

	5pm	9am	11:00am		5pm	9am	11:00am
Feb 21/22 EM	J Muldoon C Yantha	Lise DeAraujo S HarttBond	R Macaulay J Langabeer	Mar 14/15 EM	MC Shannon S O'Brien	P Bellwood BA McGrath	M Hamilton R Macaulay
Lector	M Guay	R Terpstra	T Baker	Lector	MT Truaisch	A Garland	C Berry
Feb 28/Mar 1 EM	D Maloney J O'Neill	J Melbourne L Coffey	R McCullough J Sosiak	Mar 21/22 EM	G Iasenza M Langille	L DeAraujo S HarttBond	J Langabeer MA Chapelle
Lector	RO'Connor	D Bellwood	Eve Michell	Lector	C Yantha	T Barrett	J Langabeer
Mar 7/8 EM	S Langton J Andrews	R Ferrante L Head	Melia Foster H Dean	Mar 28/29 EM	B Prystai J Reed	J Melbourne L Coffey	J MacAlister B Enright-Miller
Lector	D Langille	V Williams	M Hamilton	Lector	T Shannon	K Holtz	H Dean

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Sat. 5:00pm J Reed, C Sugden, J Muldoon, A Froment
Sun. 9:00am M Finnigan, R Metzloff, B Rivers, Tom Cassibo
11:00am C Hayes, G Morrissey, **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Sat. 5:00pm L Vigna, L MacDonald, R Goodridge, K Shannon
Sun. 9:00am H Head, J Power, T McGreevy, D Mulder
11:00am A McAlpine, R Macaulay, L Enright, **VOLUNTEER**

Our **Prayer Network** 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.

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

Remember in Prayer: All who are ill, including Maria Andolsek, Paul Bancroft, Nancy Barre, Lynn Barton, Jan Bernard, Thomas Bowland, Darren Borchardt, Christopher Caldwell, Theresa Carr, Joan Chesser, Sarah Coffey, Elizabeth Cooney, Kaye Cordeau, Maureen Corrigan, Rayne Cote, Cathy Cournier, Eugene Cummings, Marion Dolan, Marleen Donaldson, Holly Finkle, Sheila Francis, Paul Frechette, Tara Gandier, Elvira Gonzales, Nancy Grace, Jean Haslam, Ron Harrison, Mandy Hunt, Steve Hunter, Noreen Kehoe, Grace Kelly, Mary Korchouski, Douglas Livingston, Francis Mahoney, Anne Marr, Louis McFaul, Richard Morton, Kathy Mulder, Timothy Myers, Brenda Nishimura, Bill Oliver, Jeffrey Parsons, Nicholas Pineau, Jack Rizzo, Wendy Robeck, Bert Roseblade, Genevieve Rumsey, Barry Smith, Camilla Summers, Ronald Swift, Adele Murphy Surowiec, Christel Stolpman, Keith Vallier, Cory Young, Marion Yank, Joan, Anna, Lynn, Bert R. and Janet M. **✠ Please pray for the repose of these recently deceased souls;** Denis Hall, Fr. Stan Alanen, Dr. Mary Gwizdal, Barb Blye, Joan Bryden Lattimore, Fr. Stan Alanen, Dr. Edward O'Brien, Donald Cartagena, Murray Mahoney, Laura Medeiros, Don Yantha, Hendrina Parcels, Liz Cotter, Steve Bany, Aurora Mancuso, Joan DeGenova, Joan Roberto, Eldon Burkhart, Tim Gavey, Fran Gravelle, Andre Bernard, Catherine Kelleher, Margaret Young, Gerald Sauve, David Bartok, Jackie Riberty, Bill Brady, Rita Quinn, Joyce Willemson and Tony O'Connor.

St. Joseph Church

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



INTENTIONS: for Week of February 22, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 5:00 PM Antonio Alves
Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish
11:00 AM Mario Basilone

- No Weekday Mass Monday to Thursday -

Friday 9:00 AM Bill Brady

INTENTIONS: for Week of March 1, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 5:00 PM Rita Quinn
Sunday 9:00 AM The People of the Parish
11:00 AM Joan Ruberto

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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026



Today is Hospitality Sunday - Stop into the parish centre after **9am or 11am Sunday Masses** and enjoy some refreshments and snacks and an opportunity to socialize with your fellow parishioners!

Offertory: Feb 15th - \$ 4,265.00
Diocesan Collections \$ - 450.00

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

Thank you to all who have contributed.



St. Joseph's Fifth Annual Chili Cook Off / Skate takes place next weekend, **Sunday, March 1st** from

1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room @ the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre, 265 Cannifton Road, Belleville. Please note that sign-up sheet(s) are available at the main entrance of the church 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. Come out and enjoy a fun afternoon of music, delicious chili and skating as well as socializing with fellow parishioners.



St. Joseph CWL News: Thank you to the many returning and new members who have already paid their 2026 membership dues of \$40. For those who have not yet paid, please consider placing your membership envelope in the collection basket as soon as possible. New members are always welcome.

World Day of Prayer 2026 - will be held at St. Matthews United Church, 25 Holloway Street, Belleville, on **Saturday, March 7th at 1pm**. This year we will be praying for the people of Nigeria.



Euchre & Games is back for the season. Mark your calendars and come out and have some fun. Our dates are **this Sunday, Feb 15!!! March 22, April 19, May 24 and June 14 at 1pm** in the parish centre.

Dates to Remember

Sun, Feb 22nd Hospitality Sunday, after Masses
Sun, Mar 1st - Chili Cook-Off, 1 - 5
Rescheduled - Wed, Mar 4th - Parish Council Meeting, 9:45am
Sun, Mar 8th - CWL General Meeting, after 11am Mass
Tue, Mar 10th - Property & Finance Meeting, 9:45am
Tue, Mar 10 - Knights of Columbus, 7pm
Thu, Mar 19th - Providence Associates, 10 - 12
Sun, Mar 22nd - Cards & Games, 1pm

Candlelit Adoration - Everyone is welcome to join a Eucharistic Adoration by candlelight on Friday, **February 27th**, from **6:30 - 8pm** at St. Charles Borromeo Church, **494 Enright Rd, Shannonville**. The evening will include a brief testimony and Biblical reflection, along with music and an opportunity for prayer ministry.



Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life and is designed primarily for people who don't go to church; people who wouldn't call themselves Christians. It's an opportunity to discuss the big questions. Alpha is being held at **St. Michael's Parish Centre** beginning **Thu, Feb 5th**, evenings from **6:30-9pm for 12 weeks**.

First Sacrament sessions take place Sundays on these dates: Feb. 1, 8, 15, March 1, 8, 10, 12, 19, and 26 at 9:40 to 10:50 in the Parish Centre. Parents and candidates should attend.

First Sacrament Retreat - Friday, April 17, 9:00-11:30 in Parish Centre. - **First Reconciliation - March 10 at 6 p.m.** - **First Communion - Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.**

If you know someone who may benefit from this opportunity, please see the posters at all doors of the church.

Steubenville Youth Conference - For the 3rd and FINAL year, there will be a group bus arranged for high school teens (Graduating GR8 to Graduating GR12) to go to the Catholic Youth Conference in Steubenville Ohio on the weekend of **June 26th to 28th**. To get an idea of numbers please respond by Family Day weekend FEB 16th. We have managed to keep costs very low in the past and hope to be able to do so again this year. Contact Pat Bailey at bailz77@yahoo.com or 613-921-5236 for more info about attending. For more info on the Steubenville experience see steubenvilleconferences.com/mc2

Medjugorje Pilgrimage April 20 - May 1, 2026 is now full.

October 2026 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Justin & Fr. Price Join Fr. Justin and Fr. Price on a faith-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land **Oct 5-15, 2026**. Walk in the footsteps of Our Blessed Lord, deepen your understanding of Sacred Scripture, experience prayer, mercy, healing, and spiritual renewal in the places where the Word became flesh. Space is limited to 40 pilgrims, early registration is encouraged.

2025 Charitable income tax receipts are available for pick up at the main church doors. Any receipts that are picked up will be mailed in the coming weeks.

Attention Parish bakers: Our freezers are quite empty of squares and cookies for parish funerals. If anyone would like to donate a dessert or two, it would be most appreciated.





The premiere choir of **The Salvation Army in Canada** will be having a concert at The Salvation Army Belleville on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**. It promises to be a fabulous night of music, fellowship and the Word, \$10 admission. See posters for more details.

Are you retired and looking for something to do that will bring consolation to grieving families while also enhancing your faith life? Why not become a **Funeral Altar Server here at St. Joseph Church**. Speak to Father Rod or Deacon Bill if you are interested. Youth altar servers are also welcome to volunteer for weekend Masses. Youth must have made their First Holy Communion. **We would really appreciate a few more parishioners to volunteer to take up the collection at weekend Masses**. Please let the parish office know if we can add your name to our usher roster. Thanks!

St. John Fisher Dinner - You are invited to support the St. John Fisher Dinner taking place at **6:00pm** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, **588 Division St, Kingston, Thursday, March 19, 2026**. This dinner is the big fundraiser for the CCO mission on Queen's University, and they share some of the profits with Newman House. Sponsorship Opportunity: Parishes or individuals are invited to sponsor a table for \$400. If possible, sponsors are encouraged to help fill the table with 10 people. As in years past, the meal will be covered by sponsorship, so those attending can directly support the mission with any donations they give. Registration page and event overview: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/a-new-generation-st-john-fisher-dinner-tickets-1980734659687?aff=oddttdcreator>. Campus Patron sponsorship option: <https://store.cco.ca/products/sixteenth-annual-st-john-fisher-dinner-campus-patron-500>. For questions or more information, please contact Henry Morales, Central Regional Manager for CCO: henry.morales@cco.ca.

An Introduction to Prison Ministry - Saturday, March 28, 9:30am - 4:30pm. Lunch provided. Join us for an intensive one-day training session where you will be introduced to the key aspects, skills, and themes surrounding this ministry. Topics include: Call to Prison Ministry, Communication Skills, Boundaries, Restorative Justice, Self-care, Prison Culture...and more. Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre, Room A, **390 Palace Road, Kingston**. To register: Phone Gorette at 613-548-4461 Ext. 112 or Email pastoralservices@archkingston.ca There is **no fee**, but **registration is required by Wednesday, March 25th, 2026**. For more information, contact Mary-Jo at religioused@archkingston.ca.

Attention: Adults seeking Baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church: RCIA meetings at St. Joseph Church, Wed evenings, 7 to 8pm in the parish centre. Meetings began again Wed, Jan 7th. Zoom Meetings an option when needed. Ask Deacon Bill or Fr. Rod for details.



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.

Church Children's Activity Bags: 10 bags with quiet activities for children have been created and will be in a bin at the main doors of the church. Please feel free to grab one at the beginning of Mass for your children (one per family please). Please return bags and all contents at the end of Mass.

St. Joseph Good Works – 7% of your offertory donations are set aside to aid local, national, and international charitable causes. Recent donations included: \$1000 to Eastminster Church for their meal program, \$1000 to Gleaners Food Bank, \$1500 to Hospice Quinte, \$2000 to Belleville St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store, and \$1000 to St. Francis Xavier Church in Attawapiskat First Nation to help with the rebuild of their church which was destroyed by fire.



The Fall 2025 edition of Journey is now available from the Journey website:
<https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/journey>

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. No meetings in the summer. Sessions will begin again in September. For more information, phone 613-544-4525 ext 148 or visit www.providence.ca/associates

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). Come and See! Holy Rosary Franciscan Fraternity gathers monthly on the 1st Thursday, following 5:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary. ALL are welcome!

Parish Council Members:

- Pat Finnigan - Chair
- Bonnie Molinski - Secretary
- Roy Goodridge - Knights of Columbus representative
- Jan Sosiak - Catholic Women's League representative
- Harry Holtz
- Bob Fair
- Helen Lynn MacIntosh
- Lou Vigna
- Shelly HarttBond
- Curtis Hayes



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.



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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 donor, 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.

**Parish Finance
Committee Members:**

Marie Durling
Jack Hanley
Elaine Wilkinson
Denis Hall
Bob Fair
Connie McMann

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.

FORMED St. Joseph Church now has access to this Free Catholic Resource! **FORMED** is now **FREE** to everyone within the parish boundaries of St. Joseph Church, our gift to you! Visit: [FORMED.org/signup](https://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.



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 faithonfirekingston@gmail.com 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. 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. 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. Click the links below to read more 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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