

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 3, 2019

Countdown to Lent:

Ash Wednesday is
March 6, 2019



On Ash Wednesday we will begin a forty-day journey to prepare ourselves for Holy Week. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change so that you can live as people of faith. Spend time in communion with God, the way Jesus did when he was in Capernaum. He spent time curing the sick but he also made time to go to a deserted place to pray. We need to spend time with God, regardless of other demands on us. In this way we will better perform God's services in the way He wants us to.

2018 parish income tax donation receipts that were not previously picked up have been mailed.

Seniors' Lunch is Wednesday, March 27th, at 11:30am in the parish centre. Please call the parish office to reserve your place, (613)968-9950.

Thank you to the many parishioners who donated their used stamps to help the work of **Development and Peace**. The collection box will remain in the narthex for further donations.

Upcoming Meetings & Events in the Parish Centre:

Social Justice Meeting: Monday, March 4th, 7pm
Parish Pancake Supper: Tuesday, March 5th, 5:30 - 8pm
Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, March 12th, 7pm
Euchre & Board Games: Sunday, March 17th, 2 to 4pm
St. Vincent de Paul: Tuesday, March 19th, 8:30am
St. Joseph Day: Parish reception - Wed, Mar 20th, after 8am Mass
CWL General Meeting: Thursday, March 21st, 1pm
Seniors' Lunch: Wednesday, March 27th, 11:30am
Lenten Fish Fry: Friday, March 29th, 5:30pm
Hospitality Sunday: Sunday, March 31st, after all Masses



St. Joseph Parish PANCAKE SUPPER is this Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 from 5:30pm to 8pm. \$7/per person; children 7 & under \$5. Enjoy a plate of pancakes, sausage, fruit salad, beverages and dessert. Come and enjoy a great pancake supper and fellowship before Lent begins.



SAVE THE DATE!! Our Lenten "Fish Fry" is Friday, March 29th, at 5:30pm in the parish centre, featuring **Mike Mundell's Fish & Chips**, with desserts & beverage included. Adults \$15; children under 10 - \$7; 6 yrs. & under - Free. Tickets available at the parish office or after the weekend Masses March 16/17th & Mar 23/24th.

CWL News: The Kingston Diocesan CWL are holding a day of reflection at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston, **Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 from 9:30am to 2:30pm.** The theme is "*Honouring the Mystic in You.*" Everyone is welcome. To register call Maria Watts (613)779-8062. Registration is \$20. **Regarding: The bereavement of our CWL members** - Our policy is to pray the Rosary in our church prior to the funeral Mass. As well, we will have an Honour Guard at the Mass. If you wish the rosary to be prayed at the funeral home, it must be requested through the church office and we will try to accommodate you. Our next **CWL General meeting is March 21st, 2019 at 1pm.**



Archdiocesan Celebration of the Rite of Election and Rite of Calling Baptized Candidates to Lenten Renewal - Sunday, March 10th, 2019, at 4pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Archbishop O'Brien will celebrate the Rite of Election with Catechumens from the Archdiocese of Kingston. After testimony of their sponsors, pastors and team members, the Archbishop will publicly declare the Church's approval of these catechumens, now called "Elect" for the Easter Sacraments. At the same celebration, all Baptized Candidates seeking full communion with the Catholic Church will be called to Lenten renewal. All are welcome to attend this special event and support our new brothers and sisters in faith. Refreshments served at St. Mary's Parish Centre.

NEW LIFE COURSE: To be held right here at St. Joseph Parish Centre, **April 5th to 7th, 2019.** Bring your bible and experience a time of faith enrichment, a personal friendship with Jesus and a deeper knowledge of the love of God. Suggested Donation \$40.00. Register online: www.sase.ca or contact Vince 613-992-0791 or Marilyn 613-779-0349. Don't hesitate; space is limited. This Lent, attend '**NEW LIFE**' and be empowered by His Holy Spirit to live a more joy-filled Christian life.



SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN: This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is inviting you to share the journey with the 68.5 million forced migrants in the world as part of the global **Share the Journey** campaign launched by Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis. We invite you to pick up a Solidarity Calendar at the church doors today and use it with your family. Solidarity Sunday is Sunday, April 7th, 2019.

Pursuit of Glory Catholic Men's Conference: Sat, Apr 27th, 9am - 3:30pm, Donald Gordon Conference Centre, Queen's University. Do you want to deepen your faith and become more the man that God wants you to be? Would you like to deepen your understanding of what it means to be a Catholic man in an ever changing modern world? If so, the **Pursuit of Glory Catholic Men's Conference: Put on the Armor of Christ**, is for you! The day will begin with Holy Mass and includes three conferences by international speaker, Greg Wasinski from Illinois, a gourmet lunch and snacks throughout the day all for just \$55. Register on line at <https://www.kingstonmensministry.ca/pursuit-of-glory/> or call Kyle Grace, 613-449-9227 or contact Father Shawn Hughes fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com

Secular Franciscans of Holy Rosary Fraternity will meet Monday, March 4th following 7:00 Mass, Holy Rosary Church. All are welcome.

Everyone is invited to pray the **Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**. Every Wed after 8am Mass, St. Joseph Church in the St. Anne's Room in the parish centre. For info contact Cheryl, (613)962-4916.

2019 Sacrament Dates

First Confession: Wed, May 1, 2019, 7pm
First Communion: Sat, June 1, 2019, 11am
Confirmation: Tues, May 21, 2019 at 7pm

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Donna Lee, Kathy Mulder, Danny Coughlin, Al Hamilton, Marvin Yantha, Susan Lake, Catharine Brennan, Pam Barrett, Cory McMurter, Jeanette McBride, Robert Munroe, Colin Sugden and Esther Mortley. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barbara Truaisch, Bill Kelly, Greta Cole, Leona Desjardins and Duane Boldrick.

Parish Events:

2019 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 (check the label on your box). If you would like to sign up for a new box of envelopes or for pre-authorized automatic monthly donations, extra boxes and sign-up sheets are at the main doors or call the parish office for information.

Thank you 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.*"

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.

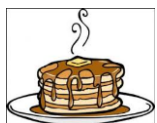


Junior Choir: We need more singers! Please contact Lynette 613-967-2483 or lynettethibeau@hotmail.com or see her at Mass to arrange an audition. We practise Sunday nights at 6:30 and sing about once a month. Please consider this if your child is in grade 2 or higher and enjoys singing. They must be able to read.

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:



Knights of Columbus Council 1008 invite all parishes to our annual **Pancake Supper**. Come start your Lenten season with our delicious pancakes and fellowship. The cost for this evening full of sweetness is only \$7 per person. It will be held at St. Michael's parish centre on **Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 at 6pm.** See you there!!

Archdiocesan Choir: If you are 16 or older, share your voice to build a great **Archdiocesan Choir!** First rehearsal is Sunday, March 10. Short-term commitment for one or more Archdiocesan liturgies throughout the year, including: Rite of Election, Mass of Christ, Archbishop's Installation Mass, and Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Contact Jeffrey Moellman, Director of Music, St. Mary's Cathedral: 613.985.2224 / musicmoell@gmail.com

Tour of the Wonders of Egypt and The Nile River: October 10-19, 2019 - Have you ever wanted to see the ancient wonders of Egypt? To marvel at the magnificent structures in the Giza Pyramids and Great Sphinx in Cairo, to admire the sophisticated giant statues and pillars in the Temples of Luxor and Karnak, and embark on a luxurious five day Nile River Cruise and felucca for fascinating natural sceneries and also spectacular ancient monuments along the river? If so, consider joining Fr. Brian Price (an amateur Egyptologist) & Fr. Justin Pulikunnel for this adventure! Though not a religious pilgrimage per se, there will be Holy Mass every day. Staying at the five-star Cairo Marriott Hotel and the luxurious *Sonesta St. George I* cruise (only 47 cabins). Contact Fr. Justin justin.pulikunnel@gmail.com for an itinerary.

Personal Retreat Days and / or Lenten Sabbath Weekend - Thursday, March 7th, 2019, 9am to Sunday, March 10th, 1pm at Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg. **Phone:** 905-372-2741 or villa@csjcanada.org **WEB:** <https://www.villastjoseph.ca/register-for-a-retreat/> for details. Villa St Joseph offers a quiet and relaxing environment that supports prayer and a deepening awareness of God's presence. The prayerful stillness and beauty of nature offer a peaceful and life giving setting. The time and space is yours. You may choose to come for the entire time or for a shorter stay. The Sisters at the Villa are available for spiritual direction during these days.

Lenten Guided Retreat: "Jesus' Way of Compassion" Friday, March 8, 7pm to Sunday, March 10, 1pm. Arrival 6 - 6:30pm. Facilitator: Denise Bérubé, cnd. Compassion is the essence of Jesus' life & teaching. Following his way of compassion asks no less of us than the total breaking and giving of our own hearts in love. We come to this weekend of quiet space to ponder this invitation to follow Christ in responding to the suffering world of today. **Register by Fri, Feb 22/Cost: \$165. Providence Spirituality Centre 613-542-8826.** *Those who want a directed retreat can also register, cost is \$150.*

2019 Women's Lenten Retreat, Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre - Pickering, 2 nights/3 days: - **Monday, March 11th to Wed, March 13th, 2019.** Retreat director is Father Henk van Meijel, director of Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. Cost \$339.00 with transportation from Belleville or \$299.00 without. Organized & escorted by Fr. Don Oberwarth, St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford. (613)929-8390 womenslentenretreat@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation Course: The next course in Belleville is **Friday & Saturday, March 22 & 23, 2019** at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. To register, please contact St. Joseph parish office. Completed forms due by **Feb 28th, 2019.** A Marriage Preparation Course is required **for all couples planning to be married in the Archdiocese of Kingston.**

Organ Scholarships Available for Parish Musicians - The Royal Canadian College of Organists-Kingston Centre offers scholarships for talented pianists of all ages who would like to be introduced to, or/ and develop their playing skills on the pipe organ. Scholarships provide 10 hours of free organ lessons with a qualified instructor. The Kingston Centre receives financial support for these scholarships from the National RCCO office, local individuals and churches, and raises funds by sponsoring centre events. Each student has the opportunity to play in the student concert in late-winter and is invited to attend all local RCCO events. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston is sponsoring one these scholarships and encouraged you to apply. The application deadline is March 31. Auditions will be held for qualified applicants in April. Application forms and more information at www.rcco-kingston.ca or contact scholarships@rcco-kingston.ca or call the Liturgy Office at 613-548-4461.

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. The Archdiocese of Kingston has just completed a milestone with the **Women's Cursillo Weekend held on August 9th to 12th, 2018.** We are now blessed with the opportunity to have a **Men's Cursillo Weekend scheduled for Thursday evening, March 28th through to Sunday, March 31st, 2019** incl., at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 / ryanlionel07@gmail.com, or Mike Foley at 613.546.6224 / mfoley8@cogeco.ca, or Father Shawn J. Hughes at 613.546.5521 Ext. 4 / fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com .

You are invited to join a **Christian Meditation Group** in the tradition of *John Main* every Tuesday from 10 to 11am, downstairs at the **Diocesan Centre**, 390 Palace Road, Kingston. For further information contact Mary Myers at mritamyers@gmail.com

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF) is accepting applications for its 2019 Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality at Saint Paul University in Ottawa. For more information about CWLF and the Leadership Program, and to complete an application form, visit www.cwlfcanada.ca.

Belleville Catholic Men's Fellowship (BCMF) - THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY) It's not too late to join the Men's Fellowship meetings on Friday mornings at St. Michael's in the parish centre from 6 to 8am. Check our Paradisus Dei online. Contact John Kavanaugh for info: johnkavanaugh140@gmail.com **Resumes Friday, Feb 8th, 2019.**

Prayer for World Peace: Sundays from 1-8pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall, the Rosary is recited continuously in different languages dedicated to world peace. For more info call Matthew (613)967-1732 or Joseph (613)771-9636.

QuintCY (Quinte Catholic Youth) ~ Calling all Quinte Catholic Youth to Youth Group in the Cave! (Downstairs at St. Michael's Church) Sundays, monthly, 6:30-8:30. For TEENS. Bring your friends! (First Sunday each month).

Pilgrimage to Poland: Divine Mercy Centre and Prague, Wroclaw, Krzeszow, Krakow, Lagiewniki, Czestochowa, Salt Mine Wieliczka, Zakopane, Wadowice and more. **May 5-15, 2019** - \$3,200 CAD (taxes & gratuities included). Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Joseph Machaj. The Pilgrimage is being organized by a Polish travel agency, IvoTrans in Poland. More info contact Fr. Joseph, (613)962-1092; frjosephmachaj@gmail.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 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:

St. Joseph School, 405 Bridge St E, Belleville, is having a **Spring Crafter/Vendor Sale** on **Saturday April 6th 2019.** We are looking for vendors to fill up our gym. Price per table is \$30 plus an item for our raffle. To book a spot at our sale e-mail Amanda Bentley-Lake, mandibentley@hotmail.com Vendor forms available at the school office.

Kids! Parents! Grandparents! Family Concerts are back! On March 16, bring the family to be part of "*Opera Candy: The Gournet Adventures of Hansel & Gretel*", 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. This fanciful and playful production will introduce your family to opera and lyrical singing. Concerts are in the John M Parrott Gallery at the Belleville Public Library and tickets, at only \$5.00, are available at the Children's Services Desk at the library, or online at cfuwbelleville.com (online payments). What a great way to wrap up March Break! Generously supported by the Belleville Community Arts and Culture Grant Fund and many others.

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 at www.togetherinfaith.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



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 I am pleased to let you know that on October 1, we are relocating to a space more suitable for our program needs. Our new location is 2-470 Dundas Street East in Belleville, in the Bayview Mall. Our phone number remains the same at 613-966-6610 and our primary email address is also still the same; we.care@hospice-quinte.ca This new location will provide our clients with more convenient parking as well as a space for support groups and meetings.



Parish Contacts

Parish Secretary	Kathleen Henry	968-9950
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Junior Liturgy	Anne Marie Barrett	barretts@cogeco.ca
CWL	Mary McNulty	962-2993
Grand Knight 16308	Roy Goodridge	goodridger@bell.net
Deputy Grand Knight 16308	Paul Lattanzio	st.kocjosephskoc@gmail.com
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 Bill.

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 the parish office.

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.

