

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2017

*The universal **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is held from January 18th to 25th. We are encouraged to pray together so that Christians from all denominations may be one, as Christ desires. Finding ways to pray together during this week means that we are in harmony with people around the world, which brings its own graces; Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper, and "that they all may be one". (John 17:21)*

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, greetings and good wishes over this Christmas Season. Thank you for your various kinds of gifts - monetary gifts, gift cards and certificates, baked goodies and sweets, Mass offerings and enrollment in various novenas and prayers. I appreciate you remembering me through your kindness and generosity. I also wish to extend a 'thank you' to all who helped make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful - musicians, singers, servers, lectors, ushers, church decorators, organizers of the Christmas pageant and the children who participated. Thanks to Deacon Bob and Father Kelly. If I have mistakenly forgotten anyone, I apologize. Thank you again. Father Charles

Bible Study: *History of the Catholic Church* - Our second Bible Study meeting will be Thursday, Jan 26th from 2 to 3:30 pm in the parish centre. Bible Study will continue from then on, each Thursday. For questions or more info. contact Gus at gusmorrissey@sympatico.ca or (613)969-9506.

Meet and Greet: Everyone is welcome to drop into the parish centre next Sunday, January 22nd from 1:00 to 2:30 pm to meet and welcome the Mansour family; Fawziah, Bilal, Intisar, Malek, Yamen and Wissam. Light refreshments and food will be provided. See you then!

Attention grade two students and their parents: The meeting to start preparations for First Confession and First Communion will be on Wednesday, February, 1st at 7pm.

CWL News: *Membership Drive* this weekend, Jan 14th & 15th. We will have a table at the main entrance of the church. Membership is \$20 a year to join. We encourage you to renew your membership or if you are not currently a member, join our team. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm in the parish centre. You are not obliged to attend all meetings. Members at the door will assist with questions that you might have or call Mary, (613)962-2993. Our first General Meeting is this Thursday, Jan 19th at noon and we will be having a pizza lunch.

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

Our next **Seniors' Lunch** is Wednesday, Jan 25th at 11:30am in the parish centre. Call the parish office to reserve your place, (613)968-9950.

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.

Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: A

weekend Membership Blitz will be undertaken after all Masses during Hospitality Sunday weekend of January 28th/29th. Literature will be available and Knights cordially invite all interested men of the parish, with their families, to visit the parish centre to learn more about this exciting opportunity for membership in this world wide Catholic Fraternal Organization. Members are also reminded of our next business meeting which has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 17th at 7pm in the parish centre.

Put this date in your calendar: *The Big Shoebang* is a fundraising 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 – 4pm. New and almost new ladies shoes and boots in every colour of the rainbow in sizes 5 to 10+ will be organized by size for easy access. Admission - \$5 and every pair of boots or shoes will be priced at \$5. We would appreciate donations by March 1st. Please place shoes in a bag and indicate the size. Drop off locations:

St. Joseph's Church, 399 Victoria Ave; Bridge Street United Church, 60 Bridge St. E; Zig Zag Hair Design, 150 Sidney St; Kelly's Drugstore, 411 Bridge St. E; all in Belleville. Info contact Judy at whywait@sympatico.ca



Upcoming Events in the Parish Centre:

Euchre Party: Today, Sunday, Jan 15th - 2pm

Bible Study: Tuesday, Jan 17th - 2 - 3:30pm

CWL General: Thursday, Jan 19th - 12 noon

Meet & Greet: Sunday, Jan 22nd - 1 to 2:30pm

Seniors' Lunch: Wednesday, Jan 25th - 11:30am

Hospitality Sunday: Sunday, Jan 29th after each Mass

The Big Shoebang: Sunday, March 5th, 1:30 - 4pm

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Lisa Courneya, Cathy Gadbois, Jeannie Laton, 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 Deborah McKeown.

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.

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.

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:

"CURSILLISTAS: You are invited to an ULTREYA on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at St. John the Apostle Church Hall, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston. The Ultreya will start at 2:00 p.m. and will consist of a witness talk, response, small groups, music, prayer and refreshments. All Cursillistas are invited to come out to renew old friendships and meet fellow Cursillistas. For more information contact Mike and 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"



Did You Know? 2017 will be the 50th ShareLent campaign of the Catholic Church in Canada for **Development and Peace!** For over 50 years we have been working to end global poverty. You are invited to join us for a **special 50th Anniversary Celebration and Mass with Archbishop O'Brien on Sunday February 5th 2017 – 10:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston.** Come and see our special solidarity quilt as it makes its pilgrimage across Canada with every diocese contributing a patch, including ours! Please join us, following Mass, for a short ShareLent workshop and lunch from 12:30-2:00pm (St. Mary's Parish Centre) on the 2017 campaign entitled, "*Women at the Heart of Change*". Help us make our 50th ShareLent the best one ever in your parish!

The Churches of St. Alphonsus, Wooler, Holy Angels, Brighton, and St. Jerome, Warkworth, would like to invite you to our Parish Mission from Wed., Feb. 8th to Fri., Feb. 10. The Mission will start with a Healing Mass at 12pm followed by a talk given by Fr. Dominic Borg, a Discalced Carmelite Friar from the Diocese of Toronto. Fr. Dominic's knowledge and love of Scripture flows from his heart and is contagious. There will be opportunity to receive the anointing of the sick. The mission will be given at the three churches on the following days: Wed., Feb. 8th at St. Jerome, Warkworth; Thurs. Feb. 9th at St. Alphonsus, Wooler and Fri., Feb. 10th at Holy Angels, Brighton all beginning at 12 noon. Offerings are accepted and appreciated.

The Hotel Dieu Hospital - St. Mary's Cathedral Coat Drive is in desperate need of men's coats—particularly L-XXL sizes—plus warm hats, mitts and socks. Large-sized women's coats are also welcome. We are accepting coats at the Sydenham Street entrance of Hotel Dieu until the first week of January.

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, Jan 8th: New Life for Teens Reunion & High School Teens Dinner & Games Night - Join us in The Cave, 5:30-8pm. Bring a dessert; we'll supply the rest!

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.

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 Thursday beginning at 6:45pm at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque. Faith, being a gift from God, is not something we are to stop developing once confirmed or out of school, but a lifelong process. Please join us as we view short videos in which Bishop Robert Barron presents Biblical examples of conversion stories. Discussion to 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 info please call St. John's parish office, 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.

Community Events:

On January 15th, harpsichordist Luc Beauséjour will give a recital at **St. Thomas' Anglican Church** in Belleville (201 Church Street) as part of the third edition of "Music at St. Thomas'." Dr. Beauséjour leads a very active performing schedule in Canada and abroad. He is also artistic director of "Clavecin en concert" in Montreal. Harpsichord recitals are really infrequent in the area! This concert is therefore an event not to be missed!

St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School: Grade 8 Parent Information Night & Open House - Wed, Jan 25th at 6:30pm. Grade 8 Orientation Day: Wed, Feb 1st -10:45am to 2pm. 135 Adam St, Belleville.

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association has launched a new online campaign to promote Catholic Education in Ontario. Called *Together in Faith*, the goal of the campaign is to build a vibrant online community of supporters of Catholic education, and share the stories of the exceptional students, teachers, and other members of our Catholic community who are demonstrating excellence throughout our Catholic schools. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is pleased to support this online campaign and celebrate the excellence of Catholic education in our communities. More info on the campaign can be found at www.togetherinfaith.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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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.

