

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2017

As we hear the joyful proclamation of the Beatitudes today in the gospel reading, we realize that when we follow in Christ's footsteps, we experience the blessedness of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Beatitudes challenge us to find God's blessings in our own experiences. We are being called to solidarity with those who live in poverty or oppression, to be God's blessing to those in need.

Blessing of Throats - The blessing of throats is associated with the Feast of St. Blaise (February 3). It is a special blessing in which the faithful invoke St. Blaise's intercession, asking him to protect them from ailments of the throat and every other illness. This blessing will be offered at the 8am Mass on Friday, Feb. 3, the 9am Mass on Saturday, Feb. 4, as well as the weekend Masses of Feb. 4 & 5.

Youth Group Meeting: Saturday Jan 28th, 6:30-8pm - Winter Fun night. If there's snow, come prepared to go outside. Mitts, boots, hats, scarves. Grade 7 & 8's. Bring a friend.

2016 Donation Tax Receipts will be available for pick up at the main church doors for the next 2 weekends. Any receipts not picked up will be mailed in February.

In the Parish Centre:

Youth Group: Saturday, Jan 28th, 6:30 - 8pm

Bible Study: Thursday, Feb 2nd, 2 - 3:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul: Tuesday, Feb 7th, 8:30 am

Euchre Party: Sunday, Feb 19th, 2pm

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

Attention grade two students and their parents: The meeting to start preparations for First Confession and First Communion will be this Wednesday, February 1st at 7pm at St. Joseph's School, 405 Bridge Street E, Belleville.

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

CWL News: Donations were made to St. Joseph's Family Sponsorship Group and to the Friendship Centre, who provide luncheons for people with health and mental issues. January is *Membership Month*. Please remember to pay your dues as our CWL membership drive continues. You can forward your envelope in Sunday's collection. Reminder there will be no meetings in Feb and March. The next general meeting will be April 20th.

Our **Seniors' Lunch** this past week was a success. \$300 was donated to Community Development Council of Quinte's Good Baby Box program which provides baby food, formula, diapers & other baby care items at reduced cost to anyone in Hastings County with a child under age two.

Inn from the Cold – Winter Food Ministry Program – Hot Meals for 42 nights - from Wed, Jan 18 to Tues, Feb 28 - Bridge St. United Church, 60 Bridge St. E. (side door), Belleville. Free hot meals and a warm place to be during the coldest time of the year. Doors open at 4pm, coffee/soup served at 4:30pm, nutritious, hot meals served from 5 to 6:30pm. No registration required. If unable to attend from 5 to 6:30pm, a frozen meal can be picked up daily from 2 to 4pm. Registration required at first visit for "pick up" component of this program. More info call 613-962-9178.

Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: Membership Blitz this weekend after all Masses. Literature will be available & Knights cordially invite all interested men of the parish, and their families, to visit the parish centre to learn more about this exciting opportunity for membership in this world wide Catholic Fraternal Organization.



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 – 10:30am 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 & lunch from 12:30-2:00pm (St. Mary's Parish Centre) on the 2017 campaign, "*Women at the Heart of Change*". Help us make our 50th ShareLent the best yet! We will have several patches on display here at St. Joseph's next weekend.

Don't Miss The Big Shoebang - Proceeds to **United Syrian Family Support (Belleville) Sponsorship Group** - St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Sun, Mar 5, 1:30 - 4pm. New & almost new ladies shoes & boots in every colour of the rainbow, sizes 5 to 10+ organized by size for easy access. Admission \$5 & every pair of boots or shoes priced at \$5. Donations appreciated by Mar 1st. Place shoes in a bag & indicate size. Drop off at: 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 - Judy at whywait@sympatico.ca

2017 Sacrament Dates at St. Joseph's Church:

Information & Registration Meeting: for grade 2 students & their parents - Wednesday, Feb 1st, 7pm at the school.

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

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Celine Maisonneuve, Kayla Bradford, Kristian Stephens, Tom McDade, Joan Farrell, Judita Stakenvicius, Lisa Courneya, Cathy Gadbois, Jeannie Laton, Raymond Brennan, Paul Bonneau, Bradley Robson, Jack Erwin, Maurice Waitson, Patricia Calnan, Kathy Mulder, Bernard Coughlin, Logan Frederick, Anne Young and Brian Woodall. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerome Trebinskie.

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 – 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

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.

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. Registration deadline is Feb 19th.

Read, Marysville & Deseronto Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Fry Fri, Mar 3rd, 4:30 to 6:30pm, 7288 Old Hwy #2, Marysville. Funds raised in support of Steubenville Toronto 2017 Youth Event & Marlow Ploughman SickKids Fundraising Initiative.

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 29th Music with a Message - Bring your favourite song with a message. Prize for best song of the night! All teens welcome. Bring your friends! In the CAVE, 6:30-8:30pm. Sun, Feb 5th - High School Teens Only Night. For teens, led by teens. Bring your friends & join us for food, fuel & fun in The CAVE! 6:30-8:30pm. **Stations of the Cross:** Actors, stagehands, lighting, wardrobe helpers needed! Rehearsals begin to dramatize the Ultimate Drama - Christ's Passion; Sunday nights in the Church until April 9th, 6-9pm. March Break Toronto Day Mission Trip - Monday, March 13th - Good Shepherd Refuge Centre & St. Francis Table - limited spots, register now! Cost \$40. Leave 6:45am - return 11pm.

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!

A study group will meet at 6:30pm at **St. Michael's Parish Centre** to discuss the principles of social credit philosophy and the social doctrine of the Catholic Church. Meetings 1st and 3rd Thurs every month, **Feb until Jun**. Videos & discussion of principles, beginning with the Rosary. Contact Helen (613)966-1490 for more info.

The St. John Fisher Dinner - Monday, March 20th, 2017 - Guest Speaker is Archbishop of Ottawa, Terrence Prendergast. Reception at 6pm, Dinner & Program at 7pm. Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre 1550 Princess St, Kingston. This is an annual fundraising dinner for Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). It takes place each year in Kingston, Ontario, drawing keynote speakers from around the world. This year, in honour of Canada's 150th birthday, the 10th anniversary of CCO Queen's, and the 10th St. John Fisher Dinner, we have invited Canada's own Archbishop of Ottawa, Terrence Prendergast, to address us on the topic "Canada: a History of Holiness". His talk will focus on the Catholic identity and witness of Georges Vanier, 19th Governor General of Canada. We look forward to seeing you at one of Canada's premier Catholic events. Tickets \$80 per person, \$700 for table of 10. For tickets visit store.cco.ca

November Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Justin Pulikunnel - Have you ever longed to visit the Holy Land during your lifetime, to follow in the footsteps of Our Blessed Lord, to pray, kneel and kiss the soil where his sacred feet trod? Would you like the Sacred Scriptures to be opened up in new and exciting ways? Do you want to experience His Mercy? Do you want your family to be converted? Do you expect a healing for you or someone you love? Do you desire to make atonement for your past sins? Or simply to give thanks to God for all the blessings He's given you? Well, all these and more are good reasons to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and Fr. Justin is leading one this **November 15th-24th, 2017**. e-mail justinpulikunnel@gmail.com for more details.



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 flores@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:

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).



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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.

