

Parish Directory 2015 - 2016

St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls, ON

Blessed Sacrament, Lombardy, ON

In the Archdiocese of Kingston

ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON
Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien

PASTOR
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Smiths Falls:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am;

Lombardy:

Sunday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Anytime by Appointment
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Lombardy Before Sunday Mass

BAPTISMS

Contact the Parish Office

WEDDINGS

Contact one of the priests at least six (6) months before the intended date.

COMMUNION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one are ill or confined please call the Parish Office.

<http://anzablarco.org/nemmaroleor/index.htm>

WHERE WILL YOU GIVE OF YOUR TIME & TALENT?

This ministry directory outlines many possibilities for service and ministry in our parish. Please prayerfully consider how God may want to use your gifts inside and outside St Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

We need the commitment of every parishioner to continue to improve these important parish programs!
To provide a prayerful environment and good liturgical music
To support our many essential and thriving ministries
To provide fair and just support for our pastor and parish employees
To continue to maintain and enhance our facilities
To continue to assist the poor and disadvantaged in our community

I invite every parish member to commit to at least one involvement in our parish community this year!
May your sharing of gifts help you more clearly see God's presence in your life!

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Contact: Jane Fowlie 283-2847

Adoration Chapels are a place to pray & to adore the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Upper Room Chapel is located up the stairs by the sacristy. The entrance is by the code box at the side door. The Chapel is open on Mondays from 4p.m. to 11p.m., Tuesdays from 7a.m. to 11p.m., Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. & on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1p.m.

On Mondays, Adoration takes place in the church from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please enter by the side door.

If you are interested in taking an hour or being a "spare", please don't hesitate to call us. Everyone is welcome to drop by for as long a time as you want; just sign the Visitors' book please.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Karen Hallinan 283-0676

The Parish Council is an advisory committee that consists of both elected members and representatives from our parish organizations. This Council assists the Pastor in identifying the needs of our parish community. Council meetings also serve as a forum for suggesting solutions and ways to implement them. The Council meets approximately every six weeks.

Elected Councilors

Karen Hallinan	Cathy Bridson (Vice Chair)
Shamus McGuire	Ed Covell
Mary Cook	Ann Johnson

PARISH FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Contact: Gerry Heffernan 283-0868

The Parish Finance and Property Committee assist the pastor in the temporal administration of the parish. This includes financial management and management of all the property and facilities/building requirements of the parish.

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Contact: Margie Ann McKinnon 283-4213

This committee consists of both ministry leaders and volunteers, who meet to pray, communicate accomplishments and needs of the liturgical ministries. We also plan upcoming celebrations. You are invited to join this group and offer your gifts to make our celebrations even more inspiring.

ACOLYTES

Contact: St. Francis de Sales Parish Office 283-0220

Blessed Sacrament Nancy Freestone 283-8088

Acolytes assist the priest by serving at the celebration of the sacraments. Boys and girls, eight years old and over who have received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and beyond are invited to join this group. Men and women are also invited to become acolytes and assist at Masses.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Contact: Karen Hallinan 283-0676

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. The Pastor appoints these ministers. This ministry is open to confirmed members of the Church. There is normally a need for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at all Masses. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish community. Training is provided.

USHERS/GREETERS

Contact: Parish Office 283-0220

Ministers of hospitality represent the Church community by welcoming parishioners and visitors to the church. They greet and assist the assembly as they gather. Ushers/Greeters collect and present the monetary gifts on our behalf, distribute the Sunday Bulletin and attend to the general needs of the congregation.

READERS

Contact: Karen Hallinan 283-0676

This ministry is open to any parishioner who has the ability and desire to proclaim God's word. The reader reads Scripture passages at Mass. Training and mentoring is provided.

MUSIC AT PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Contact: Parish Office 283-0220

We have a wide variety of people who enjoy taking part in the music ministries in our parish. We are always interested in hearing from new members.

The Funeral Choir ministry is a tremendous way to console a grieving family and is a meaningful way to honor the deceased.

PARISH MINISTRIES/COMMITTEES/GROUPS:

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Contact: Ann Johnson 205-1301

The Pastoral Care Team members visit and bring Holy Communion to the people of the parish who are homebound or in a retirement/nursing home. They pray with them and are a friendly person to talk with. We are always in need of volunteers. Team members meet every six weeks to discuss a particular topic that would be helpful for the pastoral visitor.

PRAYER LINE

Contact: Valerie and John Brohman 283-8301

People with prayer requests may call this number. The request will be forwarded to parishioners who will pray for the intention. (Prayers for Sundays are asked to call the Parish Office)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Parish Office 283-0220

An active Youth Ministry program is considered a vital part of parish life. Interested parents, parishioners and youth who wish to assist as volunteers or help this ministry are invited to contact parish office.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – R.C.I.A.

Contacts: Parish Office 283-0220

This is a process where a non-baptized person is enquiring to become part of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of Holy Communion thereby being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Meetings are normally held on Sunday.

There are also those who have been baptized in another church and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. They should speak directly to the Pastor or Deacon.

Parishioners are invited to participate in this program as Sponsors to the candidates.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Contact: Parish Office 283-0220

Members of this ministry come together to help those in need in our community. Personalized attention is given to each individual maintaining confidentiality, respect and dignity for those who contact us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Contact: Ann Johnson 205-1301

Each Sunday, at the 11:00 AM Mass children, who have not made their First Communion, are given the opportunity to participate in a special liturgy program aimed at their level of understanding.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Contact: President – Geraldine Canning 283-6116

Our mission statement is: "The Catholic Women's League of Canada is the national organization rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God." Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in Hanley Hall at 6:30 p.m. (except during the summer months).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact: Grand Knight – Peter Merkley 283-3069

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization that welcomes men 18 years of age and older from this parish to become members. Men, who are practicing their faith, can look to build fraternity and organize charitable works for God and country. Rideau Council 2444 meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30p.m. except for July and August.

LEGION OF MARY

Contact: President – Claire McAdam 285-4878

The Legion of Mary is a group of individuals that share a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and a deep commitment to both corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Members offer prayers daily, through the intercession of Mary, for the needs of our neighbors and the growth of our community. Meetings are held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in meeting room # 2 in Hanley Hall.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA PROGRAM

Contact: Cathy Bridson 283-2785

PARISH SCHOOLS:

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL 283-6101

43 Russell St E. Smiths Falls, Principal: Theresa Lalonde-Pankow
Grades: 4 – 8 English; French Immersion Grades: 5 – 8

ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC SCHOOL 283-1848

5 Catherine St. Smiths Falls; Principal: Sue Forbes
Grades: JK – 3 English

STE. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS SCHOOL 269-2134

306 rue Read, Merrickville; Principal: Johanne Begin
Grades: JK- 8 French

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 267-4724

2066 Scotch Line Road, Perth; Principal: John Healey
Grades: 9 – 12 English & French Immersion

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 283-4477

4 Ross St., Smiths Falls; Principal: Brent Bovaird
Grades: 7 – 12 English; Regional Educational Alternative Program

PARISH STAFF:

Secretary Cynthia Rozario 283-0220
Custodian Kathy Huffman

CEMETERIES

St. Francis de Sales Cemetery
Contact: Hennia & Dennis Tyhy 283-4061

Blessed Sacrament Cemetery
Contact: Ed Covell 283-6436



PARISH FUNDRAISER – RETAIL GIFT CARDS

Contact: Geraldine Canning 283-6116

YOU CAN HELP! - Did you know...that you can further support our parish mission and ministries just by buying your ESSENTIAL GROCERIES or OTHER RETAIL ITEMS? HOW?..... By purchasing grocery/retail gift cards which are available at the back of both our churches before and after all the weekend Masses. They are also available at the Parish Office. This is a very important fundraiser for our parish and if you shop at stores such as an Independent Grocer, Metro, Food Basics, Giant Tiger and Canadian Tire it is so easy to participate in and support.

The gift cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250 denominations. Just present the card at the store checkout - it works just like cash! The grocery gift card is a declining balance card. Your purchase total is deducted from the card's balance leaving any remaining balance on the card for future purchases. Simple! These are great for your own shopping trips, convenient for older children at college/university (vs. cash), and they make great gifts!

The key point to remember is that you get full face value when you purchase gift cards and our parish fundraising effort automatically receives 5% from the participating stores. Our Goal this year is to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 from this fundraiser which is critical to supporting our parish ministries and help us stay within our operating budget.

This is a great fundraiser for the parish because you are not being asked to buy anything you normally wouldn't buy and there is no cost to you! If each family that isn't participating now simply purchased at least \$100 per month, then we could easily achieve our goal.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE!! & HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH



Time & Talent Opportunities

Stewardship, a way of life

"How will I make a return to God this coming year by serving others in His Name?"