

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 13, 2018

"His ascension is our glory and our hope." Jesus left this world to be with his Father in Heaven and he opened the doors of Heaven for all of us. By shedding his human body, Jesus is one with the Holy Spirit and no longer limited by time or space. He surrounds us and is in us. His spirit binds us together for all time and brings us in unity with one another. Today, we celebrate his ascension and our unity as we share faith and love.

Ordination to the Priesthood: Rev. Brian Russell will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Kingston on Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10:30am, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston. All are invited to attend. Please pray for Brian in these days leading up to his ordination.



Knights of Columbus Council 16308: Rose Sunday: In our annual support of the Culture of Life, members will be offering for sale the distinctive "**Roses for Life**" on Mother's Day weekend May 12 / 13th after all Masses. Funds raised will go to funding local Birthright and Quinte Right to Life.



CWL News: Our next General Meeting is May 17, 2018 at 6pm. We will start with the Crowning of Mary in the church. There will be a presentation about Our Lady of Medjugorje. The Rosary will be said before all 5pm Masses during the month of May. **Needs for the Homeless & Poor Collection** - We are collecting personal care items for men and women (shampoo, soaps, lotions, socks, face cloths, etc). Donation boxes will be at the church doors.

Our **PARISH PICNIC** is Sunday, June 10th 1:00 to 3:00 - Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, etc. Two tents, Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Lots of fun and surprises!! Come and enjoy the fun for all ages, and it is all free. *See you there!!!*



We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien here at St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday, May 29th, at 7pm.

St. Joseph's Church Parish Bus Trip -

Wed, October 10th, 2018: Travel by Franklin Coach to Toronto. At 1:30pm attend the Royal Alex Theatre to see the highly acclaimed "**Come From Away**". Our

dinner stop will be the Mandarin Buffet in Pickering. Trip includes travel, the show, dinner, plus beverage and snack from the parish centre before departure. Price is \$180.00 per person. **Pay at the church office at time of registration on June 19th & 20th, 9am to noon.**



St. Joseph's Church Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: We invite all parish volunteers to a special "Thank You" dinner on Sunday, June 24th at 5:00pm in the parish centre. (Kitchen helpers, ushers, counters, Junior Liturgy leaders, choir, Eucharistic/Cup ministers, lectors, altar servers, pastoral care workers, gardeners, parish council, finance, etc.) If you volunteer in any way here in our parish, you are invited. This is our way of thanking you for all of your dedication and compassion in fulfilling the many ministries and services our parish offers. Our parishioners are our parish, and we thank you for your willingness to volunteer your time. We will place sign-up sheets at the church doors beginning in June in order to reserve your seat, so please "**Save the Date.**" As this will be a catered meal, it is very important that you place your name on the list so that we can submit numbers. Thank you.

Lynette is looking for adults and kids to join our **St. Joseph's Summer Choir**. Please speak with her after mass or text 613-849-7892. We will practise weekly for 1 hour and sing at the 10:30 mass for June and August.



May 26: Indoor yard, plant and bake sale to help our Syrian newcomers at Holy Rosary Hall, 169 North Park Street, Belleville from **7:30am to 1:00pm**. A project of the Holy Rosary Refugee Sponsorship Committee.

Birthright Bottles for Babies - Birthright has been supporting women to have their babies in the Quinte Region for 45 years. Once again baby bottles will be available for pick up on Mother's Day weekend. Just fill them with your spare change or other donation and return them Father's Day weekend. Last year, your support allowed us to start a Facebook campaign to reach more women. Of the thousands of impressions each month, we average 300-400 visits to our website and have seen a corresponding increase in office visits and pregnancy tests. Thank you for your support! Volunteers are always welcome.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Confirmation: Tuesday, May 29th, 7pm
Hospitality Sunday: Sunday, May 27th after Sunday Masses
Seniors' Lunch: Wednesday, June 6th, 11:30am
Parish Picnic: Sunday, June 10th, 1:00 to 3:00pm
USFS 8 Wing Fundraiser Concert: Wed, June 20th
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Sunday, June 24th, 5pm

"Spring into Music" United Syrian Family Support (Belleville) Fundraising Concert - Sat., May 26, 7 p.m. - Bridge St. United Church Sanctuary, 60 Bridge St. E., Belleville. Andre Knevel (organ), Roberta Luttjeboer (organ/piano), Veronique Kwakkernaat (flute) and a soloist. **Freewill Offering. Everyone welcome!**

St. Michael's CWL invite you to their **Spring Tea**, Sat, June 3rd, 12 - 2pm, St. Michael's Parish Hall. Adults \$10, children \$5. Tickets available at the door or call Nancy 613-920-2249 or Sharon 613-779-7801. Everyone welcome.

Holy Rosary Knight's of Columbus invite all parish communities to join us for a **BBQ tenderloin dinner** with baked potatoes, salad and dessert to be held at Holy Rosary Church on Wed, June 13th at 6pm. Cost for this delicious feast is \$12/adult & \$6/child, 12 yrs. & under.

Coverage during Priest's Retreat (May 14-18, 2018)

Those who require a priest during the Priests' Retreat are requested to phone The Glen House Resort, Gananoque, (613)659-2204. The parish office will be open.

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Kathy Mulder, Ava Trecartin, Mary Jennings, Cory McMurter, Carol Welch, Brian Steinberg, Danny Coughlin, Carol Hannah, Val Roy, Carrie McLeod and Shirley McCoy. Pray for the repose of the souls of Doris Bunton and Sister Mary Alice Hurley.

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 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.

Thank you again for continuing to bring food items to Mass for Gleaner's Food Bank. Please keep making food donations to Gleaners each week because many families are counting on our parish to help feed them. Remember Jesus' words from Matthew's Gospel: "*I was hungry and you fed me.*"

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. 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! New Life for Teens Reunion - Food, games, chillaxing! - Sun, May 27th, 6:30-8:30pm in the CAVE. Prayer Marathon fundraiser for NET + Family Ministry - Teens will spend a day praying for your intentions through Adoration, Praise + Worship, saying the Rosary and watching inspirational movies on Wednesday, July 11th from 9am to 12 midnight at the parish hall. Place your prayer requests in the marked prayer box at the Welcome Desk. Sponsor forms soon available at the Welcome Desk in the Church or through the Youth Office. Payment & receipt info may be placed in the Collection and marked: **Youth Office Prayer Marathon Fundraiser.**

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.

St. Andrew School of Evangelization: "Moses: formation of liberators" There is a "Moses", within each one of us. With our qualities and flaws, we are called by God and sent by Him: to be delivered into freedom for Him, and become the instrument of His liberation of others. Come and join us as a Christian community journeying together for three full days towards the Promised Land of personal liberty and community. Come and receive a formation which you will never forget and a transformation of your mentality and of your heart which you will cherish for the rest of your life as a disciple and a disciple-maker. Presented from Friday evening **May 18th** to Monday afternoon **May 21st, 2018, St. Mary's Parish Centre, Kingston, Ontario**. Reg: \$80 (all meals & breaks included). Accommodations are available upon request. For more info, email kingston.sase@gmail.com or call Julie Smith, our registrar, 613-770-0544. Register online at www.sase.ca. It is recommended to have at least taken one prior course in the formation program prior to taking this course."

Pentecost and Mary: Centennial Mission on Wolfe Island: In thanksgiving for the centennial of the parish church of the Sacred Heart of Mary on Wolfe Island, and to mark its renovation after the fire of 2016, there will be a parish mission in honour of the new feast established by our Holy Father Pope Francis: Mary, Mother of the Church. The mission theme is: "Pentecost and Mary: Celebrating the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church" preached by Father Raymond J. de Souza. The mission unfolds over three nights at 7:30 p.m.: **Saturday, May 19** (Vigil of Pentecost); **Sunday, May 20** (Pentecost Sunday); **Monday, May 21** (Feast of Mary, Mother of the

Church).

The Legion of Mary of the Archdiocese of Kingston will celebrate the **Mater Dei Curia Acies** on Sunday, May 27th, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston. Rosary at 2:00 p.m.; Mass at 2:30 p.m., followed by a social hour. Regular members and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Contact person: Lucien at 613-634-0375.

Foundations in Parish Nursing program hosted by the Institute for Ongoing Formation at St. Peter's Seminary: **FOUNDATIONS IN PARISH NURSING - Summer Residency Program from July 8 – 14, 2018**, at Brescia University College in London, Ontario. It is a national, ecumenical education program for registered nurses who are interested in Parish Nursing Ministry or in learning more about the connection between spirituality and health. **Registration deadline is May 31, 2018**, and we still have some spaces available. For more information and/or to register please visit our website: <http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Parish-Nursing/21>

All are welcome to attend the first **Annual General Meeting** of the Kingston Archdiocesan **Development and Peace** Committee at **St. Paul's Church**, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd. in Kingston. We will evaluate the two yearly campaigns as well as view the film about **Rebuilding in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan: "Pope Francis Village."** Lunch will be served; the meeting begins at 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, **June 2nd**. Call Jan at 613-968-9659 or Sr. Helen at 613-766-2376 to register.

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.

This September Fr Hood (Holy Rosary Parish) will lead 3 Catholic Pilgrimages. Is it time for you to develop your Spiritual Life with this ancient practice? **The Holy Land: Walk Where Jesus Walked - 10 Days: 23 Sep to 02 Oct**, Bethlehem - Nazareth - Jerusalem etc. US \$4,194 * **Greece: In the Footsteps of St Paul - 11 Days: 13 - 23 Sep**, Philippi - Corinth - Athens - Ephesus etc. US \$4,580 * **England: Its Catholic Heritage - 9 Days: 03 - 11 Sep**, London - Cambridge - Walsingham etc. US \$4,894. * Except lunches in England & Greece & tips for your Driver & Guide, prices are all inclusive from the time you leave Toronto, until you return. Further info call Fr Hood (613) 242-7525 or adh.hood@utoronto.ca

Cursillo Weekend for Women to be Held in Kingston - Pope Francis encourages us to encounter Jesus. The Cursillo Weekend offers a short and profound opportunity to encounter Jesus. The Archdiocese of Kingston has just completed a milestone with the Men's Cursillo Weekend held on March 8th to 11th. We are now blessed with the opportunity to have a Women's Cursillo Weekend scheduled for Thursday evening, August 9th through to Sunday, August 12th incl., at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Diane Foley at 613.546.6224 / mfoley8@cogeco.ca or Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 / RyanLionel07@gmail.com

Community Events:

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.

Nicholson Catholic College is holding a **12 hour Relay for Life** event on May 25, 2018 from 11am to 11pm on Buckley Field. As a faith based school community we have been involved in Relay for Life since 2004 and over the years have raised over \$230,000 in support of cancer research. Our goal this year is \$40,000. As a school we know that "cancer changes everything but so can we" - with this in mind we are grateful for any support the community can give to this event. Please contact Nicholson Catholic College if you can give in any way - 613-967-0404.

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

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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.

