




# NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST


## June 24, 2018

*As we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, God wants us to realize that we too have a role to take in His salvation plan. He said in Isaiah 49:3: "You are my servant in whom I shall be glorified." Isaiah 49:3. If John spoke with strength, conviction and without fear out of his passion that everyone receives God's message, what should be our action plan in bringing the Good News to the ends of the earth? God wants us to address everyone with the same fervor and dedication. One thing is certain, if we open our hearts to God and His call to serve His people, He will make us a light to the nations so that His salvation may reach the ends of the earth!*

The **Annual St. James Cemetery Mass** will be held August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in front of the outdoor columbarium. Everyone is welcome and please bring your own lawn chairs.

We do not publish a bulletin during the summer. Please check our parish website for Mass intentions and other information at [www.stjosephsbelleville.org](http://www.stjosephsbelleville.org)

 **CWL News:** Summer is upon us but it is not too soon to think about and make plans for our Bazaar, October 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any suggestions, or would be willing to help in any way, please let us know. Meanwhile, relax and enjoy your summer.

 **Birthright Bottles for Babies:** Thank you to those who participated in the baby bottle campaign. If you forgot to bring the bottle this weekend, you can drop them off at the Birthright office (383 Front St.) Monday-Thursday between 1-4 pm.

On the occasion of **Archbishop O'Brien's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood**, the Archdiocese of Kingston would like to invite parishioners of the Archdiocese to join the Archbishop as he celebrates a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at 10:30 am, **Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston. An old fashioned luncheon and tea will follow under tents on the lawn of the Cathedral. All are welcome. To assist in the organization of this special event, it would be appreciated if those planning to attend could send an email to [smarys@cogeco.net](mailto:smarys@cogeco.net).

Do you love to sing? **The St. Joseph's Senior Choir** is welcoming new members. If you love to sing and would like to join a friendly group, please consider joining us. Reading music is an asset but not required. We practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. For further information please call 613-438-7430.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

**Hospitality Sunday:** Sun, June 24<sup>th</sup>, after Sunday Masses  
**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** Sun, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm  
**Andy Forgie Fundraiser Concert:** Sunday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

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.

**Women's Fall Retreat:** Sept 21-23, 2018, Glen House Resort, Gananoque. Limited room availability, register early. More info Annette 613-258-7885 or <http://womensfallretreat.com/>.

**Gleaners Food Bank Mega Yardsale** - Jul 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am - 4pm, Wallbridge Cres. Accepting donations now! Please no clothing, beds/bedding. Call 613-962-9043 for info.

**St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School** is celebrating our 20th Anniversary!! We invite all graduates, students, friends and families to join us in our celebration, **Sat, Sept 29, 2018**, 2-5pm at STCSS, 135 Adam Street, Belleville. The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the intentions of the St. Theresa CSS community will be offered at 4:30pm at Holy Rosary Church.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, 2905 Westport Road, Bedford Ontario** is having a **Roast Beef Dinner** on **Sat, July 14, 4-7pm**. There will be homemade pies and cheesecakes. Silent Auction; Jeff Code and Silver Wings Band; Lots of free fun for the kids, Petting zoo, air castle, Mickey & Minnie Mouse, face painting, cotton candy, kids games with prizes. Adults \$15, children \$5.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Marmora** will be hosting their **Annual Parish Supper** on **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 6:30pm**. The cost for this BBQ Beef and Pork supper is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children between the ages of 6 -12 years, and free for children under six. For more information please contact Dorothy Meehan 613-472-5638.

**2018 Municipal Elections - "Becoming a Catholic School Trustee."** On Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, Catholic School Board elections will be held throughout Ontario. In an effort to encourage members of our Catholic community to consider a vocation as a Catholic school trustee, OCSTA has produced a brochure entitled "A Call to Service." This brochure illuminates the distinctive role of the Catholic trustee and outlines some of the legal qualifications required prior to running in the election. Brochures can be found at the main church doors.

**Pilgrimage to Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico, Puebla, Taxco and Acapulco.** Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Joseph Machaj and Fr. Jan Kusyk. October 10 to 20, 2018, 10 days - \$2,300.00 CAN (tips and taxes are included). Arrangement by polish Travel Agency ME TOURS-MEXICO ENTERO. For more info. & to register please call or e-mail: Fr. Joseph Machaj [Tel:613-962-1092](tel:613-962-1092) or [frjosephmachaj@gmail.com](mailto:frjosephmachaj@gmail.com) Fr. Jan Kusyk [Tel:613-259-2155](tel:613-259-2155) or [frjankusyk@gmail.com](mailto:frjankusyk@gmail.com) or [juliapilgrimage@yahoo.com](mailto:juliapilgrimage@yahoo.com) Deadline for registration is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Cursillo Weekend for Women to be Held in Kingston:** A Women's Cursillo Weekend will be held at Providence Spirituality Centre from **August 9-12, 2018** (inclusive). For more information, please contact Diane Foley at 613.546.6224 / [mfoley8@cogeco.ca](mailto:mfoley8@cogeco.ca) or Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 / [RyanLionel07@gmail.com](mailto:RyanLionel07@gmail.com)

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Kathy Mulder, Brian Steinberg, Danny Coughlin, Carol Hannah, Val Roy, Carrie McLeod, Shirley McCoy, James Evans and Catherine Genereaux. Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Jennings, Carol Welch, Sandy Morris and Danny McCormick.

## 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.

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:

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp is looking for volunteers! The Archdiocesan camp will be held in Belleville at St. Michael's Parish the week of July 30 – Aug 3. We are looking for high school teens and adults of all ages to help with supervision and to have fun with our campers during lunch break. Our camp leaders will run camp activities. Volunteers would be needed from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm for the week. Community service hours given. We are also looking for some volunteers to help us by donating a meal (lunch or dinner) for our 4 young adult missionaries. No dietary needs. Nadia is putting together a meal schedule so if you are able to help out please email [youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca) or call 613-484-2446. There is still room for campers to register. All camp information can be found online at [www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus](http://www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus)

**Upcoming Teen Activities: Gospel Adventures at St. Mike's** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month 6:30 to 8:30 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**  
**Summer Trek:** Tuesday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - Mission trip to Canadian Food for Children in Mississauga and Cobourg Beach. Reg. form available through St. Mike's Youth Office. Cost: Bring money for dinner, 6:45am to 9pm. **Catholic Summer Camp for Youth - July 29 - Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Daycamp: grades 1-6 (Cost: \$75); Evening: grades 7-12 (Cost: \$25) (e-transfers now possible); to register online: [www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus](http://www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus)

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa - Join us in celebration - 75 Years!** 75<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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.

**Workshop – REDISCOVERING THE ART OF DYING – Saturday, 13 October 2018,** from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. To register on-line, please visit the Archdiocese of Kingston website at [romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](http://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca).

**Cormac Pilgrimage: Pilgrimage to Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac:** Plan to attend the **80<sup>th</sup> annual** pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Ann Cormac on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, with Bishop Michael Mulhall and Father Dennis Lemieux. The theme of the Pilgrimage will be “The Way of the Listening Heart”. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Michael Mulhall presiding, and a mass of healing will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Local priests will be assisting with the blessing with St. Ann’s oil. A section of preferential seating in the shade will be given to those with lawn chairs. Religious articles, St. Ann’s Mass League memberships, and food and refreshments will be available. Everyone welcome! For further information, please see: [www.cormacpilgrimage.com](http://www.cormacpilgrimage.com).

**The 144th Annual Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Baupré and Cap-de-la-Madeleine** will take place on **August 11-12, 2018**. Departures from Belleville, Kingston and Brockville. There are 9 seats available. Contact Mike Budge at 613-224-8110 for more information. Good Saint Ann pray for us.

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](mailto:adh.hood@utoronto.ca)

### 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](http://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](http://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 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 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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CWL	Bert Miller	962-7645
Grand Knight 16308	Roy Goodridge	goodridger@bell.net
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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.

