

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 2, 2019

"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.



St. Joseph's Church Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: We invite all parish volunteers to a special "Thank You" dinner **NEXT Sunday, June 9th at 5:30pm** 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 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. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the church doors in order to reserve your seat and **"Save the Date"** as this is a catered meal and we need to submit the number of meals needed. Thank you.



CWL News: Unfortunately, ladies, we will not be having a Communion Lunch this year. Our next meeting will be June 30th at 6pm in the parish centre. This summer you will have a great opportunity to attend a provincial convention, as it is being held in Kingston, July 13 - 17. If anyone wishes to register, please contact Bert at (613)962-7645.

Upcoming Meetings & Events in the Parish Centre:

Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Sun, Jun 9th, 5:30pm

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, June 10th, 7pm

CWL General Meeting: Thursday, June 20th, 6pm

Parish Picnic: Sunday, June 23rd, at 1pm to 4pm

Hospitality Sunday: Sunday, June 30th, after Sunday Masses

Gardening time is upon us! If any of you gardeners out there can spare an hour a week, we would be grateful for a few more green thumbs. Students who need volunteer hours are welcome. Call Rae, (613)968-5620. Let's make our flower beds as beautiful as possible.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: Please reserve the date, **Sunday, June 23, 2019, 1 to 4 pm** for our St. Joseph Parish Picnic. Entertainment for everyone! *Games! Face painting! Food! Andy Forgie & Christopher the Twistopher!* If you would like to volunteer on the day of the picnic, please contact Ben (613)970-0814, or the parish office (613)968-9950.



Knights of Columbus Council 16308 News: A reminder that our June 11th business meeting is *cancelled*. Instead, our annual **Family "Pot Luck"** is scheduled for that same evening, **Tuesday, June 11th, 6pm**, St. Joseph Church parish centre. You're encouraged to bring your favourite dish to share with other like-minded people, as we join together with members and their families in fellowship.

"Here I Am Lord, send me" We are all called by our baptism, but have you considered that you might be called to serve as a permanent Deacon? As an ordained minister of the church, Deacons are entrusted with a threefold ministry of the word, divine worship, pastoral governance, and the service of charity, tasks which they must carry out under the pastoral authority of their bishop (CCC 1596). If you are a committed Catholic man between 35 and 61, of good character, in a stable loving marriage, and your love for Jesus and the Church is encouraging you to explore the possibility of serving God as a Permanent Deacon, please come out for our Diaconal inquiry day **June 15, Holy Rosary Parish, 169 North Park Street, Belleville, 10am to 2:30pm**, Lunch and refreshments provided.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society during our **"Bundle Sunday"** last weekend. Your donations will help many local families.

Congratulations to our young children who just celebrated their First Holy Communion here at St. Joseph Church on Saturday.



Day of Reflection – "Jesus is the Heart of the World" - Mon Jun 17, 9-3pm, Facilitator: Deacon Bill Gervais - In a world full of distractions, we often miss the heart of the world, Jesus, who actively seeks our engagement. This day of reflection will draw on several scripture passages to help you better know the joy and peace of Christ, and through personal prayer, enter more deeply into the heart of Jesus, the source of all love. **Call to register by Mon June 3/Cost: \$25. Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston, 613-542-8826.**

145th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to the Shrines of **Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré and Cap-de-la-Madeleine** from the dioceses of Ottawa, Kingston, Gatineau, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier, and Alexandria/Cornwall on **August 10-11, 2019**. Our Weekend Celebrant is Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Information and reservation: Mike Budge: 1-613 224-8110. Space is limited with regards to Motels therefore, so please reserve early www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS - Once again a team of young people will be here in Belleville to animate a week of faith-based activities, along with sports, fun & games, **July 28th - Aug. 2nd**, St. Michael's Parish Centre. Day session for Grs. 1-6, **Monday to Friday, 9 am - 2:30 pm** (\$100); evening sessions for Grs. 7-12, **Monday to Thursday, 7 - 9 pm** (\$25). Register online: www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus.

St.-Martins-Chorknaben Biberach KONZERT - German Boys Choir are performing Sacred & Secular musical concerts at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 516 Victoria Ave, Belleville. **Monday, June 10th, and Tuesday, June 11th, 7 to 8pm** each evening. All are welcome! Free will offering, refreshments after the concerts.

Thanks to everyone who attended our **Seniors' Lunch** last Wednesday. \$272 was donated to Salvation Army Lunch Program. This was our last Seniors Lunch of the season.

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Kathy Mulder, Danny Coughlin, Al Hamilton, Marvin Yantha, Susan Lake, Catharine Brennan, Cory McMurter, Jeanette McBride, Robert Munroe, Colin Sugden, Esther Mortley, Bridget Clancy and Marilyn Jones. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Denis O'Mahony, Norman Jennings, Jim Cole, Paul Clement, Bonnie Donnelly, Clyde Pope and Sister Eva Jane Underhill, R.H.S.J.

Parish Events:



Everyone is invited to pray the **Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**. Every Wednesday after 8am Mass, at St. Joseph Church. For more information contact Cheryl, (613)962-4916.

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.*"

2019 Church donation envelopes can be picked 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.

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.

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:

FAITH on FIRE Prayer Group – You are warmly welcomed to join **weekly** evenings of Praise and Worship, Prayer, and Fellowship at **St. Paul the Apostle, Kingston (Room D** – street side entrance) on **Fridays from 7- 9 pm** beginning **Fri. May 10**. Step into the “current of grace” and discover what it means to be fully alive and how to use your charisms to build up the Church! For more information contact Miriam at 613-766-4956 or unboundfreedom@gmail.com.

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.**

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).

DEAR EVAN HANSEN MUSICAL – On Wednesday, June 12, 2019 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 490 Days Road, Kingston, will sponsor a bus trip to Toronto to see the Musical Dear Evan Hansen, the Broadway Hit that has clutched the hearts of thousands with its story and beautiful soundtrack. Focusing on the disastrous effect of neglected mental health in our youth, Dear Evan Hansen brings a poignant and thought provoking message to the stage. Laugh, cry and be moved with this tale that will stay with you for weeks. Tickets are \$215./person and includes the return trip to Toronto, dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant, Pickering, an orchestra theatre seat and a \$40. tax receipt. Tickets will be in great demand, with several already sold, so hurry and don't miss out. For further information call Caroline Manley at 613-542-8473 or Theresa McKay at 613-389-3532.

Women of any age are invited to join us at our **10th annual Catholic Women's Fall Retreat** at Glen House Resort, on the scenic shores of the St. Lawrence River near Gananoque, Ontario. The retreat begins on **Friday, September 20th**, and concludes after lunchtime on **Sunday, September 22nd, 2019**. The weekend includes inspiring messages around our theme “Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord!” (Psalm 34:8) by our guest speaker Dr. Anne Jamieson. There is also an optional breakout session, musical entertainment by The Gallaghers, delicious meals, accommodations and access to all the resort activities. For more information and to register go to www.womensfallretreat.com, or contact Anne Caza our retreat Registrar at (613) 989-5348. Be sure to check us out on Facebook and Instagram!



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.

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.

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.

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:

“It Takes Two to Tango”, Saturday, June 1, 8 p.m., Bridge St. United Church – Tangos in String for Violin and Piano - Duo concert by Mitchell Cox on piano and David Shewchuck on violin - the program will feature several tangos and pieces from the Hispanic tradition. There will also be a variety of other pieces including classical violin and piano works to fill out the program with something for everyone. Mitchell is Music Director at Bridge Street United Church and David is the concertmaster of the Quinte Symphony Orchestra, and both musicians are known for their versatility in playing various musical styles in various venues around the world, so this is sure to be a fun, entertaining evening. Tickets are \$25 each or 2 for \$40 and are available at the door or online at www.davidshewchuk.com. 10% of proceeds will support Quinte Symphony Orchestra.

Gleaners Food Bank presents the **Annual Ride for Hunger** happening on **June 9th** at the Market Square in Downtown Belleville. Registration for riders begins at 10:30am and kick stand go up at noon. There will be onsite activities for the general public to enjoy including live music performed by Canadian country sensation Danielle Bourjeaurd and Friends; 50/50 draw; silent auction; vendor fair; and BBQ provided by Wildhawk Catering. The day will wrap up at 4pm with all proceeds going to Gleaners Food Bank. For further information please contact us at events@gleanersfoodbank.ca, call us at 613-962-9043 or check out www.rideforhunger.ca.

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 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 Hejdens at 613-962-0920 or e-mail rudolf.hejdens@sympatico.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 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.

**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



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 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.



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.

