

Sunday, December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgies for the week of Dec.10 – Dec. 16/18

Mon.: NO MASS

Tues.: 8:00am Muriel Peterson

Wed.: 8:00am Cheryl McConnell

Thurs.: 2:30pm Broadview George Kimere

Fri.: 10:00am School Mass Dan Davidson
3:00pm Divine Mercy

Sat.: 5:00pm @ Smiths Falls: Raymond & Lois Allen

Sun.: 9:00am @ Lombardy: Intentions of Ed & Sharon
Covell, 50th Wedding Anniversary
10:30am @ Monica Meagher

Ministries for Dec. 15 & 16

@ St. Francis de Sales

Readers

Extraord. Ministers

5:00pm

K. Huffman

M. Forbes

M. Houlahan

D. Houlahan

10:30am

M.E. Drapeau

A. Dales

J. Jenkins

B. MacMillan

@ Blessed Sacrament

9:00am

B. Lee

C. Ferrier J. Perkin,
& B. Mahon

Collection Counters: J. Jenkins, J. Parrell &
T. Ariss

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24

5:00pm at St. Francis

7:00pm at Blessed Sacrament

10:00pm at St. Francis

Christmas Day – Dec. 25

10:00am at St. Francis

New Year's Eve – Dec. 31

5:00pm at St. Francis

New Year's Day – Jan. 1

9:00am at Blessed Sacrament

10:30am at St. Francis

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all who knitted mitts, hats & scarves. They were much appreciated!! They were distributed on the 29th Nov. We could certainly use more mitts as some of the grade 3 & 4 students only received 2 or 3 pairs in their box. The donated groceries were a tremendous help with the luncheons. Thank you & God bless you for your ministry to the "poor."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 20 Parish Confessions

Dec. 25 Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday Missals are available at the entrance of both churches for \$4 each. **Youth Missals** are also available for children to follow along at Mass.

St. John Catholic High School Gala, Saturday December 8th. This annual fundraiser supports students who will be working in Guatemala this February. The theme is Winter Wonderland, a semi formal event. Tickets are \$35.00. Dinner, dance and silent auction will be taking place at Farrell Hall in Perth. For tickets or further information, please call Carol @ 613-2674724 or email carol.mackenzie@cdsbeo.on.ca or email nancy.noonan@ucdsb.on.ca

Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsals will take place on **Tuesdays starting Nov. 20 to Dec. 18, 6pm at St. Francis de Sales Church.**
Contact: Marlene Hull 613-283-2311

Holy Hockey Books

More books are available at the Rectory.
\$20.00 ea. Get yours before the Christmas rush!!

Our annual **Christmas Dinner** will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 25** at Hanley Hall. Doors open at 11:30am with one sitting at 12:15pm. A meal can be delivered for shut ins and transportation will be provided for those who need it. Sign-up sheets to help with the dinner and donate food are at the entrance of both churches.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Advent

This year we are trying something a little different! On **Thursday, Dec. 20** several priests will be available in St. Francis Church to celebrate this sacrament with you from **10am to 11am**. That evening, Fr. Rod will be available in the church from 7-8 pm. The sacrament is also available each Saturday from 4-4:50 pm. See you there!

Please Pray for:

the sick: Margie Ann McKinnon; Theresa Moulton & Michael Stranberg

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Consider joining our **RCIA program**. The Good Shepherd is waiting with open arms! Take the first step, call Father Rod at the parish office – 613-283-0220.

WANTED: Children's Liturgy teachers

Qualifications: like working with kids and willing to teach one Sunday a month. We have the lesson plans all you need is enthusiasm and joy working with young children. Please contact the Parish Office or Ann Johnson at 613 205-1302 or annmbjohnson@gmail.com.

The **Into the Future Candle** will be lit the week of **Dec. 9** in loving memory of Jim & Jeffrey Hallinan requested by the family.

Commemorative Mass in honour of St. Oscar Romero will be held at St. John the Apostle Parish (Patrick and Quebec Street) Kingston, on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm, Refreshments. All are welcome.

Men & Women of the Tay 2018 Concert Sunday, December 9, 2 pm at St. James Anglican Church, Perth. Freewill offering. Directed by Shelley McLaren. Accompanists: Pamela Newton & Raphael Shew.

The Advent Candle at Mass will be lit by:
Dec. 15, 5pm Tom & Pat Mouchet
Dec. 16, 9am Blessed S.: the Ritchie family.
10:30am Scott & Rose McDonald
Signup sheets are at the back of St. Francis de Sales Church for those who wish to light the Advent Candle the next 2 Sundays of Advent.

Learn more about A Peaceful Revolution in the Name of Jesus Christ, a Christian peace movement uniting the Body of Christ in prayer and remembrance of the Passion of Christ every day @ the Time Jesus died for us, 3pm. Contact Sylvia Abretti @sabretti@live.com or (613) 799-7733 to discuss how you can help promote this global prayer campaign and mission to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ. See passionofchrist.ca

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory:	Actual	Budget
Dec. 2	\$ 3,724.00	\$ 4000
Year to date	\$ 184,526.39	\$ 192,000

Building Maint.:	Actual	Budget
Dec. 2	\$ 1,434.20	\$ 1350
Year to date	\$ 77,517.95	\$ 64,800

Westminster Presbyterian Church

(11 Church St. W.) presents Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his band for an inspirational evening that will open your heart to the joy of Christmas. **Wed. Dec. 19, 7pm**. Tickets: Rideau River Music, Special Greetings Card Shop.

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. For more information please contact Fr. Joseph at (613)962-1092;

frjosephmachaj@gmail.com

Deadline for Registration is January 31, 2019

Community Holiday Dinner Thursday, December 13, 4:30-6 pm at Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute, 259 Percy St.

The Kingston Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League is hosting the 72nd Annual Ontario Provincial Convention July 13 – 17, 2019. Check out the fundraising items for sale! Kingston.cwl.on.ca. Unique gifts for birthdays and Christmas! Contact Kathy Huffman to place your order: kahuffy@gmail.com or 613-283-6116.

Adoration Chapel News:

There will be **NO** adoration after 9 AM Thurs. Dec. 13. Adoration will resume on Mon. Jan. 07 2019 at 7 am in the Church.

The 2019 Offertory Envelopes will be at both churches **NEXT** weekend, Dec. 15&16.

There will be a **Food Bank Collection** this weekend Dec. 8&9. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the Crèche at the front of St. Francis Church.

When planning for your estate, please consider making a donation to the parish in your will.