

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The main theme of today's readings is that Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets in the Old Testament and especially through His Son Jesus in the New Testament. The fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives, deciding whom we will serve. **Scripture lessons:** In the first reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to decide whom they will serve, the gods of the Amorites in whose country they were then dwelling or the God of Israelites Who has done so much for them. *The Renewal of Covenant* ceremony in Joshua chapter 24 reminds us that the Eucharist is a Covenant meal that calls for a decision of Faith. The second reading emphasizes the unity that must exist in the Body of Christ and the intimate relationship between Jesus and his followers. It also challenges the Ephesian Christians to make the right choices in life and build Christian marriages on mutual respect and love, accepting each other's' rights and dignity. Paul also uses the husband-wife relationship as an analogy to explain the close relationship between Christ and the Church. Paul reminds us that Jesus nourishes us, the members of his Church, through the Eucharist, making us His own Flesh and Blood, as husband and wife become one flesh. Concluding his long Eucharistic discourse, Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges his Jewish audience to make their choice of accepting him as the true Bread from Heaven who gives his Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food, or of joining those who have lost their Faith in him and left him, expressing their confusion and doubts about his claims. Today's passage describes the various reactions of the people to Jesus' claims. Jesus gives his twelve apostles the option of leaving him or staying with him. The apostles exercise their freedom of choice by choosing to stay with Jesus. In this Eucharistic celebration, we, too, are called to make a decision, profess our Faith in God's Son and renew the Covenant ratified in Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Let us make our choice for Christ and live it:

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Reggie Bernardo, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberty, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice and Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Margrite Dezainde, John Beriau, Debbie Freer, Shelley McCaffrey, Nelly Kester, Brian Brougham, Ronald Roy, and Nieves Bonucchi.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries in September:
Susan and Michael McMahon 40 years September 2
Mary and Doug Roughton 39 years September 8
Sylvia and Bob Shackles 39 years September 8
Eileen and Dave McCrae 33 years September 15
Maxine and Brian Enright 29 years September 23
Norah and Wallace White 56 years September 29

WELCOME FATHER PHIL HORRIGAN AND CONGRATULATIONS: We would like to extend a warm welcome to Father J. Phillip Horrigan this weekend as he celebrates the Eucharist with us at 10:00 a.m. Mass. We also wish to extend our prayers as he celebrated his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on June 1. There will be a Coffee Social following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE		
AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2018		
Saturday, August 25	5:15 p.m.	Anna Maczuga
Sunday, August 26	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Janet McPhail
Tuesday, August 28	6:30 p.m.	Tom Barr
Wednesday, August 29	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Thursday, August 30	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Brian and Jodi Drake
Friday, August 31	9:00 a.m.	Evan Warder
Saturday, September 1 FIRST SATURDAY	9:30 a.m.	Carole McGeough
	5:15 p.m.	Tom Barr
Sunday, September 2	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Tom Kenney
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: Evan Warder		

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – August 12: \$ 3448.00 August 19: \$ 3653.25	Operating Shortfall: \$52.00 SURPLUS: \$153.25
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CONGRATULATIONS: and prayerful best wishes to **Noah James Larente and Benjamin John Kerwin Elliott** who were received into baptism on **August 25**. May God continue to bless your parents as you teach your children to grow in faith.

PAPAL PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Let us pray that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, August 25	3:30 p.m.	Baptisms: Benjamin Elliot Noah Larente
Wednesday, August 29	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, August 30	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.” John 6.53, 60-69

AUGUST 26, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, September 1 5:15 p.m.	Anne Peace	Clancy and Sarah McDonald	Mary MacDermott Sylvia Shackles	Allie White Grace Kelly Samantha Glashan
Sunday, September 2 8:30 a.m.	Margaret Bougie Noreen Shepherd	Theresa Iddon Judith Hart	Marc and Phyllis Dennis	Grace Whiteland
Sunday, September 2 10:00 a.m.	Teresa and Kevin Tanney	Isabelle Heffernan Lise Lalonde-Matte	Deacon Shawn Souder Larry Baldissera	Christopher Logstrup Joshua O'Keefe Liam Heffernan

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: In 2015, Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Coinciding with a celebration instituted by the Orthodox Church, it is also a day of ecumenical prayer and unity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION: Will be held next weekend. Representatives will be at the door at each Mass to receive your financial support. We ask for your support to help the local poor and needy. If you know of an individual or family in need, please call 613 340 8712.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Father Justin Pulikunnel will be giving the inaugural talk **O'Heafy's Irish Pub in Prescott on Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.** The talk will be on *Hope Through Suffering*. You're most welcome to attend and have a pint!

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION: As a way to keep the righteous indignation that so many of us feel at this time from becoming an anger that divides the Body of Christ, Sts. Patrick & Brendan's Church will be making a **public act of reparation** to the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* and to the *Immaculate Heart of Mary* for all the sins of sexual depravity committed by members of the clergy and episcopacy, and for the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament. To that end, you are most welcome to **spend one Holy Hour of Reparation** before the Blessed Sacrament with fellow parishioners and Father Justin on **Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church, Rockport.**

JOHN SANDS CONCERT: The Knights of Columbus Council 1049 are having a fundraising concert with **John Sands at St. John Bosco Parish Centre on September 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** A reception will be held following the concert. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Tickets are available through Al Minifie at 613-342-6845 or at the parish office.

SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS: The 2018 campaign began on August 15 and runs until December 31. This program which consists of shoeboxes filled with essential hygiene

items for seniors are offered under the Canadian Aid for Chernobyl, a charitable organization based in Brockville. For further information, contact Mary Bernard at 613-342-6589.

DUC IN ALTIM 2018-19 INFO NIGHT: Calling all young adults in their 20's & 30's! We invite you to attend an **info night** about an awesome opportunity in our archdiocese for young adults: "**Duc In Altum**" (Latin for "Put Out Into the Deep"). This experience consists of an opening & closing retreat weekend away and 6 Saturday sessions once a month throughout the year. Join us for our info night on **Tuesday, September 11th at 7pm** at the Diocesan Centre (390 Palace Road, Kingston). For more info contact Nadia Gundert at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-484-2446.

MASS AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY: St. Joseph's Parish will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery on Sunday, 16 September 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 718 Division Street, Kingston. Archbishop O'Brien will preside. Please invite others who might wish to join you; and bring a hat and lawn chair for your comfort and convenience. For information, please contact St. Joseph's parish office at 613-547-5004.

THE ART OF DYING WORKSHOP: This workshop will be held on **Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (490 Days Road, Kingston).** The presenter is Sr. Nuala Kenny, SC, OC, MD, FRCPIC. Sr. Kenny is an expert in palliative and end of life care. You can register by contacting Mary-Jo or Goretta at 613-548-4461 or register on-line at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: A climber fell off a cliff. As he tumbled down into a deep gorge he grabbed hold of a branch of a small tree. "Help" he shouted. "Is there anyone up there?" A deep majestic voice from the sky echoed through the gorge. "I will help you, my son. But first you must have Faith in me." "All right, all right. I trust you." answered the man. The voice replied, "Let go of the branch." There was a long pause and the man shouted again, "Is there anyone else up there?"

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