

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30 & 31, 2019**

Weekday Masses are at 9am at St. Francis Church

- Tue April 2** Souls in purgatory
- Wed 3** Michael Hendrick & deceased members of the Hendrick family ~ V. Hendrick
- Thur 4** Intentions of Father Don
11am at Stirling Manor
- Fri 5** Most neglected souls in purgatory
Adoration following Mass
- 7pm** *Way of the Cross at St. Francis*

5th Sunday of Lent

- Saturday, April 6**
5:00pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Batawa
Needs and intentions of our parish family
- Sunday, April 7**
9:15am St. James the Minor, Stirling
Denis Wilton ~ Jo & Ed Vanattan
- 11:00am St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford**
Agatha White ~ Diana & Jim Mosco

Lay Ministers – April 6 & 7, 2019

Lectors: Sacred Heart – René Lefort
St. James – Susan & Attila Kostya
St. Francis – Betty Mahon, Colleen White

Eucharistic Ministers:

- (1) Body of Christ (2) Blood of Christ
- St. James – (1) Kris & Bonnie Rylski
(2) Terry Shannon
- St. Francis – (1) C. White, H. Mack
(2) L. Spencer, K. Partridge

Ushers:

- St. James – L. Forestell, T. Gunsinger, B. Kerby
- St. Francis – Willard Clohossey

Sharing God's Gifts
Offeratory (incl PAD) March 23/24 = \$2000.
Parish Maintenance to-date = \$650.
Thank you for your generosity.



Pre-Authorized Offerings are a great way to take care of your commitment to St. Francis Parish without worry. To set this up please contact Donna at the office: 613-398-6745.

Thank you to the Catholic Women's League of St. James the Minor, who kindly donated **\$500.00** this month to the good of the Parish. Your ongoing support of our three churches, both spiritual and financial, is greatly appreciated! May the Lord bless your ministry and continue to work through the League to further the mission of the Holy Mother Church. Thank you all very much. *Fr. Don*

Thank you to the Choir of St. Francis of Assisi Church, who not only contribute their time and talent weekly to the music ministry at Sunday Mass, to the Way of the Cross during Lent, and to other Liturgies throughout the year (Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil), but now have donated **\$500.00** to help support the roof above mine and Donna's heads in the rectory / office! I had begun to practice *Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head*, (B.J. Thomas) ... just in case, but now I am singing a different tune in anticipation the workers laying new shingles *Up On the Roof* (The Drifters). Thank you all very much. *Fr. Don*

Our parish is looking for help with our Holy Week Liturgies:
For **Holy Thursday** at St. Francis, **Good Friday** at St. James and the **Easter Vigil** at St. Francis, we are looking for any parishioners who can help with server duties (such as cross, book, incense and candle bearers). There will be training scheduled prior to each service. *Please contact* our Master of Ceremonies, René Lefort at 343-263-1794 prior to Monday evening, 15 April, 2019 if you can help.

Good Friday Youth Activity - Holy Week is fast approaching! On Good Friday the youth of the parish (Souls on Fire) will lead the Stations of the Cross at St. James the Minor Church at 2pm - just prior to the 3pm Good Friday service. If you are a young parishioner and wish to help out with this very solemn honour and tradition, please see Joanne Belanger after Mass or call her at 613-921-0560. We need to schedule a couple of practices as soon as possible!

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- St. James CWL meeting** – Sunday, April 7 following the 9:15am Mass in the hall.
- St. Francis CWL meeting** – Sunday, April 7 following the 11am Mass in the rectory hall.
- Parish Council meeting** – Wednesday, April 10 in the rectory hall.
- Knights of Columbus meeting** – Thursday, April 11 in the rectory hall.

Yard Sale at Loogman Hall on May 3rd and 4th from 9am -3pm. \$10 per table, and you keep the proceeds and a CWL table for donated goods from parishioners. This will be a fund raiser for St. James CWL council.

Annual Bake Sale by The Ladies of Sacred Heart on Saturday, May 11th at 8am in the church hall.

Development and Peace - Dear Parishioners - Sunday, April 7th is Solidarity Sunday and time for our annual Share Lent collection! D&P - Caritas Canada - is the official Social Justice agency for the Catholic Church in Canada (started by the Canadian Bishops over 50 years ago!). They do tremendous work around the globe with their Caritas partners supporting people who are struggling due to war, natural disasters, famine due to climate change and many other challenging situations. Please be generous next Sunday and consider becoming a Share Year-Round monthly

donor. Even \$5 a month will help D&P keep their work sustainable. If you need more information please speak to Joanne Belanger (613-921-0560) or Terry Cassidy (613-921-5745).



Let's "Share the Love"

Parish Lenten Project: We are collecting



personal hygiene products for distribution locally to those in need. There are boxes at each church or bring them to the office during office hours.

Diocesan & Community Events



Appointment of the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall as Archbishop of Kingston - formerly Bishop of Pembroke: Subsequent to the retirement of Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, the Holy Father has just appointed a new Archbishop of Kingston. The date for his installation which will take place at St Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, is yet to be advised. Meanwhile, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien will continue as Apostolic Administrator during this period known as *sede vacante*. *Fr Don*

Archdiocesan Chrism Mass – Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. *Holy Rosary has booked a 30-passenger bus to the Chrism Mass. Please call the office to put your name on the list – 613-967-2546.*

Kindergarten registration – on-line registration is available either through the school board (Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB) or the school website. Any questions please call the school @ 613-398-6393 and ask for Mrs. Shangraw. Our Meet the teacher and take a ride on a bus for all new Kinders will be happening soon.

NEW LIFE COURSE: at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, April 5th to 7th. Bring your bible! Suggested donation \$40.00. Register: www.sase.ca or: Vince 613-992-0791 or Marilyn 613-779-0349.

EASTERFEST INVITATION: This year's Easterfest, featuring local church choirs and musicians, will be held at the Christian Reformed Church, 149 King Dr., Frankford. Come and enjoy a celebration of Easter music on Friday April 19 at 7 pm. There will be refreshments after the service and a freewill offering in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The Religious Education Office of the Archdiocese is offering a **Workshop on Pastoral Ministry** on Saturday, 25 May 10am-3pm at St Paul The Apostle Church hall. This workshop is open to anyone involved in Pastoral Ministry, Prison Ministry, or anyone who would like to learn more about the spirituality of listening and presence. Presenter: Robert Mundle. Register or info: Goretta at 613-548-4461 ext 112, or Mary- Jo, ext 115. There is no cost for this workshop; lunch is provided.

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!

Summer Day Camp – for students entering Grades 1-6 and an evening program for those entering Grades 7-12. Sign up now for July 28-Aug 2 at St. Michael's, Belleville. Register & Info: www.kingstonvocations.com/totus-tuus.

Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference - for

teens in Grades 8-12 July 12-14, 2019 at the UOIT Campus, Oshawa. For info & to register: Nadia at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

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

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!

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.

Parish Registration - Please Join Us! If you attend our Parish regularly, I invite you to complete the Parish Registration Form, found on the back of your weekly bulletin. The personal information gathered there is held in strict confidence; it is neither shared with any organizations nor with any other churches. It is used only for statistical purposes to determine the number of active Catholic families within the Parish. Thank you. Fr. Don

Part-Time Volunteer Sacristan Needed at St. Francis of Assisi! To assist the sacristan every second Sunday in setting up the required liturgical items for the 11am Mass, in serving the Mass, and in returning the items to the sacristy after Mass. Training will be given. If

interested, please call me at 613-398-6745.

Fr. Don

PURSUIT OF GLORY CATHOLIC MEN'S

CONFERENCE: Men, do you want to deepen your faith, and become more the man that God wants you to be? Would you like to deepen your understanding of what it means to be a Catholic man in an ever-changing modern world? Would you like to gather with other Catholic men to pray together and celebrate our Catholic Faith. If so, then the **Pursuit of Glory Catholic Men's Conference: Put on the Armor of Christ**, is for you! This conference will be held **Saturday, April 27, 2019**, 9 am to 3:30 pm, at the Donald Gordon Conference Centre of Queen's University. Come out to hear dynamic international Catholic speaker, Greg Wasinski, who is coming to join us from Illinois. The day will begin with Holy Mass and includes three conferences by Greg Wasinski, a gourmet lunch and snacks throughout the day. All this for just \$55. Registration is limited so be sure to register asap to ensure you secure a spot. Register www.kingstonmensministry.ca/pursuit-of-glory/ or Kyle Grace 613-449-9227 or Fr Shawn Hughes fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com.

TOUR OF THE WONDERS OF EGYPT AND THE NILE RIVER: 10-19 OCTOBER 2019

Have you ever wanted to see the ancient wonders of Egypt? To marvel at the magnificent structures in the Giza Pyramids and Great Sphinx in Cairo, to admire the sophisticated giant statues and pillars in the Temples of Luxor and Karnak, and embark on a luxurious five day Nile River Cruise and felucca for fascinating natural sceneries and also spectacular ancient monuments along the river? If so, then why not consider joining Fr. Brian Price (an amateur Egyptologist) & Fr. Justin Pulikunnel for this adventure! Though not a religious pilgrimage *per se*, there will be Holy Mass every day. Staying at the five-star *Cairo Marriott Hotel* and the luxurious *Sonesta St. George I* cruise (only 47

cabins). Contact justin.pulikunnel@gmail.com) for an itinerary.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

This multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for **May 3rd, 4th, 5th** this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org

Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference

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 12-14, 2019. 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.

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp!

Registration Open! In Belleville **July 28-August 2** at **St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall**.

A faith-based week-long camp that includes faith activities, skits, sports, crafts, music, outdoor fun! Day camp for children (Gr. 1-6), Monday-Friday 9am–2:30pm. (\$100 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 28-August 2** at **St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall**. 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

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.

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!

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.

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.

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*

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.