



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 22, 2019**



*As Christmas approaches, let us draw strength from the promise that God is with us in all of our joys and sorrows. Just as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy that the Holy Family experienced, so too, we enjoy the preparations for Christmas Day and being with family and friends. As we share food, gifts and love with one another, take time to work on making your Christmas peace-filled and to give thanks in knowing that He is always with us. "Emmanuel, God is with us."*

**Christmas and New Year's Masses:**

**Christmas Eve Masses** - 4pm, 6pm (pageant) and 8pm  
**Christmas Day Mass** - 10:30am  
**New Year's Eve Mass** - 5pm  
**New Year's Day Mass** - 10:30am



**\* We still need some volunteers for Eucharistic/Cup Ministers, Offertory & Ushers for Christmas & New Year's Masses. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Sacristy after Mass to volunteer. Thank you.**

On behalf of myself, Father Kelly, Deacon Bill and all the parish staff here at St. Joseph Church, we wish you a happy and holy Christmas and many blessings in the New Year, 2020. May the peace and joy of this season, as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, come into your homes and dwell deep within your hearts. Merry Christmas! Father Charles



**Area Penance Celebrations**

Dec 22, - St. Michael, Belleville, 3:30pm  
Dec 24, St. Joseph, Belleville, 10 to 11am



A great big **THANK YOU** to all who made our parish **Children's Christmas Party** a success: musicians, bakers, decorators, elves and **SANTA!!**

**Offertory:** Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - \$5846.00  
Thank you to all who have contributed.



**Christmas Eve Family Choir** - Practices continue 6:30pm, Dec 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more info call Anne 613 966-4999.



**CWL News:** At our Christmas Gathering we shared tasty treats, sang Christmas carols and enjoyed our time together. Thanks to all of you who attended this joyful celebration and especially thank you for the Three Oaks donations. Noreen Kehoe, Helen McAvoy and Toni Nagode received their 60 year pin. Congratulations and thank you for your many years of service and support! Highlights of our 2019 activities are posted at the church doors. Please take a look!



**Belleville Firefighters Toy Drive:** This is the last weekend we are collecting gifts for the Firefighters Toy Drive. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. The gifts will be delivered to the Toy Drive after the last Mass on Sunday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your generosity will make a local child's Christmas a whole lot happier!



**Sign up for a Week with Mary** - Sign up at the main church doors this weekend, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and beginning next Sunday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, you can grace your home with the presence of Our Lady by taking home a statue of Mary for the week.



**Community Christmas Lunch** at Christ Church Belleville, 39 Everett Street, invite you to join us on Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30pm. Open to all in the community, as our free gift to you. Wonderful food, company and some caroling for fun...Please come and join us. Enquiries, (613)968-3478.

**Christmas Concert & Sing-Along - Sunday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m.** Enjoy the wonderful sounds of Christmas – an affordable, daytime, Christmas concert for the entire family to enjoy! Featured Performers: Elizabeth McDonald (soprano), Murray Baer (organ), Mitchell Cox (piano), Ben Perrier (trombone), Veritus Winds, Bridge Street hand bell and massed choirs. **Admission by freewill offering. Pay What You Can! Bridge Street Church, 60 Bridge St. East, Belleville.**

**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  
**Social Justice Committee:** Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
**Knights of Columbus:** Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
**Euchre & Games:** Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 to 4pm  
**Hospitality Sunday:** Sunday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, after Sunday Masses  
**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am  
**Parish Council Meeting:** Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**2020 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 monthly donations, extra boxes and sign-up sheets are at the main doors or call the parish office for info.

**Please Note:** The parish office will be closed beginning Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas holidays and reopens Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please e-mail or call the parish office and leave a message if you have any requirements during this time.

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

✠ **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, Lillian Bibby and Sr. Joan Driscoll, CSJ. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bert Cecil, Susan Casey, Aloiz Bajt, Stephen Glancey and Mary-Margaret Burns.

## Parish Events:

**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.

**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.

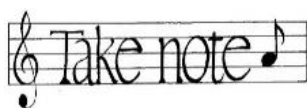


Everyone is invited to pray the **Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**. Every Wednesday after 8am Mass, at St. Joseph Church. For more information contact Cheryl, (613)962-4916.

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.*"

**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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca) or call (613)484-2446 [www.kingstonvocations.com/duc-in-altum](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jkavanaugh2@cogeco.ca)

**Sunday, January 5, 2:00-3:30pm, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston** - Help fill the Cathedral with your favourite carols of the Christmas season, led by Jeffrey Moellman, the St. Mary's Cathedral Choir and organ. Bring your friends and your best voice -- carolling without the cold! Festive seasonal refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, Council #728. Canned good donations will be accepted for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, and monetary donations will be accepted to benefit the restoration of the organ of St. Mary's Cathedral. Tax receipts are available for any donations over \$25. For more information, please contact: Jeffrey Moellman, Director of Music and Organist by phone (613-546-5521 ext. 7) or email [musicmoell@gmail.com](mailto:musicmoell@gmail.com)

### **Workshop for Parish Musicians - Music for the Holy Week and Easter**

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>; 9:30am – 2:30pm** St. John Bosco Church, Brockville,

**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>; 9:30am – 2:30pm.** Holy Rosary Church, Belleville.

Please Save the Date. More details to come in January. Please note these are the same workshops, being made available on two separate dates.

### **Save the Date: Eight Doors to the Kingdom Parish Mission - February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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](http://stmaryscathedral.ca) or Ann Lyng at [alyng@cogeco.net](mailto:alyng@cogeco.net) or Fr Shawn Hughes at [fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com](mailto:fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com)

### **Cursillo Weekend for Men, Kingston - Thursday evening, March 12<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**incl.**, at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588; [ryanlione107@gmail.com](mailto:ryanlione107@gmail.com), or Father Shawn J. Hughes at 613.546.5521 Ext. 4; [fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:**



Giving  
Hope  
Today

**The Salvation Army's COATS FOR FOLKS PROGRAM** begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are no "auditions"! All interested seniors are very welcome! Information: Call Marg: 613-966-1546.

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](http://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](http://www.rcco-kingston.ca) or contact [scholarships@rcco-kingston.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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
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!

