



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 10, 2017**



*The Advent season calls us to reflect. We renew our spirit through meditation and prayer and recommit ourselves to God through our good works. By striving to become a more compassionate and tolerant people, we grow closer to God. This is a time to focus on what we need to do to allow God to more fully enter our hearts.  
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."*

**Area Penance Celebrations**

St. Gregory, Picton, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 3pm  
St. Peter-in-Chains, Trenton, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
St. Michael, Belleville, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm  
St. Joseph's, Belleville, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**Christmas and New Year's Masses:**

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 6pm (pageant), 8pm  
Christmas Day Mass: 10:30am  
New Year's Eve Mass: 5pm  
New Year's Day Mass: 10:30am



***Please Note:*** There will not be a 12 noon Mass on Sunday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Christmas Eve Children's Pageant Mass:**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Pageant practice after 9am Sunday Masses - Dec 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. All children are invited to participate.

**Christmas Family Choir** practices Mondays at 6:30pm in the church - Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. All welcome to join this all ages family choir for the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. Call Anne 966-4999 if you have questions.

**Belleville Firefighters Toy Drive:** If you recall, last year we had an incredible display of toys in front of the altar during the Advent season. Once again, I have been asked if our parish is willing to participate in the toy drive. Feel free to bring what you wish, but there is a need for coloring books and crayons, also appropriate toys for children 6 to 9 months of age. If you can help, just place your donation of toys on the steps in front of the altar. I am sure your generosity will make some local child's Christmas a whole lot happier. Thank you,  
Father Charles



**CWL News:** Our next **Social General Meeting** is **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00** all ladies welcome, bring a friend. Please bring a donation of clothing (unwrapped) for Three Oaks. Women's sizes X-small to X-large and children's clothing from infants to size 14 both boys & girls. Enjoy some music, say goodbye to our outgoing executive and help us celebrate another successful year. Wine, cheese and some treats provided.

**Family Christmas Treat Exchange:** (*Bring a dozen/take a dozen*) or as many as you would like. Bring the family, refreshments served. A chance to meet new friends and visit with old. Sunday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 to 2:30, Parish centre. Call (613)779-8062 – For more info, recipes and more....Get a jump on your Christmas baking!



The Archdiocese of Kingston is seeking a full-time receptionist for the offices of the Pastoral Centre in Kingston. Please see Archdiocese website for details at [www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](http://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca).

**Upcoming Meetings & Events at St. Joseph's Church:**

**CWL Christmas Social:** Thurs, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm  
**Refugee Committee Meeting:** Thurs, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm  
**Youth Group Christmas Party:** Sat, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8pm  
**Christmas Treat Exchange:** Sun, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 - 2:30pm  
**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:** Tue, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am

**2018 Church donation envelopes are ready to pick up at the main church doors.** Please ensure we have your **current** address 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 info.

**Feast Holy Innocents:** Thursday, December 28, 2017. There will be a Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, at 7pm. On this particular day of the Christmas Season, we remember the Holy Innocents - the babies who were killed by Herod seeking the Christ Child - we will gather to pray for our "innocents", the thousands of victims of abortion. Please join us. For further information contact Campaign Life Coalition at 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084.



**You are invited to An Advent Vigil for Peace:** we will pray for peace in our hearts, homes and world. There will be silence, scripture, music and prayer. Holy Family Church, 200 Weller Ave, Kingston, Monday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, sponsored by Kingston Archdiocesan Development and Peace Committee.

**Service of Remembrance and Reflection at Burke Funeral Home:** You are invited to celebrate and remember the lives of those you loved and cherished on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome. This is a free community event. Refreshments to follow. Please RSVP by December 10<sup>th</sup> - (613)968-6928.

**Marriage Preparation Course:** The next Marriage Preparation Weekend is Friday & Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Belleville. Reg is due Feb 1. A Marriage Preparation Course is required for all couples planning to be married in the Archdiocese of Kingston. Please contact the Parish Office, (613)968-9950.

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Helen Bradley, Danny Coughlin, Lorraine Comeau, Joseph Mendes, Randy Carmichael, Gerry Bibby, Louise Murray, Emmett Woodward, Cathy Meyers, Fred Shannon, Tom Woodward and Eileen James. Pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Calnan and Raymond Brennan.

## Parish Events:

**Junior Liturgy** Sundays at 9am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for children between the ages of 3 & 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 always looking for volunteers to support our weekly program. If you would like to help, contact Anne Marie at [barretts@cogeco.ca](mailto:barretts@cogeco.ca) or call the parish office.



**St. Joseph's Junior Choir** - Sunday night rehearsals, 6:30 to 7:30. Grades 2 & up welcome. We sing every 3 or 4 weeks at 9am Mass. Contact Lynette for details. 613-967-2483.

Each week you are encouraged to support Gleaners Food Bank by bringing a non-perishable food item to Mass. "*I was hungry and you fed me.*" Feed the hungry.

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.

## Events in and around the Diocese:

For more than 150 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been a distinctive, highly successful and valued contributor to our public education system. **The Together in Faith campaign** amplifies that message by promoting our Catholic school students' achievements in academics, social justice, and Christian service. Parishioners are invited to join the campaign to strengthen publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario – **add your name to the "Together in Faith" community list at [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca)**. Follow the campaign on Twitter (@Catholicedu) and on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationInOntario)) and help us share the Good News! This campaign is sponsored by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and is supported by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association.

**St. Mike's Youth Office: Advent Candles for Sale! Grade 6, 7 and 8 students from St. Michael's and OLF schools have prepared Advent candles as a service to our community. Candles available at the Welcome desk. Cost: \$5/set**

**Upcoming Teen Activities: Gospel Adventures** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month 6:30 to 8:30 in the Cave. All Teens Welcome!; Dec 17<sup>th</sup>: Adventure #5 - Deliver Christmas Sharing - followed by hot chocolate & treats at Tim Horton's. Meet at the Cave, pick-up at Timmy's on Sidney St. New Life for Teens Team Training Day (for Nov NLFT @ Wesley Acres) Session #2: PA day, Fri, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> in Belleville - Snacks & pizza lunch provided! In preparation for New Life for Teens course for High School Teens only at Wesley Acres from Thursday evening, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 4:30pm. Register by Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Contact St. Mike's Youth Office [youthofficestmikes@gmail.com](mailto:youthofficestmikes@gmail.com)

### Archdiocese of Kingston

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

All are invited to Archdiocesan Liturgical Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral on **FRIDAY, 8 December 2017 at 7:30pm.**

Archbishop O'Brien presiding. Reception to follow at École Cathédrale.

**Notice to All Those Who Have Taken the Cursillo (Cursillistas) in the Archdiocese of Kingston** - You are cordially invited to attend an Ultreya (Cursillo Follow-up) scheduled for 2:00 pm, **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, at St. John the Apostle, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston. If you have any questions contact Lionel Ryan 613 634-9588.

**St. John's Evangelist Church** is pleased to announce the presentation of: "*The Birth of Jesus – A Franciscan Christmas*" on **December 10, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at the St. John the Evangelical Church on Stone Street, in Gananoque. It is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE presented by The Franciscan Players Teen Group of Clayton, N.Y. This is not a Christmas pageant, but attempts to portray the events surrounding the Lord's birth as real as possible, from the birth to the slaughter of the innocent. Recommended for ages 10+. Because of the realistic content, may not be suitable for small children.

**Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference:** On **February 24<sup>th</sup>** join **Hector Molina** and **Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie** along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

**Cursillo Weekend for Men to be held in Kingston** - Pope Francis encourages us to encounter Jesus. The Cursillo Weekend offers a short and profound opportunity to encounter Jesus. A Men's Cursillo weekend is scheduled for **Thursday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston. For more information contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 /[RyanLionel07@gmail.com](mailto:RyanLionel07@gmail.com) or Friar Ed Debono at 613.546.6900 x 204 / [eddebono@aol.com](mailto:eddebono@aol.com)



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](mailto:associates@providence.ca) or call 613-544-4525 ext. 148.

**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](mailto:family@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca) or phone the Family Ministry Office 613-548-4461.

### Community Events:

**Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Bazaar in Belleville – Sat., Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sun., Dec 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - at Bridge St. Church United Church, 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville (side door entrance) - The Ten Thousand Villages store in Picton is coming to Belleville with lots of great Fair Trade products for your Christmas Shopping pleasure, including great "Stocking Stuffers"! With every purchase of Fair Trade products, you make a contribution to a more just world.

For **International Human Rights Day**, join **Amnesty International's Write for Rights**, the world's largest human rights event, by writing on behalf of prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders. On **Sunday, Dec. 10**, drop in, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 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 Jan at 968-9659 or Mieke at 969-1782.

**The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF)** is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about the CWLF and the Leadership Program, and to complete an application form, visit [www.cwlfcanada.ca](http://www.cwlfcanada.ca).

**Bridge Street Church Christmas Concert and Carol Sing** - **Friday, Dec. 15** at 7:00 p.m. No admission fee. Join us for the heavenly sounds of Christmas music from soloists Elizabeth MacDonald and Robert Martin, the combined choirs of Bridge St. United Church and Brighton's Vocalese Community Choir, and English hand bell choirs interspersed with congregational singing of favourite Christmas carols. A reception with cider and cookies will follow. Welcome in the true spirit of Christmas with friends, family and neighbors. Donations to the church's music program gratefully accepted.

**The Hotel Dieu Hospital Spiritual Health Department** is looking for donations of acrylic yarn (Sayelle, Astra, worsted weight). Our volunteer knitters make prayer shawls and afghans, which are then given out where it is felt they are most needed. Donations of yarn can be dropped off at the Spiritual Health office (room 391 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Sydenham wing) Monday to Thursday between 8:30 am -12:30 pm. Contact 613-544-3400 ext. 2231.

The Archdiocese is partnering with **Newman Theological College** in Edmonton to offer online faith formation courses in a Certificate in Catholic Studies. Registration Cost per course is \$85.00. Students may register completely online at <http://www.newman.edu/CCS>. Please see their website for further details and FAQ's. For more information please contact or call Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms at the Diocesan centre 613-548-4461 Ext 115.



Young people in grades 4 to 7 who are interested in joining the **Quinte Children's Choir**, since 1986 the training choir of the renowned **Quinte Youth Chorale**, are invited to audition for the 2017/2018 season at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Belleville. For more information or to schedule an audition call Rudolf Heijdens at 613-962-0920 or e-mail [rudolf.heijdens@sympatico.ca](mailto:rudolf.heijdens@sympatico.ca)

**NEEDED: PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS**

**AT KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Friar David Collins, OFM Conv., is the Roman Catholic Chaplain at Kingston General Hospital. We know how important it is to have a priest or pastoral care volunteer to visit our sick loved ones and to take the Blessed Sacrament to them while they are in hospital.

Friar David is assisted by volunteers from different parishes that arrive before 9:00 a.m. and begin with a short prayer service and then visit the Catholic patients, offering them Holy Communion or just pray with them, if that is what the patient desires.

Friar David is in need of more volunteers to serve in this wonderful ministry.

Training is provided by Friar David, along with the training that all volunteers undergo who volunteer at the hospital.

If you are interested in volunteering one morning a week, Monday thru Friday, please contact Friar David at 613-546-6900

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](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).



**Did you know . . . Hospice Quinte** is focused on improving the quality of life for those with a life threatening or life limiting illness? They will place trained volunteers to provide much needed respite for caregivers, offering peace of mind when they need to attend to tasks outside of home. A volunteer can provide practical assistance with meal preparation & light housekeeping; companionship; offering to read, play cards, share conversation, emotional support for patient & family. The volunteer will visit wherever the patient may be, home, hospital, LTC, or retirement residence. Services are free of charge & available throughout the course of the person's illness, not just at end of life. More info: Jan MacInnes, 613-966-6610 x 223, or [janmacinnes@hospice-quinte.ca](mailto:janmacinnes@hospice-quinte.ca)



**Parish Contacts**

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Squires	Peter Matwyuk	885-7648
Franciscans	Deacon Bill Garland	966-4015
Senior Choir	Debbie Shaw	962-7430
Youth Choir	Lynette Thibeau	967-2483
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.

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

**Knights of Columbus** - Second Tuesday 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: Lynette Thibeau.

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

