the gifts God has given them. They have embraced their calling to make the world a better place. During Covid-19, we have had the opportunity of time to sit in the presence of the Lord. Hopefully you have gained some "20/20 insights" during this time of physical distancing and quarantine, through prayer. Although we are living in new realties around us, the parish and the youth ministry is here for you. We are adapting to the new normal, just like everyone else. So welcome back, whether we see you in person at Mass, online at one of our events, or in the community, we are glad to see you!

This is our new Fall Newsletter. We have condensed it, but all additional information can be found on our website.

### Parish Support

Fr. Charlie Jordan, Pastor

Deacon Roy Symthe, Permanent Deacon

Rachel McNamara, Youth Minister

Wendy Charlesworth, Office Administrator





# Our Spiritual Home during Covid-19

Just like everyone around us, we have had to adapt to the realities of Covid-19. Here are some of the things we have done to keep you and others safe.

- Children's Liturgy- Every Sunday, we will be posting a pre-recorded Liturgy of the Word for Children. The video will have the readings of the day, a short reflection and activity you can do as a family.

- Confirmation Preparation - For this who missed the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, will prepare through online classes. Those families affected will be contacted.

- Celebration of Frist Communion and Confirmation- We will be celebrating these sacraments following the directions given to us by the Diocese of Hamilton to ensure the young people and their families are safe.

- Our physical church has been set up to follow the Government of Ontario and Public Health Guidelines. Our church can only be filled at 30% capacity.



### Upcoming Dates

September

13 - Grandparents' Day

October

- 3 First Communion Mass (Gr.3)
- 4- Confirmation Prep begins
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 12 Thanksgiving

November

- 28 Confirmation Liturgy (Gr.8)
- 29 Advent Begins
- Check our website for the most up-to-date programs, dates and times.

### Prayer for Young People

Our Father,

You are so wonderful and we worship you. You are the source of a river of love and grace that transforms the world.

We offer you our young hearts, minds and bodies. Help us to grow in the goodness of your kingdom. May we shine out in times of darkness, Stand safely upon the truth and not be shaken, And see your vision for the world and follow you.

Come use our energy to care for the lost. Come take our creativity to meet with the brokenhearted, Come use our youthfulness to bring joy and peace, And your hope to bring light to everyone. Amen.

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