

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017



A whole new season begins; the season of Easter. The most important season of the Church's year. Jesus' resurrection teaches us that death is not the end; death is the beginning of a new and eternal life. Rejoice in Christ's Resurrection. We don't have to wait until heaven to experience the joy God wants us to have. Jesus is everywhere and He is with us now.
Alleluia! He is RISEN!

Good Friday Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land - The small Christian presence in the Middle East has great need of the support and attention of the entire Church. Constant prayer is the first and greatest assistance they seek. Also required is concrete economic aid given in the spirit of St. Paul's words, "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor.9:7). Again this year, from every part of the Church, expressions of solidarity come together effectively in the Good Friday Collection. Proceeds enable Catholic communities of the Holy Land – the Latin Patriarchal Diocese of Jerusalem, the Franciscan Custody, and other jurisdictions – to help the poor and suffering of every ethnicity and every faith.

Congratulations to our grade two students who recently made their First Confession. **First Communion** is Saturday, May 6th, at 11am. The celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be Tuesday, June 13th, at 7pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Next Sunday, April 23rd, we will have a Holy Hour here at St. Joseph's Church, beginning at 2:15pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for a time of prayer and adoration. Fr. Charles will lead the congregation in singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. As well, there will be an opportunity for confession during the Holy Hour. Please consider offering this time of prayer to our Lord.

CWL News: General Meeting is **Thurs, April 20th, 6pm** in the parish centre. The three CWL leagues are hosting a *Day of Prayer for God and Canada* on Mon, June 12th at Holy Rosary Parish. On **Sunday, May 28th**, our **CWL Communion Lunch** will begin with celebration of **Mass at 12 noon** followed by a luncheon at *Sans Souci* with guest speaker, **Alice Gazeley**. Tickets \$20. More info to follow. St. Joseph's CWL wishes everyone a blessed Easter.

Our **Share Lent** collection continues this week. Thank you for your generous donations used to help meet the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. This year is Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's 50th Annual **Share Lent** campaign, entitled "**Women at the Heart of Change**".

Bundle Sunday is May 6th & 7th. Gather your donations for St. Vincent de Paul Society and bring them to St. Joseph's Church that weekend. The St. Vincent truck will be in our parking lot to accept donations before and after each Mass. To arrange pick up of large donations please call the store at (613)966-8005. Remember that all of your donations will stay in our community to help the needy in this area.

The annual **Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral** will be held Sunday, April 23rd, 2017. This special Mass, which fulfills your Sunday obligation, will be celebrated at 2 pm, followed by sung Divine Mercy Devotions, veneration of the relic, and the blessing of images.

2017 St. Joseph's Parish Bus Trip - Sept. 19-20th. *Save the dates!* Tickets will be available in June for our trip to the Stratford Festival to see "*Guys and Dolls*" and "*HMS Pinafore*". Names not accepted until registration in June.

Day of Reflection: "Nurturing Relationship with Jesus: Praying the Psalms" - **Mon Apr 24, 9-3pm**, *Helen Russell, csj*. The Psalms are the ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people. We briefly explore the various emotions and styles of the psalms, so we can come to an appreciation of how the psalms might impact our own lives. **Call to register by Mon, Apr 10 / Cost: \$25. Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston - 613-542-8826.**

The 20th Annual March for Life will be held on Thursday May 11th on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Join thousands of good hearted Canadians who will march for the end of abortion in Canada. Tickets for the bus to Ottawa from Belleville are \$25. Contact Jane - Quinte Right to Life Committee at (613)968-8578 to reserve your spot on the bus.

Read, Marysville and Deseronto Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 9 am to 12:30 pm** in the Marysville Parish Hall, 7288 Old Hwy. #2, Marysville. Family \$30; Adults \$9; children 6-12, \$6, children under 6 free. Pancakes; Sausages; Bacon; Scrambled Eggs; Toast; Juice/Coffee/Tea.

Spring Flea Market, Sat, Apr 29, 8am - 1pm - St. Gregory School Gym, 7 Owen St, Picton. The Catholic Women's League hosts Grand Flea Market fundraiser. Donations of gently used household items, books, clothing, tools, small furniture and sports equipment would be greatly appreciated. *One person's cast-offs are another's treasures*, and we will have treasures galore! Donation drop off Fri, Apr 28 - 10am-5pm, St. Gregory School Gym, 7 Owen St, Picton.

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Patricia Williams, Annette Sauve, Veronica Edgar, Doug Reed, Denise Wood, Joe Maghales, Hugh McGlashon, Jean Langevin, Helen Bradley, Peter Beninger, Jackson Tapp, Michael MacNamee, Kayla Bradford, Joan Farrell, Raymond Brennan, Lisa Cournyea, Cathy Gadbois, Jeannie Laton, Bradley Robson, Logan Frederick, Patricia Calnan, Kathy Mulder, Brian Woodall, Jack Erwin, Veronica Plowman, Larry Black and Peter Quinn. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diane Cribbes.

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.

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. SAVE THE DATE: New Life For Teens Last team meeting, Sun, Apr 23rd - 6 to 9pm in the Cave. Course takes place - April 27th - 29th (Thurs evening, Fri, Sat) in the Parish Centre - Steubenville Toronto at UOIT in Oshawa - July 28-30th, 2017. For teens entering high school, in high school & grads. Register now online @ www.steubenvilletoronto.com Pay reg fee of \$50 to St. Mike's Youth office. Mission Trip to Canadian Food for Children Warehouse in Mississauga: Wed, May 17th. Permission forms available.

Seven Last Words – Good Friday, April 14 - On Good Friday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, the students of Newman House will be leading the Seven Last Words devotion – readings, meditations and music which prayerfully recall the seven times that Jesus speaks from the Cross. Father Raymond J. de Souza will preach the meditations on the theme, “This Year Has Many Centuries”, reflecting on significant anniversaries that fall in 2017 – 500 years since the Reformation, 150 years since Confederation, 100 years since the Fatima apparitions, 50 years since the Six Day War reshaped the Middle East.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 - July 28-30 - Registrations have begun! The Archdiocesan Youth Office will be taking high school youth from across the archdiocese to the annual Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference. If youth are interested in attending please have them contact Nadia in the Youth Office for info and registration forms: youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca Archbishop O'Brien will be celebrating the Saturday Mass!

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.

Holy Week Directed Retreat - PSC Team Sun Apr 9, 6:30pm – Sun Apr 16, 1pm /Cost: \$495 - Arrival 3-4pm; supper 5pm; Session 6:30pm OR Thu Apr 13, 2pm – Sun Apr 16, 1pm /Cost: \$225. Call to register by Mon Mar 27. Providence Spirituality Centre 613-542-8826.

CURSILLISTAS: You are invited to an ULTREYA on Sunday, April 23, 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

Day of Reflection: “Nurturing Relationship with Jesus: Praying the Psalms” - Mon Apr 24, 9-3pm Helen Russell, csj - The Psalms are the ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people. As such, Jesus would have been infinitely familiar with them. As a young lad, he would have learned them in the bosom of his family. They were on his lips at key moments in his life. As we briefly explore the various emotions and styles of the psalms, we can come to a deep appreciation of how the psalms might impact our own lives. **Call to register by Mon Apr 10 / Cost: \$25. Providence Spirituality Centre 613-542-8826.**

Spring Seniors Christian Spirituality Series: “Living a Spirituality of Justice and Peacemaking Each Day” Thu May 11 + May 25 9:45am – 1pm - *Helen Russell, csj*. Reflecting on the needs of our beautiful but suffering world, we ponder the social teachings of the Church, of Scripture, of Pope Francis and other authors. We embark on a brief journey to restore hope and relieve complacency as we ponder our response to global injustice and exclusion. In prayer, silence and reflection we endeavor to achieve a sense of how each of us can make a difference in simple, yet committed, caring ways. Senior or not – if you'd like to come you're welcome! **Call to register 2 weeks in advance for meal count. Cost: \$20/session includes lunch.**

June Guided Retreat: “Images, Sounds and Thoughts of Our Christian Faith Today” Thoughts of Our Christian Faith Today - Wed Jun 14, 6:30pm – Wed Jun 21, 1pm. Arrival: 2-4pm; supper 5pm; Session 6:30pm. /Cost: \$525 Fr. Trevor Scott, SJ.

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp! Registration Open! Youth in the Archdiocese of Kingston are invited to sign up for a week at **Totus Tuus** (*Latin for Totally Yours*) **Catholic Summer Camp!** A team of dynamic, trained young adult missionaries come to a parish and facilitate a faith-based camp that includes activities, faith instruction, Mass, skits, music and games! The day program, for children entering grades 1-6, runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm. (\$75 for the week). With an option of extended daycare. In the evenings, the team offers an engaging program for teens in Grades 7-12 which runs Monday – Friday from 7–9pm. (\$25 for the week). Youth in the Western Deanery are welcome to attend camp at **St. Michael the Archangel Parish the week of July 31 - Aug 4.** To register or for more info, please contact Nadia Gundert at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-484-2446.

“HANDMADE ONLY” Craft Sale Looking for Vendors - Holy Cross is hosting a craft show on Saturday **Oct. 14, 2017 from 10 – 3 pm.** The cost to vendors is only \$30.00 per table with all this money going to the 2018 Jamaica Mission Trip. Vendors get to keep all profits from their sales. Admission to the show is FREE. Please contact Janina Haley @ jandewy@yahoo.com to reserve your table(s) and arrange payment (before June 15).

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish - PILGRIMAGE TO BARCELONA, LOURDES AND ROME, 2017 On Tuesday April 4th, immediately following the 7 pm Mass, in the parish meeting room, there will be an information Session with the travel agents. They will explain the highlights of our pilgrimage, address concerns and answer questions. During 2017 we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of our beloved parish, Our Lady of Lourdes. What better way to celebrate this significant milestone than to travel to LOURDES and take part, with fellow parishioners, in the beautiful evening Candlelight Procession. We still have seats available and would love to have you join us. The date of the Pilgrimage is from October 10th to the 20th, 2017. For reservations call Anne Routhier at 613-389-8170.

There are still a few spots Available! St. Patrick’s Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape Shrine, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec (including St. Joseph’s Oratory, Montreal and Ursulines Museum at Trois-Rivieres), Monday June 5 through Wednesday June 7, 2017. Cost: \$365/single; \$315pp/double; \$310pp/triple. Pick-up and drop-off at specific locations between Belleville and Brockville. Includes transportation, accommodation, most meals, admissions to sites, and abundant blessings! Contact Alphonse Poitras, 613-354-7643, alphonse.poitras@gmail.com. Payment must be received by **April 3rd** to reserve your spot. Reserve early as space is limited.

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 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:

Interlink celebrates its 19th year in Belleville, **Thurs, Apr 20th, 7pm**, with a concert at Holy Rosary School. **Interlink** is an intergenerational program that links children with seniors, through the magic of words and music. The children in the choir are Annemieke Terpstra's Grade 3/4 class, Holy Rosary School. The seniors are from the community & from Richmond Retirement Residence. All generations welcome! For more information call Marg, 613-966-1546.

Join us at The Souq - Calling business people and artists who are first-generation Canadians, landed immigrants or international students to join us at The Souq. On **Sat. April 22, 9:30am to 3:30pm** in the Bridge St. Church gym and auditorium will be transformed into an Arabian Souq (international market) and coffee house. This event is being organized by the *United Syrian Family Support Group (Belleville)* to showcase the multicultural diversity of the Quinte area business community as well as a fundraiser for our sponsored Syrian families. For more information contact souq.belleville@gmail.com Veronica Leonard, *SOUQ* planning member of *United Syrian Family Support (Belleville)*

The Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board's International Program is looking for homestays for students who will attend Nicholson Catholic College in September. Currently, homes are needed for two boys, one from Spain and one from Japan. If you are interested and would like more information on remuneration etc., please contact Madeleine O'Connor at 613-848-9987 or ocomnorm@alcdsb.on.ca.

Canada International Student Placement Inc. is seeking a family to host a Catholic priest from Burkina Faso, Africa for the month of June 2017. Father Leon wants to be immersed in our Canadian culture to become more fluent in English. His Bishop in Africa supports this leave. Because of visitor visa Fr. will not be able to work in a parish but he does look forward to assisting in any way he can. CISPI and the host family would not be compensated for costs. If you are interested in hosting this priest for four weeks please contact pat@cispi.ca for more information.

Gourmet dinner and swing band music on Sat. April 29 6pm Rideau Acres to raise funds for Neeje Assoc. for Women & Family, a charity inspired by St. Josemaria Escriva. Tickets \$50 available on-line at neeje.ca until April 21. Not sold at the door.

The Belleville Choral Society's Spring Concert, *Out of Africa* with guest tenor, Eddie Baraka, Kenya, Africa. **May 14** (Mother's Day), 3:00 pm, Bridge Street United Church. Treat your favourite lady to an afternoon of riveting Afro-American folk songs, spirituals and famous opera excerpts! Tickets available at Sam the Record Man, QAC, BCS members, or at the door. \$20 Advance, \$25 at the door, Youth (6-18) \$5.

Transforming Grief - The Power and Place of Grief in the Christian Journey: Ven. Max Woolaver will conduct a 1 day retreat/workshop to help us seek the guidance of the Spirit in transforming our experience of grief. Saturday June 17th 9:00 - 3:30, St. Thomas Anglican Church, 201 Church St. Belleville. Coffee, tea, snacks and lunch provided. Free Will offering. Call (613) 962-3636 mornings to register. All welcome.

Steubenville Toronto - Calling all teens in Grade 8-12! Join over 1500 youth from across Ontario in attending Steubenville Toronto, an amazing high school youth conference, on **July 28-30, 2017**. It will be held at the UOIT Campus in Oshawa. For more info in attending with the Archdiocese of Kingston group contact Nadia Gundert at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or download the registration and information package from the Archdiocese of Kingston's website under the YOUTH tab.

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).

