

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 2018**

Weekday Masses are at 9am at St. Francis church

Tue 6 No parish Mass

Wed 7 No parish Mass

Thu 8 Most neglected souls in purgatory

Fri 9 Private intention ~ Veronica Hendrick

Followed by Adoration until 10:30am

7pm Way of the Cross at St. Francis

4th Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 10

5:00pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa

Needs and intentions of our parish family

Sunday, March 11

9:15am St. James the Minor, Stirling

Int. Joanne Belanger, Terry Cassidy ~ the Bamford family

11:00am St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford

Agatha White ~ Louise & Price Morris

Lay Ministers – March 10 & 11

Lectors:

Sacred Heart – Scott Reilly

St. James – Mary Forestell, George Jerret

St. Francis – Laurie Cameron, Carolyn Johnson

Ministers of the Eucharist:

(1) Body of Christ (2) Blood of Christ

St. James – (1) A. McPhee, T. Furridge

(2) J. Belanger, T. Cassidy

St. Francis – (1) V. Hendrick

(2) C. Johnson, C. White


Ushers:

St. James – J. Forestell, T. Martin, A. Martin,

J. Kerby

St. Francis – W. Clohossey

Sharing God's Gifts
Offertory (incl PAD) February 24/25= \$2473.
Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Thank you  to all who use Pre-Debit (PAD) to donate. This is a great way to support the parish, allowing us to budget for our regular expenses. If you are interested in offering in this way, or in changing the amount you are giving, please contact Donna at the office *****

We welcome Joseph Michael Bamford to our Parish Family through the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, March 10th at 10am in St. Francis of Assisi Church!

CWL meetings – TODAY! Sunday, March 4th St. James CWL will meet after the 9:15am Mass in Loogman hall. St. Francis CWL will meet in the rectory hall starting with a presentation by Grace Inn. All members of the CWL are invited to attend the presentation.

Souls on Fire Youth Group will meet at Loogman Hall on Friday, March 9th at 6:30 pm. The focus of our meeting will be Lent and preparations for Holy Week, in particular the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. All youth are welcome. For more info, please call Jo Belanger at 613-921-0560.

Training for all Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish - Saturday, March 10 10am to 12pm. Conducted by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission at St. James the Minor church. Light refreshments available.

3 Heat 'n Eat Potluck - Saturday, March 10th following the 5pm Mass. Bring \$10 for the "pot" and a pot to share!

Liturgy of the Word for Children –The 2nd

Sunday of each month at St. James Church 9:15am for ages 5-8 and those preparing for 1st Holy Communion.



Come together for an evening of good food, good friends and common interests.

Sat, March 17th in St. James Loogman Hall. Tickets available from Parish Council members or call the office. Tickets: \$25ea (\$10 tax receipt will be issued at the end of the year), under 12 free. Appetizers at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. (If you received a Dinner Coupon, remember to call the office to let us know if you are attending!)

Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation will be after the Sunday Mass at St. Francis on Sunday, March 18th.



Altar Guild. After some 80 years the SFA candlestick holders need replacing. Would you like to donate towards this fund? Please mark donation: *Altar Guild.*

75th Anniversary Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Saturday, September 22nd. Mass at 5pm celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien. Cocktails and catered dinner. Tickets \$50pp. Please reserve your tickets: Anne Marie amaquino@reach.net 398-0223.

Diocesan & Community Events

Development and Peace is hosting a presentation by Felix Morka, a human rights lawyer from Nigeria, on Sunday, March 11, after the 12:00 Mass at St Joseph Parish Centre, Belleville. His presentation will be preceded by a simple chili lunch. Everyone welcome. Info: contact Jan Sosiak (613 968 9659).

Youth Events – for information on the many activities and events happening around the diocese check out the youth tab at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

Lenten Reflection:

Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. (Laudato Si, 231)

“Heavenly Father, so many people seem frustrated, angry or depressed with the state of the world today. Most have their own answers, their own ideas on how to fix the problems, but these solutions can never offer the hope to change a thing unless people are first motivated by love. Unless we are willing to care for all those around us, as you’ve called us to do, what hope do we have of ever finding a better world? Lord, empower me to show loving concern for each person I meet today.”
Amen

Pope Francis “The Joy of Lent”

A nervous patient arrived at the dental office for root canal surgery. He was brought into the examination room and then left alone for a few minutes. When the dentist returned, he found the patient standing next to a tray of surgical equipment. "What are you doing?" the dentist asked. The patient replied, "Removing the ones I don't like."

Is that our approach to the Ten Commandments? Do we think we can pick and choose the ones we will keep? God delivered all these commandments. (Exodus 20:1) Sure, some may seem harder than others to keep, but that does not disqualify them. We don't follow Jesus half-heartedly; we are all in. Are we perfect? No, but our intention and desire are to do whatever God commands. It is the path to peace and contentment. (Joyful Steps, Daily Lenten Devotions by Fr. Thomas Connery)

"Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict: yes to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation; yes to sincerity and no to duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes strength and tenacity."

Pope Francis, Invocation for Peace, June 8, 2014

Ten Lenten Disciplines

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on optimism.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on alternatives.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from worry;
Feast on faith.

Lenten Reflection – *Holy Spirit Send Us*

Holy Spirit, breath of life and consolation,
in all ages you have drawn us to holiness
by planting you fire within our souls;
you have dissolved our defenses
by converting our hearts;
and you have urged us to transform the world
by walking with the poor and the alienated.

Soften our complexity with the gift of
simplicity. Allow your Wisdom and Truth to
free us
from our obsession with power and wealth.

To know a little is better than being a "know it
all", to share a little is better than "keeping it
all";
to teach a little is better than giving bad
example, to pray a little is better than living in
despair.

Give us Courage to speak your words of Justice:
courage to act justly in our own lives,
courage to bring justice to those in need,
courage to stand tall in the causes of right.

Lead us where we would dare not go:
to search our new ideas that
challenge the status quo,
to welcome new cultures and people
whose customs are unfamiliar,
to see our own faith through
someone else's belief,
to learn from saints and sinners alike.

Send us to the corners of our memory
and experience
and indeed to every corner of the world,
so that we can be your healing instruments,

pouring out your grace on everyone
by the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp!

Registration Open! Youth in the Archdiocese are invited to register for **Totus Tuus** (*Latin for Totally Yours*) **Catholic Summer Camp!** A faith-based week-long camp that includes faith activities, skits, sports, crafts, music and outdoor fun! Day camp for children (Gr. 1-6), runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm. (\$75 for the week). With an option of extended daycare till 4pm. An engaging evening camp for teens (Gr. 7-12) runs Sunday-Thursday from 7–9pm. (\$25 for the week). The camp will be offered in Belleville the week of **July 29-August 3** at **St. Michael the Archangel Parish Centre**. For more info and to register visit www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus Financial contributions to help sponsor children to attend camp are welcome. Any questions, please contact Nadia Gundert at 613-484-2446

Steubenville Toronto

Calling all teens in Grades 8-12! Join over 1500 youth from across Ontario in attending Steubenville Toronto, an amazing high school youth conference, on July 13-15, 2018. It will be held at the UOIT Campus in Oshawa. For more info in attending with the Archdiocese of Kingston group contact Nadia Gundert at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca. An info package and registration is also available on the Archdiocese of Kingston website under the Youth tab.

Summer Camp for Girls - 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 for campers opens in March. Apply now to work there next summer. Consider helping campers from low-income families. For more info: chilaweetrails.ca.

Sharing with those in need:

1st Sunday each month – St. James

3rd Sunday of each month – St. Francis

All canned and boxed foods are appreciated!

If you would like a **Blessing of your Marriage** during the months November – April, please contact the office and Fr. Don will be happy to offer a blessing.

Laminated Prayer Cards – \$5 prayer cards

St. James the Minor

Sacred Heart of Jesus

St. Francis of Assisi

You can pick them up from Fr. Don or at the office.

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic Education Foundation: The ALCEF is a registered charity that raises funds to assist families within our schools during times of poverty or crisis. The ALCEF has provided over \$230,000 in financial assistance to over 738 families since 2007. Visit <http://www.alcidsb.on.ca/Board/Pages/Foundation.aspx>.

Online Faith Formation Courses - for a Certificate in Catholic Studies. \$85.00 per course. Register completely online at www.newman.edu/CCS. See website for details and FAQ's. Info: Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms 613-548-4461 Ext 115.

Parish Cemeteries

Bylaws, contracts, price lists, etc. can be obtained from the parish office, or for more information call:

Terry O'Shea (398-6341) or

Brian Kerby (848-5936).

For Parish Members - \$580.00 (\$330. for plot + \$250 care and maintenance)

For Non-parish Members - \$1000.00 (\$600. for plot + \$400 care & maintenance)

Please note Bylaw #A31: "a Parish Member shall mean an envelope holder and supporter of our parish on a regular basis."

Check out our....

'Gift of the Holy Spirit' Library, Loogman Hall, St. James Church. Resources can be borrowed after Mass on Sundays – a self-serve sign out book is there. Contact Joanne at (613-921-0560) or by email at joannek.belanger@gmail.com if you would like to visit the library at other times.



Providence Associates: 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 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 info: associates@providence.ca or call 613-544-4525 ext. 148.