

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016

The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of a new year in the church. We need to make a resolution to hear God's call and be prepared for the coming of Christ. This is a special time to prepare ourselves spiritually. During this time we should focus on what we need to do to allow God to more fully enter our hearts. Be open to opportunities that God gives us to share love and compassion. Listen to His voice in prayer and meditation.

Advent begins today, Sunday, Nov. 27th. The Rosary will be recited preceding weekday Masses during Advent.

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph's Church:

Hospitality Sunday: Nov 27th after each Mass

Kid's Christmas Party: Sunday, Dec 4th, 2pm

Turkey Bingo: Sunday, Dec 11th, 1:30pm

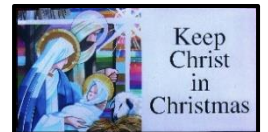
Children's Christmas Party: Next Sunday, December 4th from 1:30 to 4pm in the parish centre. Crafts, snacks, carols, fun and surprises! Bring the kids and grandkids and please bring a plate of treats to share! Everyone welcome.

St. Joseph's Family and Friends Choir: Please come & join forces with the Junior Choir such that we become a Family Choir for the Christmas season. We practice Mondays at 6:30. Men, women & children are invited. We will sing at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass.



St. Joseph's Church Third Annual Turkey Bingo - Reminder that the date has been ***changed*** to **Sunday, December 11th**, 1:30pm in the parish centre. Games start at 2pm. Come one and all; young and old, and have a good time. You might even win your Christmas turkey!

Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: Our religious Christmas cards are all sold out thanks to the generosity and support of the parish! A number of Advent items can be viewed at the north entrance of the church. The Knights will have "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs and lawn "Nativity Scenes" available. Your support is appreciated! As the Knights continue to support the Culture of Life, Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Fruit Cakes are still available for purchase. Please contact Roy (613)968-9602 to place your order.



CWL News: At our last general meeting, we prayed for the souls of the departed members of our league. Our guest speaker, Janet Riley, spoke on Bowen Therapy which was most interesting and informative. This month we donated to - Adopt a Child, Chalice, Meals on Wheels, Gleaners, Christmas Sharing, Poppy Fund and Almost Home. Christmas cards were sent to retired priests of our Kingston diocese as well as cards and Masses sent to shut-ins. The next general meeting will be our Christmas Social on Thursday, Dec 15th at 1pm in the parish centre.

Meetings in the Parish Centre:

St. Vincent de Paul - Tues, Nov 29th - 8:30am

Keep Christ in Christmas, The Greatest Gift of all. **The Icon Book Store** is giving 15% off all books and gifts until December 25th.

Eastminster United Church Presents: ***Tony Vani & The Holy Blues Band*** - Wednesday, November 30th, 2016 at 7pm. Tickets **Supporting United Syrian Family Support Belleville:** \$10 in advance and at the door. Free for Children and Youth. Tickets are available at Eastminster United Church.

Holy Communion to the Sick: To laypersons involved in the ministry of taking Holy Communion to the sick, those in nursing homes, hospital, etc., please know that you are a vital link between our parish community and the person you are taking Communion to. Just a reminder, when you are transporting the Eucharist, you should avoid any activity that is not in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament. Do not stop off at the store to pick up groceries or go to the bank. Do not go to the local coffee shop and have coffee and a chat with your friends. Please go directly to where you are taking the Eucharist. Thank you for assisting in this important ministry you provide for God's faithful who are not able to be present for our community celebration of the Eucharist.

Father Charles

Thank you from Archbishop O'Brien - I want to thank all those who supported The Archbishop's Dinner to feed the hungry, which was held on November 17th. Through the generosity of those who attended the dinner, as well as donors and sponsors, **\$60,000** was raised for food banks throughout the Archdiocese of Kingston. My sincere gratitude to all of you.

Advent Spiritual Retreat with Bishop Scott McCaig, CC, new Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of Canada. Theme: Rediscover Jesus. Saturday Dec 3rd from 4 to 8pm including dinner & Sunday Dec 4th at 9am at Our Lady of Peace Chapel (CFB Trenton, 91 Namao Dr). FREE. Please register (613)392-2811 ext. 4593. All are welcome!

Your 2017 Church donation envelopes will be available soon. Please ensure the parish office has your current address if you wish to receive an income tax receipt. If you would like to sign up for a new box of envelopes or for Pre-authorized automatic monthly donations, call the parish office for information.

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Audrey Taylor, Raymond Brennan, Bradley Robson, Paul Bonneau, Jack Erwin, David Coates, Maurice Waitson, Patricia Calnan, Kathy Mulder, Bernard Coughlin, Katie Shannon, Logan Frederick, Anne Young, Karissa Harrison, Steve Ward, Kenneth Imhoff, Patricia Brownson, Jim McKenzie and Brian Woodall. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ted Perry.

Parish Events:

Children's Liturgy is each Sunday at 9am Mass throughout the school session. A wonderful opportunity for children between the ages of 3 and 7 to participate in a deeper understanding of the Gospel message. The goal of this program is to engage and enlighten children in the teachings of the Church. The children are led in prayer, liturgy of the day and crafts/activities to emphasize the Gospel message. They also learn to participate in the Mass. We look forward to helping your children celebrate God's love at Mass. We are looking for volunteers to support our weekly program. If you would like to help, contact Anne Marie at or (613)966-7887.

Parish Junior Choir – We want to try a small experiment - something new and we are inviting you to help us out. If you're between 8-18 years of age and at a 9am Mass when the Junior Choir sings, come and join us. No previous practice required. We sing again *November 6th* at the 9am Mass. If our come-as-you-may approach works well, we will continue. You are also welcome to join us at practice on Mondays at 6:30pm (except school holidays).

If you or a loved one are going to the hospital or into a retirement home, please inform the parish office so a visit can be arranged.

Our **Prayer Network** has more than 100 people praying every day for our parish, for those who are sick and for special intentions. If you would like the Prayer Network to pray for you or your loved one, call the parish office to get the prayers started.



During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we emphasize the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The first Corporal Work of Mercy is "Feed the hungry". Give to the Gleaners Food Bank.

Just a reminder to everybody that our church has two Quiet Rooms, (one in the southwest corner and one behind the candle stand). Feel free to use these rooms if you need some quiet time and quiet space before or after Mass - OR - if during Mass you need a private space for you and your child. Also, there are diaper changing stations in all the washrooms.

Diocesan Events:

Emergency Relief to Haiti - As you have heard in the news, Haiti has once again been devastated by a natural disaster. The hurricane which struck the country earlier this month killed over 800 people, and destroyed tens of thousands of homes. The United Nations estimates that 350,000 people are in need of assistance. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is working with Caritas Haiti and Caritas Internationalis to provide assistance to the victims of the hurricane. Details of the humanitarian relief effort can be found on the Development and Peace website, www.devp.org. You are encouraged to support the efforts of Development and Peace to provide assistance to the people of Haiti. Financial donations can be made either online (www.devp.org); by telephone (1-888-234-8533); or by cheque or money order (made out to Development and Peace and clearly marked 'Emergency Haiti') sent by mail to: Development and Peace, 3rd floor, 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7.

THE GIFT - A six week video course has started Thursday, November 5th, at 7pm in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Come and open your heart to the power, joy and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Presenter is British lay Catholic evangelist David Payne. No Charge. All welcome.

St. Mike's Youth News: Food, fuel and fun - for teens, led by teens! Check it out! Bring your friends! 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the CAVE. Sun. Nov 27th: Movie Night! All teens welcome! Bring your friends & snacks to share - 6:30-9pm in the Cave. Sun. Dec 4th: High school teens only - 6:30-8:30 in the Cave. Sun. Dec 11th: Cookie Baking n' Chili makin!: We're baking Christmas cookies and making chili for our Christmas Hamper Family. Bring your favourite gingerbread decorations - 6:30-8:30 in the Cave. Sun. Dec 18th: Delivering Christmas Sharing - deliver hampers then join us for hot chocolate at Tim Horton's. Start at the Youth Office, end at Tim Horton's Bridge & Sidney - 6:30-8:30.

Cursillistas - You are invited to an Ultreya on Sunday, **Nov 27** at St. John the Apostle Church Hall, 88 Patrick St, Kingston. Ultreya starts at 2pm and will consist of a witness talk, response, small groups, music & prayer followed at 4pm by a pot luck meal. All Cursillistas are invited to come out to renew old friendships and meet fellow Cursillistas. Please bring something for the pot luck. More info contact Mike & Diane Foley in Kingston at 613-546-6224 mfoley8@cogeco.ca or Neil and Margaret Cameron in Brockville at 613-498-1702 cameron25@bell.net

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale 2016, a fund-raiser for Holy Family Parish, will be held at Holy Family School, 114 Wiley Street, Kingston, on Saturday, **December 3 from 10am - 4pm and on Sunday, December 4**, from 10am - 1pm. Free admission - item for Food Bank appreciated. Visit our BAKE TABLE for home-baked goods and special treats! Shop for gifts and decorations and support our Crafters! After shopping, enjoy LUNCH and relax with neighbours and friends! SEE YOU THERE!

The CWL from St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston is hosting a ham supper with all the fixings on Wednesday, **December 7** at 5:30. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 5-10 year-olds, and free for under 5. Everyone welcome! Please contact Mary Amodeo at 613-544-2305 or Theresa Miller at 613-542-3117 to reserve your tickets.

Archdiocese of Kingston Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - All parishioners are invited to Archdiocesan Liturgical Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, **December 8th**, 2016 at 7:30pm. Reception to follow at École Cathédrale.



Do you want to deepen your Spirituality and build community with others committed to serving with compassion? The Providence Associates of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul meet monthly at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish in Belleville. They invite women and men to consider attending one of their meetings to learn more about who they are. For information, email associates@providence.ca or call 613-544-4525 ext. 148.

Providence Care needs volunteers from parishes in the Archdiocese of Kingston to assist with Roman Catholic ministries that help meet spiritual needs in the following ways:

Providence Manor Volunteer Opportunities

- Assist residents going to and from Mass on Tuesday – Friday (10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon), which includes pushing wheelchairs and walking alongside residents who require assistance/supervision.
- Extraordinary Minister for the Distribution of Holy Communion, especially to Residents who are unable to attend Mass, during the week.

Please contact Ruth Flores, Coordinator of Recreation and Volunteer Services at Providence Manor at **613-548-7222, ext. 3160** or floresr@providencecare.ca

St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital Volunteer Opportunities

- Assist patients going to and from Sunday Mass (10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon), which includes pushing wheelchairs and walking alongside patients who require assistance/supervision.
- Extraordinary Minister for the Distribution of Holy Communion to patients during the week. Please contact Tania Christie at 613-548-7222, Ext. 2292 or smolvolunteer@providencecare.ca

Thank you for considering our invitation to join us as we care for vulnerable persons seeking spiritual nurture.

Separated and/or Divorced? Looking for support through your healing process? You are welcome to attend the New Life Group a Support Group for those experiencing separation and divorce. Alternate Tuesday evenings - 390 Palace Road, Kingston. For further info e-mail family@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or phone the Family Ministry Office 613-548-4461.

Marriage Encounter: If you would like to improve your marriage, deepen your love, live more happily together, and draw closer to each other, the Marriage Encounter program can help. Marriage Encounter is an experience which focuses on communication between husband and wife. It is an opportunity to spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life and to concentrate on each other as a couple. The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held in Ottawa **January 20-22**. To register call Sally and Wayne Fink at 613-777-0262, or e-mail wslovers98@gmail.com. Info about Marriage Encounter can be found at www.wwme.org.

Community Events:

Christmas "Advent"ures - "Welcome to a Day in Bethlehem" - Together, St. Thomas' Anglican Church and Bridge St. United Church invite all children to share in an exciting morning of crafts, baking, candle making and more. This free community event is being held at St. Thomas', 201 Church Street, and is scheduled to be held on **Sat., Dec, 3**, 9 a.m. to noon. Please register @ laura_zufelt@hotmail.com by November 28th.

The Belleville Choral Society presents its annual Christmas concert on **December 4, 2016**, 3 pm at St. Michael the Archangel, 296 Church St, Belleville. "Welcome Christmas" will be an impressive performance of vintage classics - not to be missed. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$5 ages 6 – 18. Available at St. Mikes Parish Office, Quinte Arts Council or online at www.bellevillechoralsociety.org. More info: 613-771-1758.

Regi Presents Little Mermaid - RND Arts Presents Disney's The Little Mermaid - A Broadway Musical, Dec 7th to 10th at 7pm Tickets are \$12 for Students, \$20 for Adults. A Saturday Matinee will be performed Dec 10 at 2 pm. Tickets \$15 Adults, \$8 Students, \$6 for children. We hope to see you Under the Sea! 130 Russell St, Kingston.

Christmas Alive presents the musical drama "*The Mission*" - Presented by Calvary Community Church, Dec 9th & 10th at 7pm, Calvary Community Church, 679 Dundas St w, Belleville, (613)969-0888. Info at www.calvarycc.ca

On Saturday, **10 December 2016, International Human Rights Day**, join **Amnesty International's Write for Rights**, the world's largest human rights event, by writing cards and letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders. Drop in from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bridge St. United Church, 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville. **It makes a difference.** Sponsored by AI's Belleville Group 111. For more information, call Connie at 962-7416 or Mieke at 969-1782.

Christmas in Song: Featuring the choirs of the Hastings & Prince Edward Regional Chorus, **Sunday, December 11th** at 7pm at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 201 Church St, Belleville. Adults \$20, 12 & under \$5. Everyone welcome. Tickets available at: Quinte Arts Council, St. Thomas' Church office, at the door or visit our website for contact info www.hastingsandprinceedwardregionalchorus.ca

Canada International Student Placement Inc. is seeking families with teens to host Catholic teens from France for 4-8 weeks during the summer of 2017. These young people, aged 12-17, want to be immersed in Canadian families to experience another culture and to become more fluent in English. Families will be matched with an adolescent of the same gender and approximate age. Each Canadian family will receive \$850 per month as compensation. To learn more about hosting a French teenager or having your child participate in a European exchange please contact paul@cispi.ca or pat@cispi.ca.

Coats for Folks Program with The Salvation Army is happening again this November. We are asking people to please donate their gently used coats by taking them to one of the cleaners in Belleville to be cleaned for free. The Salvation Army will be picking up the coats from the cleaners to make them available for the distribution. We will distribute coats to people in need every Thursday in November at The Salvation Army Community Church. For more information, please contact The Salvation Army Community & Family Services at 613-968-6834.

EWTN NEEDS MEDIA MISSIONARIES! Has EWTN Global Catholic Network impacted your life? Would you like to tell others about Christ and His Church with EWTN? If so, become an EWTN Media Missionary right where you are and make your parish, community, family, and friends aware of EWTN as the best source for Catholic television, radio, online and print resources. To learn more, ewtnmissionaries.com or call [205-795-5771](tel:205-795-5771).



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Invitation to Minister at Mass

Altar Servers - Weekends: Youth after their First Communion can volunteer. Contact: Deacon Bob.
Weekdays - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

Funerals - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

Eucharistic Ministers - Lay Ministers assist in distributing the Eucharist to the congregation during Masses on weekends and weekdays. Monthly schedules are provided.

Offertory Gifts - Volunteers carry the gifts to the altar. Monthly schedules are followed.

Lectors - Parishioners proclaim the readings. Monthly schedules are provided.

Junior Liturgy - Younger children are welcome to join the weekly celebration with a Gospel message for them. Also, adult volunteers are needed to lead children's liturgy.

Music - Parishioners of all ages are welcome to participate in sharing their musical talents. There are various choirs open to different age groups. Practices are held weekly.

Ushers - Responsible for finding seats for parishioners and taking up the collection at weekend Masses.



Invitation to Serve

Card Parties - Once a month on the third Sunday of the month for fun and social purposes
Organizer: Paul Sosiak.

Catholic Women's League - monthly meetings on the third Thursday, contact the Parish office.

Knights of Columbus - Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month. Contact Roy Goodridge.

Hospitality Sunday - After Masses on the last Sunday of the month.

Junior Liturgy - Sundays, 9am Mass during the school season, September to June. Co-ordinator: Anne Marie Barrett.

Rosary - Before Saturday, 5pm Mass in May and October.

Parish Visitation Program - Visits to parishioners. Contact Karen Holtz.

Prayer Network - Every day 90 people pray for you and special intentions. Contact Maureen Hamilton.

St. Vincent de Paul - (613)962-8675.

Ascension Singers - Saturday Mass, once a month.
Contact: Elizabeth Wallace.

Senior Choir - Sunday Mass at 10:30am. Practice every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Director: Debbie Shaw.

Youth Choir - Sunday, 9am Mass once a month. Practice every Monday at 6:30pm during the school year. Director: Anne Moloney.

Youth Group - Meets once a month. Check the bulletin.

