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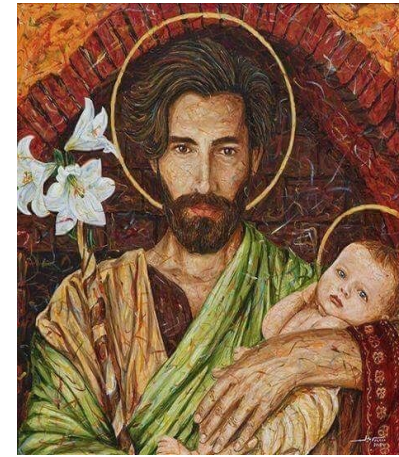
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Pastor: Fr. Randy Foster Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul Dunford

Office Admin: Maryann Clancy

Parish Information

Mass Times

Weekday
Tues/Wed/Fri. 8:30AM / Thurs. 12noon
(Rosary Recited before these masses)

Weekend
Sat. 5:00PM / Sun. 10:00AM

Office Hours
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Parish & Community Groups
C.W.L. / Annette Dunford
K. of C. / Ray Johnston

Music Ministry /
Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson

Cemetery Board /
Bob Condon 705-772-6071

Hall Rental / Contact Parish Office

St. Joseph's School / 705-652-3961,
Principal, Wayne Clarke

Reception of Sacraments
Marriage / arrange min. 6 months prior
Baptism / call parish office
Reconciliation / Sat. 4PM-4:30PM
Home Communion upon request.

Twenty-Third Sunday

Somehow, we made it to the middle of September. I have no idea where summer went, and the school year is well on its way. For the rest of Ordinary Time, we continue to read the Gospel of Mark.


Today's second reading is a thought provoking passage from the Letter of James. Among Christian denominations, there is great misunderstanding and debate about this passage. Does our faith or do our works save us? It has been long debated, and people have misunderstood this passage. Let me try to provide an answer to the debate on faith vs. works.

Some will say that today's passage proves that our work is what saves us. That is not what the passage is saying because we must understand it with the letters of Paul who says several times that our faith in Jesus Christ is what saves us and not our works. In the passage for today, James agrees with Paul while explaining it a little more. James agrees that faith saves you, as shown in the end passage, saying that he will show his faith. James adds that if you have true, genuine faith in Jesus Christ, your faith compels you to do good works for the glory of God.


The works do not save us, but if we truly have faith that Jesus Christ is our savior and our redemption, we will desire to do work to build up the kingdom of God. True faith does not lead to selfishness, but to a genuine gift of self to others as Christ gives his life to God for us. Bless week my friends. Fr. Randy

"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 the **23rd Sundays in Ordinary Time!** To our visitors, you may 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. If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with us. You may call 705-652-3231 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again. Peace and Good Will.




Bishop of Diocese of Peterborough:
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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sept. 15-Sept. 21

September Intention of Pope Francis:
 For the cry of the Earth We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

The BLESSED MOTHER Candle burns this week for: Special intention of **Maryann Clancy**



The ST. JOSEPH Candle burns this week for: **Kevin O'Brien** by Wilma Moloney



Registration for Sacraments Frist Communion & Reconciliation If you son or daughter is in Grade 2 for the school year 2024/25, they are eligible for these sacraments. Please make sure they are registered by Oct. 1st. Class will be held on Tuesdays following school till 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall starting this October. Please contact the parish office to register them.

Mass Intentions Week of September 16
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8:30am
Special Intention for Joe & Marie by Doug & Dorothy Perdue
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 8:30am
+Joan Hartwick by Bob Hartwick
Thursday, Sept. 19 12:00 noon
+Frank Koenen by Francis (Koenen) Gazley & Koenen family
Friday, Sept. 20, 9:15 a.m. School Opening Mass
 (all are welcome) Intention for Staff & Students
Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:00pm
 +Clara Bartlett by Brian & Bernadette Bartlett
 +Elmert & Genevieve Carlow by the family
Sunday, Sept 22, 10:00am
 +Francis Gennaro by Gennaro Family

Liturgical Ministry Sat. 5:00pm mass Sun. 10:00am mass

Lector
 Sept. 7,8 Gerard Sullivan Joanne Armstrong
 Sept. 14,15 Kelly Towns Bernard Leahy


Eucharistic Minister
 Sept. 7, 8 Wendy Tedford Loretto Coone
 Sept. 14, 15 Dcn. Paul Dunford Dcn. Paul Dunford

Ushers
 Sept. 7, 8 Barry Condon Jim Holland
 Sept. 14,15 Gerald Heffernan Mike Moloney

Cleaners
 Week of Sept. 9 Darlene Sullivan & Pat Leahy
 Week of Sept. 16 Jean Heffernan, & Rosemary Towns
Counters
 Sept. 10 Marian Coughlin, Mike Towns, Jim Hollan
 Sept. 17 Pawl & Ingrid Zbieranowski, Teresa Westlake

Square Dancing September 28.24
 Douro Parish Hall 8p.m. - 11p.m.

Special swing session led by Christine Helferty. Special Cape Breton Guest Gabriel Maclellan (fiddle), Tom Daniels (guitar) & Callum Mackenzie (piano)
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Registration for Sacrament of Confirmation If your son or daughter is in Grade 7 school year 2024/25 they are eligible for this sacrament this coming spring. Please make sure they are registered by Oct. 1. They will need a Practicing Catholic as a sponsor. Please contact the parish office to register them.

Parish Office: Regarding Maryann
 Maryann will be a sick leave for sometime. The office hours will remain the same, however, there could be times I be away do to pastoral needs. Please be understanding and patience.
 Trish Stanley Sectary from St. Anne's in Peterborough will be out couple times a month to help with the Diocesan & Parish books.
 Let us continual to pray for Maryann and her family.

Keep your eye open for future events and dates for the Celebration of 200th anniversary of Roberson Immigration. Many events throughout the year will take place in many of these settlements including here in Douro.

STRESS MANAGEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENT St. Paul's Norwood. Hosted by Our Lady of Mount Carmel CWL. Guest speaker Andrew Swift from the Canadian Mental Health Association. Tuesday September 24 at 7:00pm This is a FREE event open to

The Douro Doings was a huge success this year! Great attendance & participation. The people of a Douro make an excellent example of community spirit. We couldn't do it without the help of our many volunteers. CWL extends a huge thank-you to all who put their time in to make this event a success. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus who support & help us in so many ways.

Parish Stewardship Collection - Sept. 1—You generously gave **\$2,691.00** which includes **\$858.00** from Pre-Authorized giving.
 Your love of this parish community is in keeping with your forefathers and foremothers hard work and service that built this parish. Today, you help to keep it alive and thriving through your time, talent, and donations.

Blessing & appreciation to all.
 Douro CWL

Celebrating Children at St Joseph's
 To parents of young children, may we suggest . . . RELAX! God put the wiggle in children. They are welcome in God's house! Sit toward the front where it's easier for them to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass to them; pray and say the responses. Children learn behavior by copying you! Feel free to briefly take your child out of Mass if you must, but please come back! The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know that they are at home in God's house. To members of the parish . . . A smile of encouragement and a kind word are always welcome to parents with small active children

Parish Meetings & Community Events –looking ahead.

Tuesday Sept. 17 7p.m. K of C meeting Parish hall
Wednesday Sept. 18 7p.m. Cemetery Board Meeting Parish hall to be reschedule
Friday Sept. 20, 9:15 a.m. School opening mass church all are welcome.
Saturday Sept. 28, 8p.m.—11p.m. Square Dancing Parish Hall see poster for further information.

LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 6 from 2 - 3 pm. Arrive to pick up signs at Sacred Heart Church at 1:30-1:45 pm and proceed to Lansdowne St. Silent prayerful witness. Adoration and prayer to follow afterwards in the church. For more info call 705-772-1579 or visit www.peterboroughprolife.ca


PRAYING FOR and WITH OUR LOVED ONES

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently died, and those who remain in the silence of our hearts.


Let us keep in our prayers those in Nursing Homes, Retirement Residences or are shut-ins.

In a special way, let us pray for the health and well being of **Jack Holland, Joe Ross, Patti Simmons, Jonathan Noyce & Margaret Yasyszczuk.. Maryann Clancy**


Persons on the above prayer list will be listed for 3 months. If further prayers are needed, or to add/keep/remove someone from the list, please contact the Parish office office@stjosephdouro.ca or 705.652.3231 Thank you!



A huge thank you to everyone who came to our 'Piece of Pie' fundraiser for the PRHC Paediatric Cancer Care Centre last Sunday and to everyone who donated online. Your support is heartwarming! The Moloney Family.



Peterborough Police Chief Stuart Betts will share his vision of policing in Peterborough Saturday, Sept. 21st in the Harvest Room at the Douro Community Centre at 10:30 am. We invite you to come and be informed. Brought to you by the Friends of the Douro Dummer Library. 705-652-8599



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Many of you have beautiful flowers in your gardens. If you would like to donate some cut flowers to decorate the altar it would be appreciated. If you have a vase make sure to mark your name on it so it can be returned. Thank You. Contact the Parish office.