

**1st Sunday in Advent
December 1 & 2, 2018**

Weekday Masses are at 9am at St. Francis
 Tue 4 Int Sophie Tonita & family ~ V. Hendrick
 Wed 5 Most neglected souls in purgatory
 Thu 6 Rita McAvoy
10:30 Mass at Stirling Manor – Int John Mylod
 Fri 7 **Memorial St. Ambrose**
 Barbara & Wasyl Ulan ~ Pat Belej
 Sat 8 **The Immaculate Conception of Mary**
 Souls in purgatory

2nd Sunday in Advent
Saturday, December 8
5:00pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa
 Living & deceased members of the Ladies of Sacred Heart

Sunday, December 9
9:15am St. James the Minor, Stirling
 George Jerret ~ Mary Forestell
11:00am St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford
 Needs and intentions of our parish family

Lay Ministers – December 8 & 9
Lectors: Sacred Heart – Kevin Foster
 St. James – Jenna & Brian Ammerlaan
 St. Francis – Laurie Cameron, Carolyn Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers:
 (1) Body of Christ (2) Blood of Christ
 St. James – (1) B & K Rylski
 (2) S & A Kostya
 St. Francis – (1) V. Hendrick, H. Mack
 (2) C. Johnson, C. White

Ushers:
 St. James – M. Kerby, D. Slaunwhite, M. Kerby
 St. Francis – W. Clohossey

Sharing God's Gifts
 Offertory (incl PAD) November 24/25 = \$2275.
 Priests' Retirement Fund to-date = \$1351.
Thank you for your generosity.

Income For our Parish November 2018 – 4 weekends	
Financial (Donations)	Spiritual (Attendance)
\$8278	586
<i>Thank You for Supporting Our Parish!</i>	

Thank you to all who use Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) to donate. If you are interested in offering in this way, or in changing the amount you are giving, please contact Donna at the office.



St. Francis CWL – Potluck & Three Oaks Guest speaker **today** – Sunday after the 11am Mass in the rectory hall.

Poinsettias SFA CWL is selling poinsettias to raise money for parish projects. Plants may be bought for self or to donate to the church to help decorate for Christmas. Deadline to order is December 2nd. Contact Toni Kirby 921-6856 / 398-6878.

St. James CWL – Potluck - Thurs Dec 6th at the home of Bonnie Rylski. Please bring a dish to share, a \$15 gift for the exchange and items for the food bank.

Stirling Santa Parade Friday, Dec 7th beginning at 5pm with pizza party at St. Andrew's; collecting food items along the parade route for the Stirling Community Cupboard. For info call Joanne 613-921-0560.

Carol Singing as a parish and Souls on Fire Youth Group at Stirling Manor on Sunday, Dec 9th at 3:30pm. Hot chocolate & goodies in the church hall to follow! joannek.belanger@gmail.com

In the church of St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford **The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be celebrated on Wednesday, 12th December. To mark this celebration which falls midway through the Season of Advent, a sung Mass with incense will be offered starting at 7pm. A quiet time for prayer and confession (Holy Hour) will be offered from 6-7pm. Please join us!

Parish Christmas Party – Sunday, December 16th following the 11am Mass in the rectory hall. **Everyone is invited** ~ not just families with children! *Twoonie lunch begins at 12:15.* Come out and enjoy lunch and treats! Please sign up on the sheets at each church, in order to plan the food.



Advent is here. Our parish confessions will take place December 12 beginning at 6pm. Consider the following to determine whether you need to go to confession in preparation for Christmas:

- I notice that:
- I am intolerant and impatient with others or failing to love my neighbor as myself
 - I am selfish, manipulative, or turning in upon myself through self-pity and self-indulgence
 - I am fearful of the future and am depending more on myself than on God
 - I am ungrateful to God for the many blessings in my life

For a more thorough Examination of Conscience, on your way out of Mass today, pick up a free copy of *A Primer for Confession.*

First Confession / First Communion, 2019 – Please call the office (613-398-6745) if you have a child interested in preparing for these sacraments.

Western Deanery Advent Confessions

Tuesday, Dec 11 at 3pm Deseronto
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 Wednesday, Dec 12 at 6pm Frankford
 Thursday, Dec 13 at 7pm Trenton
 Friday, Dec 14 at 3pm & 7pm Holy Rosary
 Saturday, Dec 15 at 10am Batawa
 Sunday, Dec 23 at 3:30pm St. Michael's

Parish Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec 24th 5pm St. James
 10pm St. Francis
 Tuesday, Dec 25th 10am Sacred Heart

 Monday, Dec 31st 5:00pm St. Francis
 Tuesday, Jan 1st 9:15am St. James

Ladies of Sacred Heart Heat 'n Eat – mark your calendars for our Potlucks to help with heating the church this winter. January 12th, February 9th, and March 9th – Bring \$10 for the pot and a pot to share! **2019 Donation Envelopes** are available at the churches. Please wait until 2019 to use the new envelopes as some numbers have changed. *If your address has changed*, please let Donna know at the office so addresses on tax receipts will be correct. If you would like to start using envelopes to receive an income tax receipt for donations, please email, call the office, or drop a note in the collection basket. PAD users have a packet of the "Special envelopes". *Thank you!*

Diocesan & Community Events

Diocesan Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St. Mary's Cathedral – Friday, Dec 7th 7:30pm. Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate will take place as well. Social will follow. **Bus Trip to "Come From Away"** with Friends from Holy Rosary Church, March 2019 on a Wednesday in March 2019; Bus, Matinee Theatre ticket and dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant. Contact Sheila 613 962

1623 sia412@gmail.com .

2019 Women's Lenten Retreat - Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering, ON.
2 Nights/3 Days: Monday, 11 March – Wednesday, 13 March. Retreat Director is Father Henk van Meijel – director of Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. Cost \$339. with transportation from Belleville or \$299. without transportation. Retreat is organized and escorted by Father Don Oberwarth. For more information &/or to book: womenslentenretreat@gmail.com or 613-929-8390.

Minister of the Cup – Would anyone like to receive training to give Communion from the Cup at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa? Please contact Fr. Don.

Parish Volunteer Program - We are most grateful to all who are in volunteer ministry within our Parish of St Francis of Assisi; we cannot manage without you! Thank you so very much for giving so generously of your time and talent. As you know virtually every ministry within the Parish is supported by volunteers. If you or anyone you know, might be interested in becoming a Parish volunteer, kindly contact the Parish office at 613-398-6745 to set up a meeting with Fr. Don.

Car Ride to & from Sunday Mass: Anyone who is able occasionally to assist a young woman who lives in Frankford in getting to the 11am Sunday Mass, please contact the office at 613-398-6745.

Coffee Club at Sacred Heart Church, Batawa every Thursday 10am – 11:30am. Join us for hot drinks and great company. Everyone is welcome!

Altar Guild Tables at St. Francis and St. James have *new* and *gently-used* **blest** sacramentals in exchange for a freewill offering. Your donation will help to offset the cost of candles, altar linens, Mass requisites, etc. Donations of **\$20.00** or higher will receive an Income Tax Receipt. Please place your donation in the envelope provided, give us your envelope number, or complete the envelope face! Many thanks. *Fr. Don*

Frankford Christmas Sharing

Register for a basket:
Tuesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 & Dec 4
10am-4pm at the Lions Centre, 50 Centre Street.
Basket Pickup Saturday, Dec 22 10am-12 noon. *Food donations accepted at Frankford Foodland, Madill's Drug Store and Home Hardware.*

Pilgrimage to Poland: Divine Mercy Centre and Prague, Wroclaw, Krzeszow, Krakow, Lagiewniki, Czestochowa, Salt Mine Wieliczka, Zakopane, Wadowice and more May 5-15, 2019
\$3,200 CAD (taxes & gratuities included)
Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Joseph Machaj. The Pilgrimage is being organized by a Polish travel agency Ivotrans in Poland. Info: Fr. Joseph (613)962-1092; frjosephmachaj@gmail.com
Deadline for Registration is January 31, 2019

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF) is accepting applications for its 2019 Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality at Saint Paul University in Ottawa. For

more information about CWLF and the Leadership Program, and to complete an application form, visit www.cwlfcanada.ca.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of Our Church?



If you are already Roman Catholic and wish to have your baby baptized, or are an adult thinking about becoming Roman Catholic, please contact this office: 613-398-6745. We can help you!

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

Souls on Fire Parish Youth Group – Research shows that the more that the youth are integrated into the life of the parish as opposed to being an insular group unto themselves, the more they are likely to feel connected to their parish community over the long term. Any youth who wish to participate in upcoming events are encouraged to let Jo Belanger know (613-921-0560 or joannek.belanger@gmail.com). *If you have ideas for parish/community events that you would like to see us participate in or facilitate, we are always open to suggestions!* Please check your church bulletin board for the latest Youth Ministry update.

QuintCY (Quinte Catholic Youth) – a new name for St. Michael's youth group! The office will remain at St. Michael's Rectory and youth activities will continue to take place in the CAVE, in the basement of St. Michael's Church. **All** Catholic youth are welcome to **Youth Group in the Cave!** (Sundays, monthly, 6:30-8:30) For TEENS. Bring your friends! Next meeting: Dec. 2nd

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.



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 - \$750.00 (\$450. for plot + \$300 care and maintenance)

For Non-parish Members - \$1100.00 (\$660. for plot + \$440 care & maintenance)

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

The Price List for Cemetery plots and services has been revised and is in effect August 1st. Please call the parish office for an updated copy, or for the Bylaws.

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.

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!

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.

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.