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Second Sunday
OF ADVENT



Come, Infant Jesus! I pray to You and Your Most Holy Mother this Advent season. I pray for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Bishop: Most. Rev. Daniel Miehm	Marriage: By arrangement (min. 6 months prior)
Mass Times: Sat 5 pm, Sun 10 am	Baptism: By arrangement with the Parish Office
Admin. Assistant: Maryann Clancy	Reconciliation: Sat 4:00—4:30 pm or by appointment
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am - 4pm	Home Communion: Anytime upon request
Knights of Col.: Ray Johnston	Music Ministry: Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson
CWL: Mary McKeiver	Cemetery Board: Bob Condon 705-772-6071
Hall Rental: Contact Parish Office	Diocese Website: www.peterboroughdiocese.org
	St. Joseph's School: Principal: Mark Collins 705-652-3961



WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent December 3, 4.

St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

TUESDAY Dec 6 8:30 am † Jimmy O'Connor (by Bernard & Lise Leahy)
WEDNESDAY Dec 7 8:30 am † Bernard Cain (by Neil & Marian Leahy)
THURSDAY Dec 8 11:30 am † George Brown (by Bernard & Lise Leahy) **NEW TIME**
FRIDAY Dec 9 9:15 am School Mass † Randy Johnston (by Ray Cranley)
SATURDAY Dec 10 5:00 pm People of the Parish
SUNDAY Dec 11 10:00 am † Carl & Eileen Maloney & Jessica Fitzgerald
 (by Bob & Maureen Sullivan)

We are currently booking masses in Early January

LECTORS	SAT – 5:00 PM	SUN –10:00 AM
Dec 3-4	Bob Condon	Bernard Leahy
Dec 10-11	Darlene Sullivan	Tom McInnis
EUCHARIST		
Dec 3-4	Ray Johnston	Theresa Hamersma
Dec 10-11	Michael Korkus	Jennifer DeMaeyer
USHERS		
Dec 3-4	Gerald Heffernan	Mike Moloney
Dec 10-11	Murray Carlow	John Sullivan
CLEANERS		
Week of Dec 5	Joyce Manser	Jill Scott
Week of Dec 12	Marian Coughlin	Marian Leahy

Parish Stewardship

Nov 27, \$2,648 including \$858 of pre-authorized offering.
We thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

ADVENT STUDY SERIES A study series continues on Wednesday, December 7, from 1:30-3:00 pm. This 5 week series will be based on a series of videos by Fr. Michael J. Himes. The video will be followed by an opportunity for discussion as we prepare for the Second Sunday in Advent. All are welcome to come and join us in the lower level of the parish hall.

CHRISTMAS BAGS ADVENT PROJECT Christmas bags for the residents of our two halfway houses in Peterborough have been distributed. Return the completed bag at any mass between now and Dec 18th.



CWL NEWS Our Annual **Pot Luck Dinner** for all parishioners will be Dec 7 at 6:00 pm in the hall. Please bring your plates and cutlery and come out to enjoy a wide variety of dishes.

We will be collecting food for the LAKEFIELD FOOD BANK at the back of the church until Dec 18. Please donate what you can as there are many local residents who are in need of help this year.

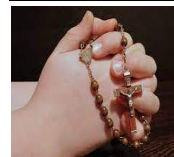


CURRENT CANDLES ARE LIGHTED THE BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE BURNS Dec 3-9 FOR A BLESSED ADVENT.

OUR ST. JOSEPH CANDLE IS LIGHTED Dec 3-9 FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES OF PARISHIONERS.



PRAY THE ROSARY AT HOME FOR YOUR FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:



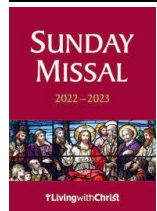
Danny Ross, Cathy Millen, Kevin Heffernan, Wyatt Moloney, Barbra Wallace, Patti Simmons. Add a stone to our stone bag so that we can count how many members are praying the rosary to our Blessed Mother for our parish and parishioners.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/ HOLY COMMUNION Classes will resume on January 10 in the new year.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
 Reconciliation
 First Eucharist
 and Confirmation

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS FOR



2022 – 2023: Enrich your participation in the mass by following the readings in the missal or prepare and meditate on the readings before Sunday Mass. Missals are available at the back of the church. \$5.00 each please.

BAMBELINI SUNDAY December 11, 10 am: Fr. Randy will be blessing all of our baby Jesus's. Please bring your baby Jesus from your stable and place it on the table in front of the altar before mass.

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 11th at the 10am Mass to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

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ONES Envelopes are at the ushers table. You can have loved ones remembered at Christmas with beautiful flowers to decorate our church. Please return by December 18.

2023 ENVELOPE BOXES are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph's Church. Numbers may have changed since some parishioners have gone to pre-authorized offering or e-transfers. If you would like to discuss either of these options, please speak to Fr. Randy or Maryann by calling the office.

WHAT A NIGHT! Thank You to all the ladies who attended our **November Ladies Night Douro 2022** and generously supported the awareness of Men's Health issues. Thank You also for the generosity of our many auction sponsors. Looking forward to 2023.



NEW YEARS EVE 5PM
 NEW YEARS DAY 10:00AM

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

We invite everyone to come to Christmas masses and bring your friends or relatives to share the joy of Christmas.
 CRISTMAS EVE 5PM AND 7 PM
 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00AM



"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on Second Sunday of Advent. To our visitors, you may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch.

Holy Eucharist – Did you know?

This week's theme: Are we ready to receive Him? St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote, "Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose YOUR heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas." **Reflection:** Are you ready to receive Jesus today in Holy Communion? He comes to dwell in your heart in a most personal and intimate way when you receive Him. Spend some minutes after each Holy Communion in humble reflection and in thanksgiving. Talk to Jesus heart to heart. Give Him the gift of your presence since He is truly present to you.

Please note: Starting Dec. 4 I will begin to hear confessions Sunday morning from 9a.m. -9:30 a.m. as well as Saturday 4p.m. – 4:30 a.m. help prepare you for the Christmas season.

On Dec 21 from 9a.m till 7p.m. all day confession at St. Alphonsus during the day there will be different priests present to hear confessions. (This will be the last chance before the celebration of Christmas within the city area).

YOU WILL NOTICE SOME PHYSICAL CHANGE TO THE CHURCH.

The last two pews on the east and west side along the walls are now being used as a table (this is allowing more space in the entrance/exit area for wheelchairs movement). Also, in the new year we will be removing several pews near front west wall to make room for disability seating and room for wheelchairs. We are also hoping to receive a grant to help us to install a disability washroom within the church soon. We are in such need of this. More information will come once we hear from the government.

EUCHRE PARTY - Thursday, December 8th at 1 p.m. in the Douro Community Centre. Admission is \$5.00. Lunch and prize money. Sponsored by the Douro-Dummer Senior's Club.