



October 2017

❖ In the Month of October

- Traditionally the month of October is devoted to Mary, particularly through the recitation of the Rosary. I encourage this devotion in each church. If volunteers would like to recite publicly the Rosary before the start of the Sunday and weekday Masses, please begin **20** minutes prior to the start of Mass. In this way, without having to publish times for each church, everyone will know at what time the Rosary will start. You are encouraged to pray for: peace in the world; for the conversion of sinners; for personal healing in body, mind and soul; for a grace-filled life; for the souls in purgatory; for peace within your family; for answers to your prayer petitions; for a pure heart; for the salvation of the living and the dying.

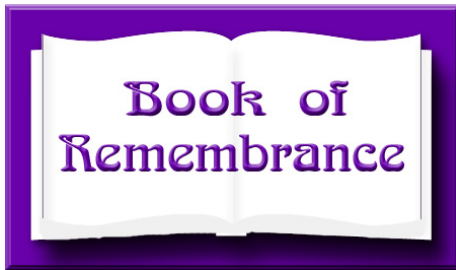
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- On Sunday, 5th November we turn our clocks back one hour. For some it's an opportunity to go to bed later or to sleep longer. That hour could be put to better use, don't you think? *Are you still sleeping and taking your rest, Jesus asks? Do we not see, that the hour is at hand, when the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.* I propose that we spend that extra hour in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, asking for His help to assist our parishes within the Archdiocese of Kingston in finding ways to prevent further decline in church attendance and commitment to the faith. Please don't sleep away that extra hour in bed or fritter it away by going later to bed the night before, instead come to church an hour earlier Sunday morning (i.e. to St James Minor, Stirling for 08:15 a.m. and to St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford for 10 am), to spend it in fervent prayer before the Lord. If you can commit to this, call or email the office by no later than Sunday, 22nd October, in order to sign up with your name and telephone number. If I can get at least 30 people from each church to commit to this *Extra-Ordinary Hour of Prayer to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament*, I will organise the rest. The outcome will be published in the Parish Bulletin of Saturday/Sunday, 28-29 October.
- On Sunday, 12th November at 08:45 a.m., a Service of Remembrance for the Faithful Departed who are interred there will be celebrated **in the Cemetery** of St. James Minor, Stirling (rain or shine). The regular Sunday Mass will follow in the church at 09:15 a.m. The Loonie Brunch will follow in the church hall. A similar Service of Remembrance will also be celebrated in the Cemetery of St. Francis of Assisi in the spring of 2018. A donation envelope is available in the pew of the church. You may wish to use this opportunity to donate to the upkeep and maintenance of your cemetery. All donations are tax deductible.
- As is Roman Catholic practice, a **Parish Book of Remembrance** may be placed near the Altar in each church during the month of November, and the names of the Faithful Departed inscribed therein are included in prayer during the Liturgy. The white funeral pall is draped beneath the **Parish Book of Remembrance** as a reminder of their baptism into Christ. A wreath adorns the place of Remembrance to honour the soldiers who died in war, while the lighted Paschal Candle stands alongside to remind us of Christ's promise that His followers shall rise from the dead on Last Day.



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- To have your deceased family members and friends included in **The Parish Book of**



Remembrance, you are requested to submit to this office **or** before **or** after the Sunday Mass, but no later than Sunday 29th October please, a letter-size sheet of paper (8 ½ x 11) on which are written the names of your Departed Loved Ones. Since you will probably have many different family names to list (using the front and back of your sheet), the lead name on your sheet will determine its place in the alphabetical order within the **Parish Book of Remembrance**.

- ❖ On Saturday, 9th September at St James Minor, Stirling, two new members were baptized into Christ: Ryker Gregor BAIRD - born 13th June 2017 to Chad & Chelsea, and Renato Cira DRURY - born 4th July 2016 to Ryan & Ardyth.

WELCOME
to the **FAMILY**



- ❖ Our Parish Family, consisting of 3 churches, functions well thanks primarily to our many volunteers. Yet we are still in need of more helping hands to assist in the following ministries - training will be given. Please call or email the parish office.

- St. James Minor, Stirling, a 20-Minute Children's Liturgy (offered once a month, to take place in hall beneath the church during the 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass).
 - St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford, a 45-Minute Baptism Preparation Course (offered every two months approximately – as the need arises, to take place in the hall beneath the rectory).
 - Bus Trip Organizer & Escort for occasional Parish & Greater Community day trips, and theatre, concert and museum visits.
 - A webmaster to maintain our Parish website at www.stfrancisfrankford.com
- ❖ Other: The following can be arranged by calling the Parish:
 - You can arrange to have your Weekly Parish Donation taken directly from your bank account.
 - You can arrange to have the Weekly Parish Bulletin sent to you by email.
 - You can have a Mass celebrated for your intentions, for the intentions of someone else, or for the repose of the soul of a deceased friend.
 - You can have your name or that of someone else placed on the Universal Prayer List of the Parish for the Sick, Dying, or Deceased.