



St. Joseph's Parish Mass Intentions

Dec 18, 2017 - Dec 25, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MONDAY Dec 18

6.30 pm ~ School Pre Christmas Family Mass

TUESDAY Dec 19

8.30 am ~ for the Intentions of K of C

WEDNESDAY Dec 20

8:30 pm ✠ Vera Moher (by Joe O'Brien & Family)

THURSDAY Dec 21

8:30 am ✠ Bill & Mary Hartwick (by the Family)

FRIDAY Dec 22

8:30 am ✠ Cletus Sullivan (by the Family)

SATURDAY Dec 23

5:00 pm ✠ Vera Moher (by CWL)

SUNDAY Dec 24

10:00 am ~ For the Intentions of the People

SUNDAY Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00 PM ~ For the Intentions of the People

8.00 PM ~ For the Intentions of the People

MONDAY Dec 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 AM ~ For the Intentions of the People

Parish Stewardship

• Dec 10

Last Year

\$2,732

This Year

\$2,316

CHURCH CLEANING: The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League will be cleaning the church on Mon. Dec 18th at 9am for the Christmas season, everyone welcome to help.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2018:

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR NEW BOXES OF OFFERING ENVELOPES FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND USE THEM BEGINNING 2018.



Parish Office will close at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 and reopen January 2, 2018.

Dec 23-25, 2017	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 10:00 AM SUNDAY 5 & 8 PM MONDAY 10 AM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosemary Towns & Dennis Armour	24th - 10.00 am - Brian Condon - Margie Morrissey 24th - 5.00 pm - Wendy Tedford & Bob Condon 25th - 10 am - Annette Dunford -Ray Johnston
Lectors	Gerard Sullivan	24th - 10.00 am - Bernard Leahy 24th - 5.00 PM - Tom McInnis 24th - 8.00 PM - Sharon Moloney 25th - 10 am - Jennifer DeMaeyer
Altar Servers	All Altar Servers	All Altar Servers
Hospitality	Mike Darlene Sullivan	24th - 10.00 am - Paul & Margaret Yasyszczuk 24th - 5.00 pm - Gerald and Pauline Heffernan 25th - 10.00 - Bernard & Lise Leahy
Ushers	Frank Condon	24th - 10.00 am - Martin O'Grady 25th - 10 am - Ed Holek
Bell Ringer	John Moher	24th - 10.00 am - Mike Sullivan 24th - 5.00 pm - Dennis Armour 25th - 10 am - Paul Yasyszczuk
Week of Dec 23 - 24 Altar Cleaning	Darlene Sullivan & Suzanne Allen	
Counters (Dec 27)		Mike Towns, Dorothy Perdue. & Jim Holland

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Dec 24, 2017 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm
Monday Dec 25, 2017 Christmas Day 10:00 am

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Dec 31, 2017 New Years Eve 5:00 pm
Monday Jan 1, 2018 New Years Day 10:00 am



PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

Sophie O'Brien

Please call the Parish Office if you have someone you would like added to the prayer list. If you have a friend or family member that would like communion brought to them (in hospital or at home), please call the Parish Office 705 652-3231.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27;
Gospel Reading: Luke 1.26-38

THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. Joseph Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by donating one or two poinsettias. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received during this past year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We have our Christmas Decoration scheduled on Tuesday, 19 December, 2017 at 6.30 PM. So, please drop it your Poinsettias before 6.30 PM.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DECORATING: An invitation to all parishioners to join us on **December 19 at 6.30 PM** to help decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make light work!

OUT OF THE COLD LUNCH: Thank you to all parishioners who donated food or their time to serve lunch. "Feeding the Hungry" was certainly a heartfelt gift to all involved.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT In this week's Gospel, we hear about a man called John the Baptist that came as a witness to testify to the light. When asked by those who were sent by the Jews to question him, he answered that he was not the light but the voice crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord," a call we are all asked to do. When we look around at all the distractions within our world today, this call is not easy to do. We are surrounded with images that do not reflect the messages of what this season of preparations is all about. As we all reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves, are we true witnesses, called through our baptism, to the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in our world today?

YEAR END DONATIONS: The Parish financial books close on **December 31, 2017.** All donations received after that date will be credited for the 2018 tax year. 2017 income tax receipts will be available in early February.

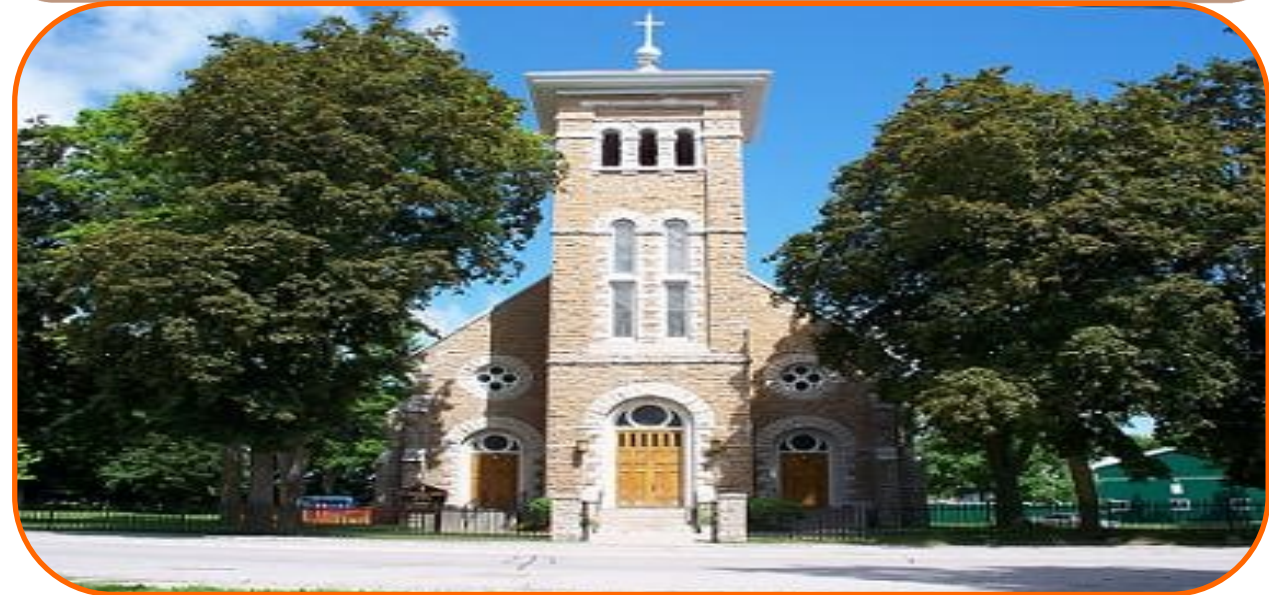
THE SECOND ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH DINNER Tickets are available for the 2nd Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry. Funds raised support Catholic ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College. The dinner will take place Saturday Feb. 3 at the Evinrude Centre Banquet Hall in Peterborough. Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$100 and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner, the Vocations Office (820 Frank Street) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact Fr. John Perdue vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org

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Pastor: Rev. Fr. Sanyatson Sessaiah
Secretary: Maryann Clancy
Mass Times: Sat 5pm, Sun 10am

CWL: Darlene Sullivan 705 652-6009
Knights of Col.: Joe Sweeney 416 518-9324
Hall Rental: Contact the Parish Office
Parish Office Hours: Tues/Thurs 9am - 4pm

Marriage:
by arrangement
(min. 6 months prior)

Baptism:
by arrangement with
the Parish Office

Reconciliation:
Sat 4:00—4:30 pm
or by appointment

Cemetery Board:
Bob Condon 652-6071

Our Mission:
As a caring and trusting Christian community we, the parishioners of St. Joseph's Douro strive to follow Christ through the sharing of His Word, the sharing of Jesus in the Eucharist and in serving God and humanity through prayer and action

St. Joseph's School:
Principal: Julie Selby
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Home Communion:
week of First Friday or
anytime upon request

Music: Tina McCarthy
705 652-0411
Amy Melanson 933-9247