

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 8, 2019



*The Advent season calls us to reflect. We renew our spirit through meditation and prayer and recommit ourselves to God through our good works. By striving to become a more compassionate and tolerant people, we grow closer to God. This is a time to focus on what we need to do to allow God to more fully enter our hearts.
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) group meets in St. Joseph Parish Hall at **7pm on Wednesdays**. If you want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, desire full communion with the Catholic Church, or want to support converts on their journey of faith, you are welcome to attend.

Offertory: Dec 1st - \$6378.00
Thank you to all who have contributed.



St. Joseph Children's Christmas Party: HO HO HO -- Is TODAY, Sunday, December 8th, 1:30 to 3:00pm
SANTA will be paying a visit to our St. Joseph's parish hall. Come out for music, fun crafts and goodies!!!



Knights of Columbus Council 16308 will be hosting "**Light Up For Christmas**" here at St. Joseph Church, this weekend, on Sunday, December 8th at 7:30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.

The "**Campaign Life Coalition**" would like to thank all parishioners who generously supported their Christmas Fruitcake fundraising sales recently.



Christmas Eve Family Choir - Practices continue 6:30pm, Dec 10, 17 & 22 in the church. We are singing at the 6pm Mass and we need kids and moms and dads, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas, siblings. All ages are welcome and encouraged to join. An afternoon practice is also planned for Dec 21st, 3pm if needed. Our **Children's Christmas Pageant** is part of the **6pm Christmas Eve Mass** this year. All children are invited to participate. Practices will continue after the 9am Mass, Dec 8, 15 & 22nd. For more info call Anne 613 966-4999.



CWL News: A quick reminder to return nomination forms by December 15th. We invite all members to our Christmas Social on Thursday, Dec 12th at 1pm. You are welcome to bring a favourite snack or appetizer to share if you wish. We will be collecting new items for Three Oaks Women's shelter. Things needed at the shelter might include pajamas, underwear, all sizes from XS - XL, for children, teens & women. Also toiletries and craft items would be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Area Penance Celebrations

Dec 11, Holy Name of Mary, Marysville, 6:30pm
Dec 12, St Peter, Trenton, 7:00pm
Dec 13, Holy Rosary, Belleville, 5:30 to 6:30pm
Dec 16, St. Joseph, Belleville, 7pm
Dec 22, - St. Michaels, Belleville, 3:30pm

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Needed for Christmas and New Year's Masses:

Christmas Masses - Dec 24th at 4, 6 & 8pm, Dec 25th at 10:30am
New Year's Masses - Dec 31st at 5pm & Jan 1st at 10:30am.
Please call the parish office if you can assist at Mass and let us know the time you plan to attend. Thank you.



Belleville Firefighters Toy Drive: Once again, I have been asked if our parish is willing to participate in the Firefighters Toy Drive. Feel free to bring what you wish, but there is a need for coloring books and crayons, also appropriate toys for children 6 to 9 months of age. If you can help, just place your donation of toys on the steps in front of the altar. I am sure your generosity will make some local child's Christmas a whole lot happier. **Please bring your donations no later than, Sunday, December 22nd in order to ensure they are delivered before Christmas!**



Archdiocesan Eucharistic Celebration: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 9th, 7:30pm; St. Mary's Cathedral, 279 Johnson St, Kingston. Social to follow at École Cathédrale (301 Johnson Street, Kingston); All are welcome!

First Confession & First Communion Dates 2020:

Registration & Parent Information Meeting:

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7pm at St. Joseph School

First Confession: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7pm at St. Joseph Church

First Communion: Saturday, May 23, 2020, at 11am at St. Joseph Church

Upcoming Meetings & Events in the Parish Centre:

RCIA: Every Wednesday, 7pm

Children's Christmas Party: Today!! Sun, Dec 8th, 1:30 - 3pm

Knights of Columbus: Tuesday, Dec 10th, 7pm

CWL Christmas Gathering: Thursday, Dec 12th, 1pm

Euchre & Games: Sunday, December 15th, 2 to 4pm

Social Justice Committee: Monday, January 6th, 7pm

Clergy Appointment: Rev. George Okoye SMMM, is appointed Administrator of the parish St. Gregory the Great Parish, Picton, effective immediately.

Burke Funeral Home Invites you to attend a very special **Service of Remembrance and Reflection** - Join us at Burke Funeral Home, 150 Church St, Belleville, (613)968-6968, for this informal, inter-denominational service of music, readings and reflections for all ages. It is for anyone who may find this time of year challenging as a result of a loss. Come and light a candle in tribute to the loved one you miss and help fill the room with the light and warmth of treasured memories.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. On behalf of Burke Funeral Home, may the Peace of the Season fill your Hearts with Hope.

✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Errol Smith, Kathy Mulder, Danny Coughlin, Marvin Yantha, Susan Lake, Catharine Brennan, Cory McMurter, Jeanette McBride, Bridget Clancy, Donna Bertrand, Jean Haslam, Joyce Courneya and Lillian Bibby. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick O'Boyle-Kelly, Paul Coffey, Margo Blower, Joan Cassidy and Sister Frances "Helen" Burns, RHSJ.

* You can find our parish volunteer schedules at the north church doors near the bulletin board. There is a new weekend schedule beginning Nov 24th available now.

Parish Events:

Statue of Mary: Mary would like to visit your home for a week through a special statue. Call Suja at 613-962-0225.



Parish Directory: Four generous parishioners signed up to help with this project in spring of 2020. We still need more volunteers to share duties. Call the parish office if you can help to make our new Photo Directory a reality.



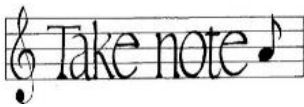
Everyone is invited to pray the **Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**. Every Wednesday after 8am Mass, at St. Joseph Church. For more information contact Cheryl, (613)962-4916.

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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Sundays at 9am Mass during the school year. 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 Lise (613)966-6973 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.



St. Joseph JUNIOR CHOIR - Boys and girls, aged 7 and up are welcome to join. We will sing about once a month at 9am Mass and practice once a week, Sundays at 6:30pm in the church. Please speak to Lynette at Mass or call the parish office if your child is interested, or just come out to a practice and see what we do!

Events in and around the Diocese:



LEGION OF MARY - If you are interested in starting a Legion of Mary at your church, or you know someone who would like to join us, please contact Cheryl Power, Legion of Mary Curia President at yourhomecaregiver@gmail.com or 613-929-0777.

DUC IN ALTUM - For Catholic young adults in their 20s & 30s! A journey that leads you to discern fully and freely God's amazing dream for you! - 2019 - 2020, Diocesan Centre, 390 Palace Rd, Kingston. Session dates - Oct 18 - 20, Nov 23, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Nov 23, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, May 29-31. Contact Nadia at the Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office, youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call (613)484-2446 www.kingstonvocations.com/duc-in-altum



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 (Room D** – street side entrance) on **Wednesdays from 7- 9pm** beginning **Wed. Sep 18**. 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 us at faithonfirekingston@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC MEN!!!! BELLEVILLE CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP resumes with the program **THE BATTLE FOR THE BRIDE**. We meet early Friday mornings, 6am, at Saint Michael's Parish Centre beginning with breakfast, followed by a ½ hour video from the **THAT MAN IS YOU** centre, and a ½ hour discussion. All are welcome to join, starting on **Fri, Sep 6, 6 to 7:30am**. More info, contact John - jkavanaugh2@cogeco.ca

Journey Through the Holy Land with Jesus” Bible study - **St. Michael's Parish Centre, upstairs, Thursdays, Nov 7th to Dec 12th, 8:50 to 10:30am**. Walk with Jesus through Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Jordan River, Cana, Capernaum, Samaria, Ceasarea Philippi and Jerusalem as we explore the importance of these places in Christ's teachings. For more info contact Alexandra (613)966-8430. Everyone is welcome. Join anytime you can.

Fourth Annual Christmas Concert for Giving Sunday, December 15; 2:00pm

St. John the Evangelist Parish (270 Stone Street South, Gananoque)

St. John the Evangelist will be hosting their Fourth Annual Ecumenical and Community Choir Christmas Concert for Giving. This year, the organization selected is the Gananoque Food Bank. There will be a free will offering at the door as admission on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. Let this be a holiday tradition for your family. Please join us at 270 Stone Street South, Gananoque. All are welcome.

Save the Date: Eight Doors to the Kingdom Parish Mission

February 29th - March 3rd

The great French spiritual master, Father Jacques Philippe is coming to **The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (279 Johnson Street, Kingston)**. He will preach at all the Sunday Masses the First Sunday of Lent, (5 pm Feb. 29 and 8 am, 10:30 am and 7 pm, March 1) and will lead a Parish Mission on the Eight Beatitudes at 7 pm on Monday, March 1, Tuesday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 3rd. Father Jacques Phillippe will be giving two talks to the priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston on Tuesday, March 2nd. For further information please contact stmaryscathedral.ca or Ann Lyng at alyng@cogeco.net or Father Shawn Hughes at fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com

Cursillo Weekend for Men, Kingston - Thursday evening, March 12th through to Sunday, March 15th, 2020

incl., at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588; ryanlionel07@gmail.com, or Father Shawn J. Hughes at 613.546.5521 Ext. 4; fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com.

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).



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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel - For 20 years, at the Adoration Chapel in the Parish Centre of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, faithful Catholics from across the city parishes have been adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of His Love. All parishes are invited to spend time with our Lord in adoration whenever you wish as the chapel is open 24 hours. Please contact: Fr. Richard Whalen (613-962-4634); Agnes Sheridan (613-962-3280); Rosemary Buxton (613-813-3609).

Community Events:



The choristers of the **Hastings and Prince Edward Regional Chorus** invite you to celebrate the season with their **'Songs of Joy' Christmas Concert - Sunday December 8, 2019**, St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Belleville starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at St. Thomas' Anglican Church office, at the door or see hperc.ca for more contact information. Cost: Adult - \$20, 12 & under - \$5. The choir is recruiting new members - Free admission for any youth interested in joining the choir and 1 adult. Silent Auction and light refreshments.



Giving
Hope
Today

The Salvation Army's COATS FOR FOLKS PROGRAM begins October 1st. Simply drop off your new and gently used winter coats and outerwear at our community partners to be cleaned and delivered to The Salvation Army for distribution to those in need in our community. Coats and outerwear can be dropped off at: Parsons Cleaners, 57 Graham St, (at Sidney St) or Northtown Cleaners, 135 Cannifton Rd, (at College St), from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Interlink celebrates its 22nd Anniversary with the 2019-20 Choir! Interlink is an Intergenerational choir that unites the Grade 2/3 class from Holy Rosary School with seniors for one school year. **Seniors rehearse alternate Wednesdays on the Lower Level at 1:30 - 2:45pm** at The Richmond Retirement Residence. Introductory Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 2nd. There are no "auditions"! All interested seniors are very welcome! Information: Call Marg: 613-966-1546.

Jingle & Mingle Silent Auction, Sunday, December 8th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., St. Mark's United Church, 237 Cannifton Road, North, Cannifton. Holiday Gift Baskets, Wine, Gift cards, Christmas Baking and Décor & more!! Timed bidding on items. 3 Large Door Prizes and a Grand Prize to be won with your \$5 admission.

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.

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.



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



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

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| Parish Secretary | Kathleen Henry | 968-9950 |
| Parish Council | Maureen McNamara | maureenmcnamara99@gmail.com |
| Junior Liturgy | Lise De'Araujo | 966-6973 |
| CWL | Mary McNulty | 962-2993 |
| Grand Knight 16308 | Wayne Brown | grandknight16308@gmail.com |
| Deputy Grand Knight 16308 | Curtis Hayes | cbear_13@hotmail.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 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: Lise De-Araujo.

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 - 9am Mass once each month. Practice every Sunday at 6:30pm. Director: Lynette Thibeau.



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. Call the parish office to get your name on the roster.

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.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above ministries, call the parish office to inquire how you can serve at Mass!

