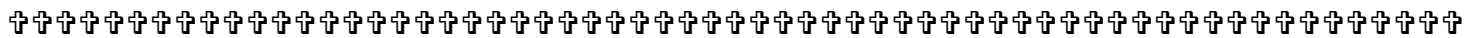


PARISH MINISTRIES		EUCHARISTIC MINISTER			CUP MINISTERS		LECTOR
Dec 10	5:00 pm	C. Yantha	E. Richardson	P. Burchat	E. Wilkinson	J. Smith	S.McNamara-Trevisan
Dec 11	9:00 am	D. Wiudyka	Maggie Jones	J. Chapelle	E. McGrath	P. Bellwood	P. Kort
	10:30 am	L. Kent	C. Kelly	K. Rushnell	S. Kot-Buelow	A. Graham	M.A.Chapelle
	12:00 noon	T. Lally	D. Maitland	G. Webster	C. Kocherry	L. Head	J. McAllister
Dec 17	5:00 pm	J. Harnden	L. Little	J. Jacobs	M. Watts	Y. Gallant	L. Sheridan
Dec 18	9:00 am	T. Hales	B. Salisbury	B. Rivers	A. Moloney	H. Brennan	C. Payette
	10:30 am	A. Miller	M. Pulikunnel	J. Rawson	C. McMahan	C. McMahan	Mary Lynne Dean
	12:00 noon	Q. Rua	B. Enright-Miller	T. Langevin	K. Harry	M. Hamilton	J. O'Brien
Dec 24	4:00 pm	Volunteers - Please call the parish office to volunteer					
	6:00 pm						
	8:00 pm						
Dec 25	10:30 am						

Junior Liturgy Leaders: Dec 11 - Brigette & Connor Dec 18 - Marietta & Amanda Jan 15 - Jack Bayfield



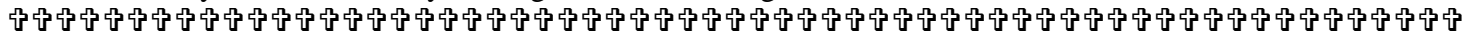
If you are sick and/or in the hospital, please inform the Parish office to arrange a visit from the priest.



Lost an item? Lost and found articles are kept in the room behind the votive candles.



If you have difficulty hearing, there are hearing assistance devices near the main entrance.

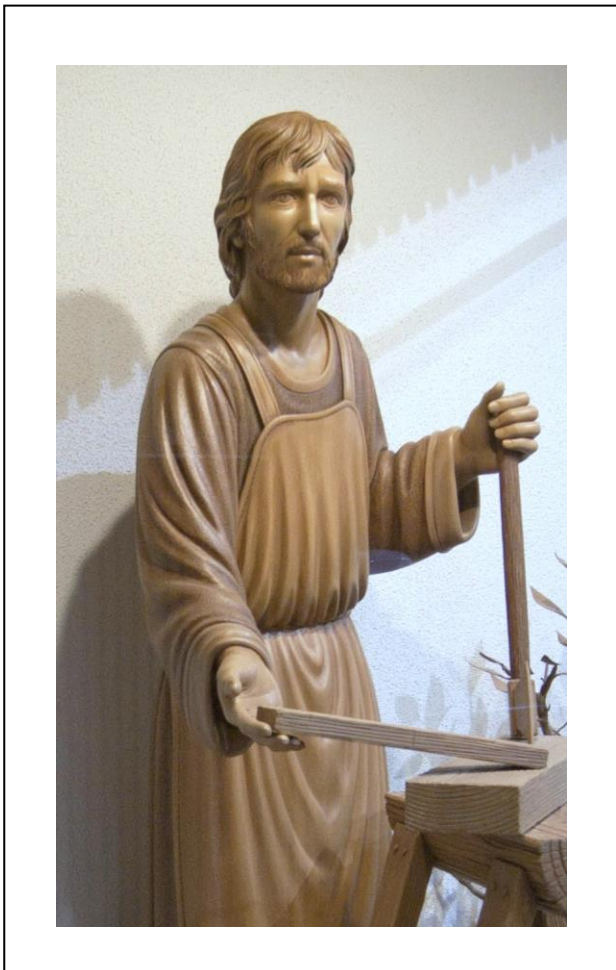


From the pages of The Book of Life

December

11	Foran, Bernard	1974	13	Gilmour, Ralph Patrick	2013	15	McDonnell, Joan	2010
11	Turner, Gerald	2011	13	Lahey, Carol Anne	2013	16	White, Cheryl	2005
12	Boyle, Joseph	1994	13	Orr, Donald	1996	16	Bilanski, Maria	1992
12	Coyea, David	1980	14	MacDonald, Sheila	2001	17	Ialacci, Maria	1983
12	Harrington, Patrick	1997	15	De Genova, Mike	2007	17	McAlpine, Doris	2004
12	Healey, Fred	1959	15	Enright, John	2002	17	Sharland, John	1991
13	Fullerton, William	1995	15	Kehoe, Patrick	2000	17	Wefers, Ann	1984

Parish Registration: New parishioners are invited to register by stopping in or calling the church office. For those who wish to use envelopes, please pick up a new box at the main entrance.



St. Joseph's Church

Rev. Charles McDermott
Pastor

Rev. Robert Fencott
Deacon



Rev. Pat Kelly - Weekend Assistant



Intentions: for Week of December 11, 2016

Saturday	5:00 PM	Joseph and Marie Ann Castonguay
Sunday	9:00 AM	The People of The Parish
	10:30 AM	Lillian Guiry
	12:00 PM	Frank Enright
Monday	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Mary Burgess
	6:30 PM	School Advent Mass
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Joan Dowling
Thursday	8:00 AM	Albert Short
Friday		- No Mass -
Saturday	9:00 AM	Charlie Horrigan
	5:00 PM	James Bibby
Sunday	9:00 AM	The People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Betty Hurley
	12:00 PM	Claude Carr

Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick - Upon request. Call the office * Marriage - at least 6 months' notice
Baptism - Call Father McDermott to make arrangements * Reconciliation - Saturdays - 4:15 to 4:40 pm

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2016



John prepared the way for the one to come by asking sinners to repent and to be baptized and live justly. We have all found ourselves in difficult situations, when we lost hope and turned away from God, but Advent is a time when we can have renewed hope. We can prepare ourselves during this time by asking for forgiveness and we can anticipate with joy the coming of something wonderful. Let us begin today anew and, through repentance and good works prepare the way for the one to come.

Christmas and New Year's Masses:

Christmas Confession: Dec 19th, 7pm & Dec 24th, 10am
Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 6pm (pageant), 8pm
Christmas Day Mass: 10:30am
New Year's Eve Mass: 5pm
New Year's Day Masses: 9am, 10:30am

Thank you to Deacon Bob and all the helpers for providing a wonderful Christmas party for our children. Everyone had a great time!!

Our **Christmas Pageant** will be at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child wants to be in the Pageant, come to rehearsals after the 9am Mass, Sundays during Advent. Call Anne, (613)966-4999, if you have questions.

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 - Today - Sunday, Dec 11th, 1:30pm in the parish centre. Games start at 2pm. Come one & all; young & old, and have a good time. You might win your Christmas turkey!



Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: All members and their families are cordially invited to our Advent Pot Luck on Tuesday, Dec 13th at 6pm in the parish centre. Bring your favourite dish and share with others! The Knights of Columbus extend to all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

CWL News: Our CWL Christmas Social will be Thursday, Dec 15th at 1pm in the Parish Centre. Christmas donations for Three Oaks and the San Damiano Foundation will be welcome. Gifts of clothing for women and children, towels and puzzles for children would be appreciated. Please come and join our Christmas festivities.

2017 Sacrament Dates at St. Joseph's Church:

Information & Registration Meeting: for grade 2 students & their parents - Wednesday, February 1st, 7pm
First Confession: Wednesday, March 29th, 7pm
First Communion: Saturday, May 6th, 11am
Information & Registration Meeting: for Confirmation candidates & their parents - Wednesday, April 5th, 7pm
Confirmation Retreat: Wed, May 24th, 9:30am - 2:30pm
Confirmation: Tuesday, June 13th, 7pm

Marriage Preparation Retreat is scheduled for March 3 and 4, 2017 in Belleville. Call the parish office or St. Francis of Assisi Parish, (613)398-6745 or go online at assisi@sympatico.ca for info & registration. Reg. deadline is Feb 19th.

Your 2017 church donation envelopes are available at the main church doors. If you do not already use envelopes & would like to start, please call the office & request a box; or sign up for preauthorized donations. See info at the main doors.

Put this date in your calendar: **The Big Shoebang** is a fund raising event that shoe divas will not want to miss. All proceeds will be going to **United Syrian Family Support (Belleville) Sponsorship Group**. It will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Belleville. Date: Sunday, March 5, 1:30 pm – 4pm. New and almost new ladies shoes and boots in every color of the rainbow in sizes 5 to 10+ will be organized by size for easy access. Admission for the *Shoebang* will be \$5 and every pair of boots or shoes will be priced at \$5. We would appreciate donations so please keep this in mind. Drop off locations and dates will be announced in the new year. Everyone is welcome. Join in on the Fun and Excitement!

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

Statue of Mother Mary: Mother Mary would like to visit your home for a week through a special statue. Please sign up on the calendar at the main church entrance for a week with your name & phone number for any time throughout the year. For more info, call Suja 613-962-0225.

Upcoming Events in the Parish Centre:

Turkey Bingo: Today! - Sunday, December 11th, 1:30pm
Knights of Columbus: Advent Pot Luck, Tues, Dec 13th, 6pm
CWL Christmas Social: Thurs, December 15th, 1pm
Youth Group: Next Sat December 17th, 6:30-8:30pm - Cookie Creations, gifts for all and lots of Christmas games. Contact Lynette for more info. lthibeau@cogeco.ca
The Big Shoebang: Sunday, March 5th, 1:30 - 4pm

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Audrey Taylor, Raymond Brennan, Bradley Robson, Paul Bonneau, Jack Erwin, Maurice Waitson, Patricia Calnan, Kathy Mulder, Bernard Coughlin, Logan Frederick, Anne Young, Karissa Harrison, Kenneth Imhoff, Jim McKenzie and Brian Woodall. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Louis Scanlan and Gregg Scott.

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.

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:

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. 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.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT- Beginning January 26th 2017, the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Gananoque (with the help of the Knights of Columbus) will be doing a six week faith development study group every Thursdays beginning at 6:45 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque. Faith, being a gift from God, is not something that we are to stop developing once confirmed or out of school – but a lifelong process. So please join us as we view short videos in which Bishop Robert Barron presents Biblical examples of conversion stories. Discussion will follow in small informal groups in which we will learn from each other. Refreshments available. It will be a great way to get to know each other while learning our faith together. For information please call St. John's parish office at 613.382.2017 or email stjohnstphil@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



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 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.

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).



Parish Contacts

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Chief Squire	Thomas Morrissey	969-9506
Franciscans	Bill Garland	966-4015
Senior Choir	Debbie Shaw	962-7430
Youth Choir	Anne Moloney	966-4999
Ascension Singers	Elizabeth Wallace	968-9950



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.

