

Blessings

IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL



DIocese of HAMILTON

The pandemic hasn't halted the good work of the Church. The Stewardship and Development Office asked for examples, and parishes provided a wealth of them. A few are here, and more are to come! [See the previous fliers at hamiltondiocese.com/news](https://hamiltondiocese.com/news).

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY BRINGS SMILES WITH 'JOY CARDS'

The youth ministry at St. Augustine's in Dundas didn't shut down during the pandemic. It invited the parish to "Do Something Good" in the community. "Do Good" is one of the parish's youth ministry mottos and supports its "Youth With Purpose" and "Youth in Action" movements.

One of those projects was to create and send "Joy Cards" to the residents and staff at St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas. The project helps residents deal with the challenges of isolation and physical distancing and shows appreciation for the front-line health care workers.

"These cards have brought a smile to residents and staff – they have been so appreciative and grateful that we thought about them," it says on the parish's website.

DO SOMETHING.....
DO GOOD

A St. Augustine's Parish Youth in Action Initiative



BASILICA OF OUR LADY, GUELPH

Throughout the pandemic, even in the midst of the most severe lockdowns, women from the parish's Catholic Women's League maintained an important ministry. Each week, the ladies prepare meals for the local Drop In Centre, which has seen an increase in need during the pandemic. This ministry did not stop for even one week. The ladies were creative in coming up with ways to socially distance and observe all precautions while ensuring that those in need are fed.

Meanwhile, a group from the Basilica and other Guelph parishes has begun praying the rosary at the statue of Our Lady near the entrance of the Macdonnell Street stairs to the Basilica. The rosary is offered for the intentions of the entire community, asking Our Lady to bless and protect the parishes, city and country during these difficult times.

Other positive happenings at St. Augustine's:

- The parish's St. Michael Bell rings out the Angelus once again, thanks to a groom-to-be. Previously, when the bell tolled, it rang neither the hour nor the Angelus (three triple tolls), but a seemingly arbitrary number of tolls. The company that installed the system in the 1960s, I.T. Verdin of Cincinnati, Ohio, sent a representative who looked it over and concluded that, in addition to some general servicing and repair, the system could use an electrician to sort out some failing switches. In stepped Ryan Rozario (pictured at right). He's getting married at St. Augustine's in August and stopped by to discuss arrangements. An electrician, he was invited to have a look at the bell. After almost three hours of fussing with switches and circuits in the dark and dust of the bell tower, he got the striking mechanism to sound the Angelus!
- For the Feast of Corpus Christi in June, the parish was able to have time in the presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist through adoration in the St. Augustine's prayer garden, thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Siobhan Kerr, who played the harp during the time of contemplation, and others.

