

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2018

Lent is about repenting. "We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God", (2 Cor. 5:20). There are two parts to repentance; first turn away from sin. Secondly, turn to God. The best way to start is to go to confession. Sin builds up a barrier between us and God. Going to confession allows for a more intimate relationship with God. Take time to experience God's grace and mercy in reconciliation, especially this Lenten season.



Development and Peace Speaker: St. Joseph's Church, Belleville - Sunday, March 11th after the 12:00 Mass in the parish centre - Everyone is invited to hear Felix Morka, a human rights lawyer from Nigeria speak about his work to stop the wrongful evictions of people from their homes in Nigeria. He is the founder and executive director of the Social and Economic Rights Action Center (SERAC), Nigeria, a Development and Peace partner. Chili and buns will be served before the presentation. SERAC can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government.



Socks For Cake is this Weekend! - Bring a pair of socks to St. Joseph's parish center this Sunday, March 4th and enjoy some cake, coffee and love after Mass! This is a project undertaken by Nicholson Catholic College students to reach out to our parish families. The students will offer cupcakes and coffee and parishioners will 'purchase' their treats with a pair of socks! The students will collect the socks and distribute them to various organizations locally and in Toronto that support people who are homeless or who spend a lot of time on the streets. Everyone wins and love gets shared more widely!



Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: cordially invite all interested men to attend a **Lenten Retreat** on **Saturday, March 24th at St Joseph's Church, Belleville**. We begin with the celebration of Mass at 9am. Fr. Pat Kelly will lead us during our morning retreat in the Parish Centre. There will be an opportunity to attend confession. Refreshments provided. "Free will offering" at the door. To confirm your attendance in advance, please register by calling Roy, (613) 968-9602 or goodridger@bell.net

Upcoming Meetings & Events in the Parish Centre:

Socks for Cake: Today!!! Sun, March 4th, after Masses
Development & Peace Speaker: Sun, March 11th, 1pm
CWL General Meeting: Thurs, March 15th, 1pm
Feast Day of St. Joseph: Mon, March 19th - reception in parish centre after 8am Mass. Hosted by CWL members
Knights of Columbus Lenten Retreat: Sat, March 24th, 9am to noon

Income tax receipts for 2017 donations to the church have been mailed.

Holy Rosary Fraternity will meet Mon, March 5 following 7pm Mass, Holy Rosary parish centre. Everyone welcome.

Save the Date!!! October 10th, 2018! To see "Come from Away" at the Royal Alex Theatre in Toronto. Registration for this parish bus trip will take place in June.



CWL News: Our next General Meeting is Thursday, March 15th at 1pm. **The Kingston Diocesan Convention** will be held May 5th & 6th. **Registration deadline is March 10th**. Please call Bert, (613)962-7645 if you are interested in attending. St. Joseph Feast Day is Monday, March 19th. A reception will follow the 8am Mass in St. Joseph's parish centre. Don't forget to renew your 2018 memberships if you haven't already!

Lenten Lecture Series - "The Art of Living & Dying" Holy Rosary Church Hall, Belleville - 6:30pm - Feb 22nd, Mar 1st, 8th & 15th. In this four part series, Father John will share some spiritual and biblical reflections on living, illness, pain and dying in light of Jesus's own experience of suffering and death. These reflections are drawn from a book by Sister Nuala Kenny "Rediscovering The Art of Dying: How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care" In light of the legalization of doctor assisted suicide and euthanasia throughout the world, disciples of Jesus need to cultivate the virtues and attitudes that will allow us to embrace fully the life and death God has given us. In the past, the Catholic tradition emphasized preparing for a good death in order to see the face of God. We need to rediscover that way of life.

Host Family Needed! Canada International Student Placement Inc. is seeking a family to host a Catholic priest from Burkina Faso, Africa for the **month of May or June 2018**. Father Leon wants to be immersed in our Canadian culture to become more fluent in English. His Bishop in Africa supports this leave. Father will apply for a visitor visa and will not be able to work in a parish during his stay although he does look forward to assisting in any way he can. Families who are willing to host for two weeks are also welcomed, with the hope of having two such placements. If you are interested in hosting this priest for two or four weeks please contact pat@cispi.ca for more information.

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 8th to Sunday, March 11th** at Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston. For more information contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 / RyanLionel07@gmail.com or Friar Ed Debono at 613.546.6900 x 204 / friareddebono@gmail.com

2018 Sacrament Meetings and Dates

First Confession: Wednesday, April 4th, 7pm
First Communion: Saturday, May 5th, 11am
Information & Registration Meeting: for Confirmation candidates & their parents - Wed, April 11th, 7pm in the parish centre
Confirmation Retreat: Wednesday, May 2nd, 9:30am - 2:30pm in the parish centre
Confirmation: Tuesday, May 29th, 7pm



Lay Faith Development Series - Come out and join us for our new Lay Faith Development Series. Our first topic will be **Franciscan Spirituality** with presenter Fr Ed Debono, **Saturday April 14th 10am-2pm**, Kingston Diocesan Centre, 390 Palace Road, Kingston. Registration \$10 (Lunch included). To register go to the **Archdiocese of Kingston** website or call Goret 613-548-4461. Questions or for more information call Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms at above number ext 115.

Remember in Prayer: All who are ill, including Kathy Mulder, Ava Trecartin, Mary Jennings, Cory McMurter, Carol Welch, Brian Steinberg, Danny Coughlin, Paul Frechette, Carol Hannah, Val Roy, Jerry Hermer and Sandy Eastwood. Pray for the repose of the souls of Lawrence Barrett, Mary Seguin and Pat McGrath.

Parish Events:

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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:

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp! Registration Open! Youth in the Archdiocese are invited to register for **Totus Tuus** (*Latin for Totally Yours*) **Catholic Summer Camp!** A faith-based week-long camp; includes faith activities, skits, sports, crafts, music & outdoor fun! Day camp for children (Gr. 1-6), runs Mon-Fri-9am-2:30pm. (\$75/week) extended daycare option to 4pm. Engaging evening camp for teens (Gr. 7-12) runs Sun-Thurs-7-9pm. (\$25/week). Camp offered in Belleville **Jul 29-Aug 3** at **St. Michael's Parish Centre**. Info & reg at www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus Info-Nadia, 613-484-2446.

Upcoming Teen Activities: Gospel Adventures at St. Mike's - 1st Sunday each month 6:30 to 8:30 in the Cave. Mon, March 12th - Adventure #7: Faith in Action - all day March Break Mission Trip to Toronto, details & permission form at the Youth Office. Sun, Apr 8th - Adventure #8: Be Bold!! Be a Leader! - Paint a rock, plant seeds. Wed, May 16th - Adventure #9: Faith in Action - Mission trip to Mississauga - load and sort items going to third world countries. Sun, June 3rd - Adventure #10: Celebrate Sundaes on Sunday - Bring your favourite sundae topping! Outdoor games, scavenger hunt, be prepared to get wet! Confirmation prep resumes with Session 3 Classes - Wednesday, 4-5:30 in the Cave - Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, in the Cave. New Life for Teens Reunion - Food, games, chillaxing! - Sun, Feb 11th, 6:30-8:30pm in the CAVE. Good Shepherd Refuge Centre/St. Francis Table - Toronto Day Trip: Mon, March 12th. Contact St. Mike's Youth Office to register, Fee is \$40.

Come and explore Living Faith, a Saturday Morning Program for families looking to deepen their understanding and practice of the Catholic faith. The meeting takes place at Holy Name School in Kingston Mills (370 Kingston Mills Rd) from 10:00 until Noon. There are groups for adults (babies welcome), teens and children. There is a mid-morning social break with snacks. Upcoming meeting dates: **Feb. 24, March 3, 24, April 7, 21**. For more information contact: Chantal & Tony Hamilton at tallytone@gmail.com or 613 305 1606. You are welcome to come out and see what it's all about - there is joy in sharing your faith with other families.

Study the principles of Social Credit in relation to the social teachings of the Catholic Church at St. Michael's Parish Centre, Belleville ON. We will watch videos on the topic and discuss on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of the month, from 10:30am until noon, beginning **January 20th until June**. Contact Helen @ 613 966 1490 for more information or just show up.

Bible Study for Lent – The Gospel of John – Tuesdays from 9-10:30am Come and renew your soul, this Lenten Season, in the love of God with the Gospel of John. Allow St. John to reveal the depths of God's love for you. Come and explore what makes the Gospel of John so unique among all the Gospels. Together we will study in greater depth aspects such as the Theology of the Eucharist, Jesus as the Word of God, and the Theology of Jesus as the Lamb of God for each of us. Let God speak to you more deeply this Lent through this opportunity for study and fellowship. Join us **Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30am**. Upstairs in the St. Michael's Parish Centre in Belleville, starting February 20th, for six weeks. Come and find a deeper connection with our Lord Jesus Christ this Easter.

There is no cost and no need to register. Just mark your calendars and come on out. For more information, contact Alexandra at 613-966-8430. Everyone is welcome!

Starting **February 26th**, St Paul the Apostle Church, Kingston, will begin the **10 week series: CATHOLICISM**. With creator and host Bishop Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. This is a great opportunity to learn, or refresh your understanding of, our Catholic faith. To register, visit our website www.stpaulkingston.com/. Starts at 6:30 pm and is located at 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, main hall, south side ramp entrance. No charge, everyone welcome!

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall on Saturday, April 7, 2018, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. There will be a dinner at 5 p.m., followed by an informative presentation by Father Tom Rosica, CEO of Salt + Light Television, entitled, "Pope Francis: Where is the Bishop of Rome leading the Church?". Tickets for the 4-course dinner and presentation are \$38 per person, which includes a \$10 charitable donation to Salt + Light Television. Tickets can be ordered by e-mailing deals@knightsdeals.ca or by calling (613) 817-5353.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa - Join us in celebration - 75 Years! 75th Anniversary Dinner at Batawa, **Saturday, September 22, 2018**. Mass at 5pm at Sacred Heart Church, cocktails, 6pm & Dinner at 7pm. Reserve your tickets c/o Anne Marie Aquino-Coward - (613)398-0223 or e-mail amaquino@reach.net or at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, (613)398-6745.



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.

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:

Kids! Parents! Grandparents! Family Concerts are back! On March 10, bring the family to be part of "**Mozart's Flights of Fancy**", with young professional musicians from Jeunesses Musicales Canada. The morning interactive performance is at 11:00 AM, and geared to 3-5 year-olds. At 1:30 PM, bring your 6-12 year olds. Each performance involves the audience with our three musicians. The hyperactive young Amadeus Mozart is trying to do his composition homework, when a friend arrives with a shiny new clarinet! Concerts are in the John M Parrott Gallery at the Belleville Public Library and tickets, at only \$5.00, are available at the Readers' Advisory Desk at the library, or online at cfuwbelleville.com/online payments. What a great way to kick off March Break! With generous support from the Belleville Community Arts and Culture Grant Fund.

VC² (Bryan Holt & Amahl Arulanandam) is an eclectic cello duo based in Toronto. They are going to give a concert at St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Belleville on **Sunday, March 18th**, as part of "Music at St. Thomas'." The programme is centered around pieces written by cellists, for cellists. It will feature works by Bernhard Romberg (a lifelong colleague of Beethoven's), Friedrich August Kummer, Julius Klengel, Jean-Baptiste Barrière, David Popper, and Luigi Boccherini. Come hear the many capabilities of the cello - times 2! The concert will start at 4:30 PM. A reception will follow during which light refreshments will be served. Admission is by donation.

Pilgrimage to Poland 28 April - 14 May 2018 includes special moments not readily available to other groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina. All-inclusive cost \$3,300 single and \$3150 for couples. Information: sbielec@sympatico.ca or [613-792-4272](tel:613-792-4272)

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.

Chilawee Trails has overnight week long camps in August. For girls ages 9-14. Located in Barry's Bay it offers sports, daily Mass, swimming, rosary, crafts, confessions, canoe, and drama - a week of fun, friendship and faith awaits! Registration opens in March. Consider helping campers from low-income families. For more info: chilaweetrails.ca.

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 3rd 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 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

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.



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



Parish Contacts

Parish Secretary	Kathleen Henry	968-9950
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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.

