

**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 11, 2018**

Weekday Masses are at 9am at St. Francis church

**Tue 13** Most neglected souls in purgatory

**Wed 14** Stan Mofina ~ Veronica Hendrick

**Thu 15** Deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council #11652

**Fri 16** Doris McAvoy

Followed by Adoration until 10:30am

**7pm** Way of the Cross at St. Francis

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Saturday, March 17**

**5:00pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa**

Needs and intentions of our parish family

**Sunday, March 18**

**9:15am St. James the Minor, Stirling**

Cliff Lessard ~ The family

**11:00am St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford**

The Landry family ~ Dorine & Al Bourgeois

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**Lay Ministers – March 17 & 18**

**Lectors:**

Sacred Heart – Al Bourgeois

St. James – John Gosson, Isabella Slaunwhite

St. Francis – Karen Partridge, Linda Spencer

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

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

St. James – (1) B. & K. Rylski

(2) T. Shannon, J. Best

St. Francis – (1) K. Partridge

(2) L. Spencer, H. Mack

**Ushers:**

St. James – M. Kerby, D. Slaunwhite, M. Kerby

St. Francis – W. Sulyok



Sharing God's Gifts

Offertory (incl PAD) March ¼ = \$2298

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Thank you to all who use Pre-Authorized 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

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Good Friends! Good Food!

Sat, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Let us know if children are attending.

Appetizers 6pm, dinner 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CWL meetings:** St. James – Thursday, April 5 at 7pm in Loogman Hall.

St. Francis – Sunday, April 8 after the 11am Mass in the rectory hall.

*New members welcome!*



**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.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at St. James Church 9:15am for ages 5-8 and those preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.



**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass at 5pm

celebrated by Archbishop O'Brien. Cocktails

and catered dinner. Tickets \$50pp. Please

reserve your tickets: Anne Marie

[amaquino@reach.net](mailto:amaquino@reach.net) 398-0223.

We would like to have a small choir to help the

congregation sing at the 75th Anniversary

Mass. There will be one practice each month at

Sacred Heart Church. We would like to see at

least 5 from each church if possible. First

rehearsal will be on Thursday, April 26 at

7pm. Please call Anne Marie for details:

613 398-0223 or email [amaquino@reach.net](mailto:amaquino@reach.net).

**Diocesan & Community Events**

**Development & Peace** presentation by Felix

Morka, a human rights lawyer from Nigeria,

Sunday, March 11, after the 12 noon Mass at St

Joseph Parish Centre, Belleville. The

presentation will be preceded by a simple chili

lunch. Everyone welcome. Info: contact Jan

Sosiak (613 968 9659).

**Archdiocesan Celebration of the Chrism Mass**

Archbishop O'Brien and the clergy will

celebrate the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's

Cathedral Tuesday, 27 March at 7:30pm.

This Mass is a manifestation of the communion

of the clergy with their Archbishop; and, at this

celebration, all priests and deacons will renew

their ordination promises.

Everyone is called to pray for our clergy that

they may remain faithful ministers of Christ.

In addition, at this Mass, the oils used for the Sacramental life of the Church will be blessed by Archbishop O'Brien and distributed to each Parish and Institution in our Archdiocese.

A reception will follow at École Cathédrale.

All are invited to participate in this special celebration.

Chilawee Trails is an overnight camp that runs

in August for girls ages 9-14. The camp is

located on beautiful Halfway Lake in Barry's

Bay. Campers can participate in sports, daily

Mass, swimming, rosary, crafts, confessions,

canoe, and drama. A week of fun, friendship

and faith awaits! Registration opens March 19.

[chilaweetrails.ca](http://chilaweetrails.ca)

**New Life Course** – Come experience the Love

of God in a unique & personal way! The St.

Andrew School of Evangelization course begins

Friday, April 20, and continues until Sunday,

April 22, 2018. It will be held at Holy Rosary

Church in Belleville. The cost is \$40, which

includes 3 meals and snacks. For more

information, contact Ruth Terry at 613-661-

2498 or [terry@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:terry@alcdsb.on.ca).

**Lenten Reflection**

“Heavenly Father, your son's death on the cross stands as a testament to your endless love and care for all of us. No one who seeks you out is excluded from your love, no matter what we have done. No one is cut off from your mercy, no matter how great our suffering. Give me the courage, Lord, to always look to Christ crucified as the promise of mercy for me. In this Lenten season, give me the confidence to trust that your love for me will never die! Amen.

Pope Francis, *The Joy of Lent*

**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](http://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”

*“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](http://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](mailto: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](http://chilaweetrails.ca).

**Sharing with those in need:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month – St. James

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:associates@providence.ca) or call 613-544-4525 ext. 148.

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.alcadsb.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](http://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."*