

Saturday July 25 ~ St. James		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
SVDP	5:00pm	Isabel & John Mallon ~ <i>Marion Letts</i>
Sunday July 26		
SJ	9:00am	Deceased members of the Doyle Family ~ <i>Cathy Fergusson</i>
SHP	9:00am	Helen Cameron (1 st Anniversary) ~ <i>Cameron Family</i>
SB	11:00am	Pauline Quigley ~ <i>Denise Tobin</i>
SJ	11:00am	Brankin, Goudy, & Publow Families ~
Monday July 27		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
Tuesday July 28		
SB	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	4:30pm	Leo McKinnon ~ <i>Marg Trombley</i>
Wednesday July 29 ~ St.'s Martha, Mary, & Lazarus		
SJ	9:00am	Edie Cordick ~ <i>Vince & Theresa Brady</i>
Thursday July 30		
SHP	9:00am	Ruth & Edward Dunnigan ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Wilf Hall ~ <i>Diane Kehoe & Joe Martin</i>
Friday July 31 ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick & Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Wayne Bowes ~ <i>Cathy Merkley</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration & Benediction</i>
(FIRST) Saturday August 1 ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori		
SJ	9:00am	Edith Lepine ~ <i>Florence & Frank Mitchell</i>
SJ	5:00pm	Genina & Gerry Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Maria Antonia Pani ~ <i>Butler Family</i>
Sunday August 2		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Basil & Jean Dunnigan ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Bernadette McParlan ~ <i>Denise Tobin & Family</i>
SJ	11:00am	Joe Carroll ~ <i>Knights of Columbus Council #3531</i>

Thank you for your contributions!
Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$2895.
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CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

St. Columbkil Cemetery: Saturday, July 25th @ 11am
St. Bridget’s Cemetery: Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am
St. John’s Cemetery: Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

A child once asked his grandfather, “Why do you smile so much when you pray?” The old man replied, “Because I have already found my treasure.” That simple answer captures today’s Gospel. Jesus says, “*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field... and like a merchant in search of fine pearls*” (Matthew 13:44-46). Those who discover Christ gladly let go of everything else because nothing compares with Him. **Solomon understood this truth.** Instead of asking for riches or power, he prayed, “*Give your servant an understanding heart*” (1 Kings 3:9). God delighted in that request because wisdom teaches us to recognize what is truly valuable.

In our busy families, careers, and ambitions, we can spend enormous energy chasing things that cannot satisfy. Yet St. Paul reassures us, “*All things work together for good for those who love God*” (Romans 8:28). When Christ is our greatest treasure, even life's struggles become opportunities for grace.

At this Eucharist, we meet the priceless Pearl once again. Let us leave this altar with joyful hearts, willing to exchange everything that fades for the One who never does. For whoever finds Christ has already found life's greatest treasure.

May we also leave this altar with Solomon's wise heart, the merchant's joyful courage, and the saint's unwavering conviction: **to know Jesus is the greatest wealth, to love Him is the deepest joy, and to belong to Him is the only treasure that nothing can ever take away, Amen.**

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Christiana Enyinnia, Nellie Pajaczkowski, Father Sebastian Amato, & Rita Steele. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Marlowe Kirkham, son of Theresa Kirkham, Sister Aelred Erwin, & Earl Sonnenburg. Jesus, I trust in You.

In need of prayer? Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Charles, Father Anthony, or one of our Parish Prayer teams through the Parish Office (for St John’s Pastoral Care, CWL, or KOC Prayer group). Jesus, I trust in You.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✚ **THIS WEEKEND! St. John’s Social Sunday:** Please join us this weekend after each Sunday Mass for the monthly St. John’s Church Social! Snacks and drinks provided for everyone’s enjoyment!
- ✚ **Foy Hall Garage Sale: Now open for 2026!** Fridays & Saturdays from 10am – 2:30pm! 91 Princess St. in

Lanark. Come check out new items at great prices! Hope to see you there!

200th Anniversary Bicycle Pilgrimage:

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In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston, we invite participation of parishioners of all churches of the northern deanery to a bicycle pilgrimage. The riders complete a pilgrimage starting and ending in Perth. They can ride all four days, one day or just between two churches (segments as short as 10k). The complete route equals 200 Miles! (200th Anniversary). Email "Bike200ABC@hotmail.com" for more information.



✚ **Archdiocese of Kingston 200th Anniversary – Speakers’ Series Invitation:** As part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston, a special spiritual Speakers’ Series has been planned for August 13–15, and all are welcome to come and see and spread the Good News. See posters for details!

✚ **Annual Parish Golf Tournament:** Registration is now open for the 45th Annual Parish Golf Tournament. Sunday, August 16th at Mapleview. Shotgun Start 2:30pm & Cocktails 5:00pm. BBQ Dinner begins at 5:30pm at the Golf Club. \$75 per person (\$45 for Mapleview members), includes 9 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes. Register as a single, couple, or as a team foursome; bring your friends and relatives. (BBQ Dinner Only: \$21). Please pay by E-transfer to andywilliamson@shaw.ca (autodeposit, no password required). If you cannot e-transfer, please email to make other arrangements.

✚ **Healing Service:** “I am the Lord, your Healer” (Exodus 15:26). Jesus is alive! We have seen Him heal illness and injuries in our day. Join us to encounter the healing love of our Risen Lord on Thursday, Aug. 20th, 6:45pm – 9:00pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd, Kingston. The evening will open giving praise to God and proclaiming His Word, followed by corporate prayers for physical healing, and an opportunity for individual healing prayer. Free and open to the public. More information at: <https://encounterschool.org/kingston>.

✚ **68th Our Lady of Knock Pilgrimage:** This years’ pilgrimage to honour Our Lady of Knock will be held on Sunday, August 23rd. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11am (in English) by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher. See posters and Flocknote for more information.

✚ **Archdiocese of Kingston 200th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Join Fr. Justin and Fr. Price on a faith-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 5-15, 2026. Please see the itinerary in the church and this week’s Flocknote.

✚ **17th Annual Women’s Fall Retreat:** Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9am to 3:30pm, St. Michael Catholic High School, Kemptville. Guest speaker Melanie Rabshaw reflects on the 200th anniversary theme of the Archdiocese of Kingston: “To know Christ and the power of His resurrection” (Philippians 3:10). Join us for Holy Mass, inspiring reflections, worship, personal prayer and fellowship. Morning snack and lunch provided. Registration (\$50) is limited to 100

participants: romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/womens-fall-retreat.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

[St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St, Perth]

CWL Monthly Meeting *Meetings on hold until fall	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details. *Meetings on hold until fall	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting *Meetings on hold until fall	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 7pm
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting	TBD
Wednesday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details. *Meetings on hold until fall	Wednesdays @ 7pm
St. John’s Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting *Thursday, July 30th	Last Thursday of each month, after the noon Mass
Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow for details. *Meetings on hold until fall	Thursdays @ 1pm
Sunday Mass 11am Choir	Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am
St. John’s Movie Club	Friday, July 17 th @ 7pm
Life Matters Men’s Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

St. John's Holy Face Group - July
St. John’s Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, July 30th**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John the Baptist Parish Window Restoration Fund

This weekend, we continue our **Window Restoration Fundraiser** to help restore the exterior of our church windows. This important project will protect and preserve our beautiful 200+ year-old church for years to come. **SEVEN windows have already been generously sponsored, so we still have FIVE windows to go!** Donation envelopes are available in the pews and in the narthex. Whether you can sponsor a window in full or contribute any amount toward the project, **every gift is a blessing and is sincerely appreciated.** Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish. God Bless!

