	5pm	9am	11:00am		5pm	9am	11:00am
Feb 22/23	J O'Neill	L DeAraujo	R Macaulay	Mar 15/16	G Iasenza	P Bellwood	J Sosiak
EM	S Langton	S HarttBond	M Pulikunnel	EM	M Langille	BA McGrath	H Dean
Lector	D Langille	R Pais	E Payette	Lector	C Yantha	D Bellwood	Anne & Annabel Georgekutty
Mar 1/2	J Andrews	J Melbourne	J Langabeer	Mar 22/23	B Prystai	J Melbourne	M Hamilton
EM	MC Shannon	L Coffey	MA Chapelle	EM	J Reed	L Coffey	R Macaulay
Lector	G Stuart	V Williams	E Goyer	Lector	Anne Kelly	T Barrett	C Berry
Mar 8/9	S O'Brien	R Ferrante	B Enright-Miller	Mar 29/30	C Yantha	R Ferrante	M Pulikunnel
EM	J McKenna	L Head	D Hall	EM	D Maloney	L Head	J Langabeer
Lector	MT Truaisch	A Garland	R McCullough	Lector	T Shannon	P Finnigan	M Hamilton

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Sat. 5:00pm J Reed, Sugden, J Muldoon, ______Sun. 9:00am M Finnigan, R Metzloff, B Rivers, _____

11:00am A Johny, G Fair, K Fair, M Saju

Our <u>Prayer Network</u> has more than 100 people praying every day for our parish, for those who are sick and for special intentions. If you would like to have the Prayer Network pray for you or your loved one, call or e-mail the parish office.

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Sat. 5:00pm L Vigna, L MacDonald, B McAuliffe, K Shannon
Sun. 9:00am H Head, J Power, T McGreevy, D Mulder
11:00am D Hall, M Pulikunnel, C Hayes, G Morrissey

Build God's Church ~ Leave a Legacy Please remember St. Joseph Church in your will

Remember in Prayer: All who are ill, including Maria Andolsek, Nancy Barre, David Bartok, Lynn Barton, Jan Bernard, Darren Borcherdt, Theresa Carr, Joan Chesser, Steve Corfe, Maureen Corrigan, Rayne Cote, Cathy Cournier, Marion Dolan, Marleen Donaldson, Holly Finkle, Paul Frechette, Dr. Mary Gwizdal, Jean Haslam, Rosalie Harrison, Mandy Hunt, Noreen Kehoe, Benjamin Kot, Francis Mahoney, Patrick MacKenzie, Bill McAuliffe, Karen McPherson, Laura Medeiros, Kathy Mulder, Timothy Myers, Brenda Nishimura, Tony O'Connor, Bill Oliver, Jeffrey Parsons, Nicholas Pineau, Jack Rizzo, Genevieve Rumsey, Roberto Savini, Barry Smith, Camilla Summers, Adele Murphy Surowiec, Christel Stolpman, Elaine Webb, Joyce Willemson, David Wilson, Gail Wilson, Cory Young, Marion Yank, Joan, Anna and Lynn. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Laura Medeiros, Michael Quigley, James Evans, Christine Bone, Doug Green, Daniel Keere, Father Dan Ryan, Duncan Campbell, Toni Nagode, Theresa Boyd, Valerie Lentini, Darren Denison, Lynn Shoniker, Kathleen Fraser, Rita Dall, Anthony Wood, Dan Duffy, Tom Lally, Larry Lupenette, Joey Thorne, Bill McDermott, Gerard McCauley, Jack Pitt, Jeannie Jacobs, Bruno Marchiori and Ken Kent.

St. Joseph Church

† Rev. Rod McNeil - Pastor † Bill Garland - Deacon †



INTENTIONS: for Week of March 2, 2025 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5:00 PM Lillian Bibby

Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Monday 9:00 AM Jeannie Jacobs 9:00 AM Toni Nagode Tuesday 9:00 AM Alderic Gallant

> ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM Tom Lally - Mass and Ashes

7:00 PM Elisabeth Hansen - Mass and Ashes

- No Mass Thursday -

Friday 9:00 AM Gary Baldwin

9:30 AM First Friday Devotions

INTENTIONS: for Week of March 9, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 5:00 PM Olga Roehrig Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish

11:00 AM Antonio Pinto

399 Victoria Avenue, Belleville, Ontario K8N 2E7

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Sacraments:

Anointing of the Sick - Upon request Marriage - at least 6 months' notice Baptism - Call Father Rod to arrange Reconciliation - Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 pm

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2, 2025

On Ash Wednesday we begin a forty-day journey to prepare ourselves for Holy Week. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change so that we can live as people of faith. Spend time in communion with God, regardless of other demands; prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.



Countdown to Lent: Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025

Catholic Faith Study Group: Our Catholic Faith Study Group in support of RCIA will continue to meet in the parish centre every other Wednesday. Next meeting is Wed, March 19th from 7 to 8pm, led by Deacon Bill Garland.

World Day of Prayer (2025) Service is March 7th - 2pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 516 Victoria Ave. The theme is "I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139: 1-18) was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands. It is being co-hosted by Women's Groups of Holy Trinity Lutheran and St. Thomas Anglican Church. All are welcome to attend.

Offertory: Feb 23rd - \$ 4,877.50 Diocesan Collections: - \$ 50.00

We can now accept e-transfers at stjosephchurch.payment@gmail.com

Thank you to all who have contributed.



St. Joseph's Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off / Skate takes place **THIS WEEKEND, Sunday, March 2**nd from **1 p.m. until 5 p.m.** in the Multi Purpose Room @ the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre, 265 Cannfiton Road, Belleville. Please note that sign-up sheet(s) are available at the main entrance of the church **on the two weekends** prior to the event, for those who will be bringing their own individual Chili Dishes and for those interested in donating Buns / Rolls or Desserts. Also, skaters can take advantage of the

Mackay Arena from 1pm to 2pm.



St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council #1008 are hosting a Pancake Dinner, Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 from 5pm onwards in St. Michael's parish centre. Pancakes, ham, baked beans, dessert & a -drink. Tickets \$15 for adults; kids (7-13) - \$6; kids 6 & under are free. All parishioners of St. Joseph's parish are invited to attend for an evening of good food and fellowship as we raise funds to support our community.



We will be having a **Seniors' Lunch Monday, March 17**th beginning at 11:30 with a St. Patrick's theme. **LIMITED SEATING**, so call or e-mail the parish office to reserve your seat, (613)968-9950 or stjoseph.belleville@archkingston.ca



2024 Charitable income tax receipts are available for pick up at the main church doors. Any receipts that aren't picked up will be mailed in the coming weeks.



Knights of Columbus, (Read, Marysville & Deseronto) is holding their Annual Fish Fry, Friday, March 21, 2025 from 4:30 to 6:30pm at Holy Name of Mary Parish Centre, 7288 Old Hwy #2 Marysville. Fish & chips; Cole slaw; dinner roll & pie, tea/coffee & juice.

Adults: \$20; children under 12: \$12; Under 6: free; Family price: \$60. All funds raised for charitable needs.

2025 Sacraments at St. Joseph Church

First Reconciliation: Thursday, February 27, 6pm
First Communion Parent Meeting: Wed, March 19, 6pm,
material for the students will be available at this meeting
First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 3, 11:00am
Confirmation Parent Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 6pm,
Registration and material will be available for the students at this
meeting

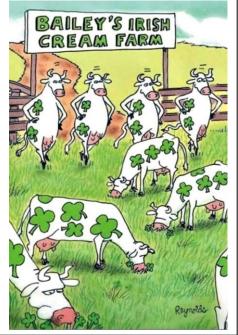
Confirmation: Saturday, June 14, 2025, 11am

Dates to Remember

Sun, March 2nd - Chili Cookoff, 1pm Tue, Mar 11th - Knights of Columbus, 7pm Mon, March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Senior's Lunch, 11:30am

Wed, March 19th - Faith Study Group, 7-8pm Thu, Mar 20th - Providence Associates, 10am Tue, Apr 1st - St. Vincent de Paul, 9:30am

St. Joseph Catholic School OPEN HOUSE is rescheduled to Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 6 to 7:30pm. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the opening of the newly renovated St. Joseph Catholic School in Belleville. The school welcomes space for 481 students, 20 learning studios, six learning commons, gathering stairs, various breakout spaces, two EarlyOn rooms and licensed child care. Families and community members are invited to attend.



Bethlehem's Christian community relies on selling handcrafted olive wood religious artifacts to visiting pilgrims, forming its primary income. Declining tourism has hit them hard in recent years, leading some Christians to leave The Holy Land, posing a threat to key sites like the Church of The Nativity. Mark your calendars for March 29th & 30th. We are hosting a sale featuring beautiful artifacts from the Holy Land, set up at the north church entrance. Your purchase will not only enrich your collection but also contribute to strengthening the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Blessings, Jenny - Holy Land Wood Art. Contact jihanwoodart@hotmail.com if you want more information.

Experience the Joy of Life in the Spirit - You are invited to deepen your relationship with God by participating in our Life in the Spirit Seminar, an inspiring eight-week journey to encounter the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will help you: Renew and strengthen your faith; Grow in prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit and Experience a deeper sense of community in Christ. Please contact: Claire Marchand (613) 921-2686 or Mary Tobin (905)409-2655 for more information. When: Eight Tuesdays afternoons starting Tuesday, February 25 from 2 to 3:30pm. Where: St. Peter's Parish Hall. Who: Anyone seeking a closer walk with the Lord "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!"

St. John Fisher Dinner (Catholic Christian Outreach), Thursday, March 20; 6:00 - 9:30pm, Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall (588 Division Street, Kingston). The St. John Fisher Dinner is a one-night event to bring you into our ministry at Queen's University, hear from an incredible speaker, and raise the funds to make our work possible. What does it entail? The gala will include student and alumni testimonies, social time to mingle with the community, a keynote presentation, and an invitation to partner with CCO financially. Dinner will be served. A cash bar will be available for purchase. Semi-formal attire is encouraged, and attendees are asked to register in advance. We have limited capacity so tickets will be given on a first come first served basis. There is no cost to attend thanks to our generous sponsors. Note that a financial ask will be made from the podium. To reserve a spot visit their Eventbrite page: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-john-fisher-dinner-tickets-1035238314667 If you have any questions, please contact Benjamin Turland (416-805-9731, benjamin.turland@cco.ca)

Encounter Retreat - Saturday, March 22; 9:30am - 2:30pm, St. Joseph Parish in Kingston (392 Palace **Road, Kingston).** All catechists and sacramental preparation volunteers are invited to the Encounter Retreat on March 22 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please join us for a half-day of prayer, worship, and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Gorett DaSilva by March 17 at pastoralservices@archkingston.ca

Community Vision and Networking Quinte (CVNQ) supports adults with developmental disabilities. Famous People's Players will be having 2 performances at the Empire Theatre in Belleville, March 15th at 2pm and 7:30pm. Sponsored by Community Vision and Networking Quinte. Tickets are \$20; Call the Empire Theatre at (613)969-0099 or https://cvnquinte.org

Are you interested in becoming a **Homestay family** for **International students** attending our Catholic Secondary Schools? The ALCDSB is actively seeking homestay families for the September 2025 school year. Please connect with Phil Carney - ALCDSB Principal of International Education - international@alcdsb.on.ca

Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Rome and Assisi

Please join Father Justin Pulikunnel and Father Shawn Hughes who will travel **November 5 to November 17** to Europe to receive the great graces of pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year. Please see the attached information and registration forms. For further information please do not hesitate to contact Ann Lyng at ann@stmaryscathedral.ca



Communion for the Sick: As part of our parish's outreach to the sick, we bring Holy Communion to people who are unable to make it to Mass. If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion in their home, contact the parish office 613-968-9950.



Stretch and Flow Yoga Class - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30pm - St. Joseph parish centre. This one-hour class is designed for people of all ages! Perfect for those who want to add more flexibility

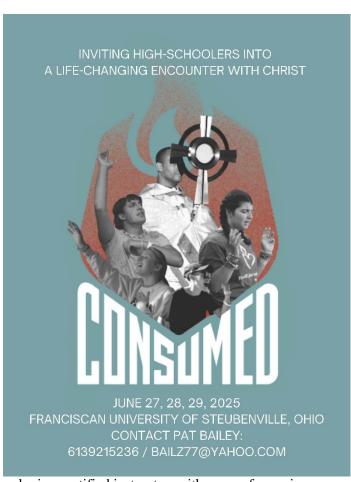
and strength into their weekly routine. Led by Olivia, who is a certified instructor, with years of experience.

Drop-in fee is \$10 per class or save when you pay \$40 per month. Come and join us every Tuesday & Thursday at 4:30pm. Don't forget to bring your mat.

Spiritual Reflections with Archbishop Mulhall - Wednesdays; 7pm, St. Mary's Cathedral (279 Johnson Street, Kingston). We will be reflecting on the Beatitudes of St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 5 as well as a series of Psalms of the Old Testament which we pray each day at Mass. We will also give time to the liturgical celebrations of Lent/Easter as we pass through the year. It is good to remember that there is no starting point or end point as in a series of lectures or an academic course. The Lord, in whose presence we will pray together will always provide the grace, consolation, and strength that we need to make steady progress in our life of faith.

Hospice Quinte makes a tremendous impact in our community every day by providing comfort and support for individuals and families living with a terminal illness or coping with grief and loss. Our programs and services are provided at no charge, and we rely on the generosity of community support and donations to keep providing these vital services. Making a donation to Hospice Quinte's programs and services is the greatest, most meaningful way to say "Thank You!" and to ensure compassionate care remains available at no cost. You can make an online donation to Hospice Quinte in honour of a loved one, or become a lifetime doner, host a fundraiser or provide a "Day of Care". Please visit Hospice Quinte website for more information https://hospicequinte.ca By donating, you are enhancing hospice palliative care and bereavement support services for our region.

St. Joseph's Good Works fund is financed by your donations to the parish. Every month 7% of the offertory is deposited to a separate fund and the money is used to support local, national and international charities. We recently made donations to Grace Inn Shelter, Gleaner's Food Bank, Hospice Quinte, St. Joseph School and St. Francis Xavier in Attawapiskat First Nation, (Hearst-Moosonee Diocese). St. Francis is one of the churches that



was burnt to the ground in April, 2021 and they have been rebuilding a new church. Thank you everyone, for your generosity which enables us to help others.

School of Identity (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission) Friday, March 7; 6:30pm - 9:30pm & Saturday, March 8; 8:15am - 4pm Holy Name of Mary Parish Centre (7288 Old Hwy 2, Marysville, ON). Come experience a learning opportunity to help you grow in your identity as a beloved son or daughter of God. Learn about personal transformation, intimacy with God and hearing his voice, living the supernatural life and being baptized in the Holy Spirit! Registration required. Regular admission \$30, Couples \$50, Students \$20 (Lunch included) Reg and details at: https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/2025-school-of-identity



Euchre & Games is taking a winter hiatus. We will meet again this spring - dates are April 6, May 4 and June 1 at 1pm in the parish centre.

A Certificate in Adult Faith Education Beginning April 1, 2025-April 2026 - Online - by Saint Paul

University, Ottawa. We are excited to announce a new Certificate Program in Adult Faith Education, starting in April 2025. This program will be offered online, allowing participants from across the country to join. For this first cohort, we have space for 12 participants, who will be supported by an exceptional team of professors and mentors. We anticipate a very enriching experience, but please note that only a few spots remain. Thanks to the generosity of our funders, we are pleased to offer this certificate program at a nominal fee of \$500 for confirmed

participants. If you are interested, please contact Carol Kuzmochka via email at ckuzmochka@ustpaul.ca.



Submissions are now being accepted for the next edition. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Deadline is Jan 31st. E-

mail submissions to Journey@archkingston.ca

Associates of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul meet on the third Thursday each month at St. Joseph Church, Belleville. Associates are united and inspired by the charism, spirituality and mission of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul by sharing a common call to compassionate service. Our next meeting is Thurs, February 20th, 2025 at 10am. For more information, phone 613-544-4525 ext 148 or visit www.providence.ca/associates

> Gleaner's Food Bank needs your financial and food donations to provide hope to those in need during these tough times.

Please remember there are bins at each of the church doors for **Gleaners** non-perishable food donations. Please be generous to those less fortunate. We must all pull together to fight hunger as food costs continue to rise.

The Franciscans: Is God Calling You? - The Gospel and the "following of Jesus Christ" were not idealistic but rather "dynamic values" for St. Francis and his followers. People inspired by the Gospel values that they saw in Francis wanted to follow him. These values are the substance of Franciscans today: the Poor Clares, the Secular Franciscans (for women and men, single or married) and of the Friars. Is God "calling" you or "inviting you to be a part of the Franciscan mission? Order? Please send an email to Friar Reto Davatz at FrRDavatz@archkingston.ca.

St. Joseph Church now has access to this Free Catholic Resource! FORMED is now **FORMED** FREE to everyone within the parish boundaries of St. Joseph Church, our gift to you! Visit: FORMED.org/signup. Type our parish postal code K8N 2E7 or St. Joseph Church, Belleville to bring up our parish name. Click on it. Register your name and email and you are in! This parish-sponsored "Catholic Netflix" has approximately 4000 resources for every age. Movies, children's programs, and a wonderful variety of DVDs, audiobooks, ebooks, etc. Check it out! Use your browser, or download the app on Android or Apple devices, Roku, FireTV and Apple TV.



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Monthly Meeting for Holy Rosary Franciscan Fraternity - First Thursday of the month: following 5:30 pm Mass at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish (169 North Park Street, Belleville, ON). Come and See! Holy Rosary Franciscan Fraternity gathers monthly on the 1st Thursday, following 5:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary. ALL are welcome!

Synthesis Report from First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the **People of God**. Please click the link below to access the Synthesis Report online:

www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - https://www.ssvp.ca - A lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. St. Vincent de Paul store, as well as the committee are in need of volunteers. If you can spare some time on a regular basis, please call the store, (613)966-8005.

Faith on Fire Prayer Weekly Prayer Meetings - The "Faith on Fire" Prayer meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7 - 8:30pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for prayer and teachings as we seek to grow in the Lord. Please email Maame Addai at <u>faithonfirekingston@gmail.com</u> for the Zoom link.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College - Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College is a faithfully Catholic liberal arts college in Barry's Bay, Ontario, offering a three-year Bachelor of Catholic Studies degree. Small class sizes and a strong academic program set students up for success in the classroom and in all future pursuits. Faculty take their Catholic faith seriously and profess an oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church. A vibrant campus life, men's and women's residence houses, and ample spiritual opportunities create a Catholic culture that forms the whole person. Students build life-long friendships, and often discern their vocations. The tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available. There are still spots available for 2023-2024! Please visit www.seatofwisdom.ca.

Ministry of Accompaniment - Resources and events supporting the Ministry of Accompaniment can be found on the Archdiocese of Kingston webpage https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/accompanimentministry

The Archdiocese of Kingston Announces On-line Support Resources for the following:

WORKSHOPS available from the Archdiocese of Kingston - Children's Liturgy - Lectors and Communion Ministers - Pastoral Care. Please visit our website romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/religious-education for details on each workshop. For more information on any of these workshops, please contact Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms at religioused@archkingston.ca or by phone at (613)548-4461 ext. 115

- 1) Newman College offers a number of certificate courses in a virtual format that are open to adults and youth. These courses can be taken individually or as part of Certificate Programme in Catholic Studies. Check out their website for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mary-Jo Mackinnon- Simms by email at maryjo@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-548-4461 extension 115. https://www.newman.edu/CCS
- 2) The New Directory for Catechesis was released in 2020. It provides universal guidelines and norms around catechesis and evangelization. It emphasizes the importance that each baptized person has a missionary call to find new ways to communicate the faith through Mercy, Dialogue and Witnessing. Please check out these resources for more info or to order a copy:

https://en.novalis.ca/search?q=The*+New*+Directory*+for*+Catechesis*

The Bishops of Canada, as a tangible expression of their commitment to walk with the Indigenous Peoples of this land along the pathway of hope, are making a nationwide collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. Please click the links below to read more details about the Apology recently issued and the National Financial Pledge: CCCB NATIONAL FINANCIAL PLEDGE (Sept. 27, 2021) CCCB APOLOGY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (Sept. 24, 2021)

If you would like to contribute to St. Joseph Church on a monthly basis by Automatic Debiting of your account please print the form below and attached a VOID cheque and send to St. Joseph Church or drop it in our mailbox at the rectory door. We will set it up for you. Thank you for your support. You can also e-transfer a donation at stjosephchurch.payment@gmail.com

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