

Third Sunday of Advent

"I baptize with water. Among you stands...the one who is coming after me."



December 17, 2017

† Masses this week at St. Michael's Year B

Monday, December 18

12:05 pm † **Jane Hobart**
-Lyle & Veronica Batchellor

Tues. Dec. 19

12:05 pm † **Jerry Cascone**
-Maira & Family

Wed. Dec. 20

12:05 pm † **Joyce Deschamps**
-Associates of Sisters of St. Joseph

Thurs. Dec. 21

12:05 pm **Special Intention of Frances Mensen**
- Family

Fri. Dec. 22

10:00 am **Mass at Extencicare**
12:05 am † **Deceased Members of Lehigh Family**
-Family

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm † **Cheryl Fisher**
-Worsley Family

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am † **Teddy Heffernan**
-Carol & Tom

11:00 am **Missa Pro Populo**

Next Weekend's Readings: **4th Sunday of Advent**

1st: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd: Romans 16.25-27 Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

Prayer Life at St. Michael's

Tues.19	7:00 am Adoration/Prayer	
Wed. 20	7:00 am Adoration/Prayer	7:00 pm Catholic's Come Home
Thurs. 21	7:00 am Adoration/Prayer	3:00-7:00 pm Adoration
Fri. 22	7:00 am Adoration/Prayer	3:00-7:00 pm Adoration
Sat. 23	7:00 am Adoration/Prayer	

All are invited to join in these Adoration and Prayer times held in St. Joseph's Chapel.

☪ Summary of Your Generosity: Sunday offerings Dec. 10 \$ 4245 & C&M \$1629. Thank you for your support.☪

Intentions this weekend

5:00 pm **Missa Pro Populo**
9:00 am † **George Legere** -Shirley & Family
11:00 am † **Mary Attley** -Family

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday.

The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament

Sacramental Preparation:

CONFIRMATION SESSION #6 dates January 9 & 15th at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's School.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Session #4 Dates: January 16 at 6:00 pm (in the Church) January 20 at 9:30 am (in St. Michael's School).

Office Closed: Thursday, December 21 at noon and will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Meetings & Events this Week

Tues. 19—12:45 pm Legion of Mary in Parish Centre
Wed. 20—1:00-7:00 pm Blood Donor Clinic at Columbus Community Centre

FYI: Parishes in Peterborough Diocese raised a total of \$37,691.68 for Myanmar Relief collection which has been sent to D&P for matching by the Canadian Government. Thank you for all your efforts!

Advent Reconciliation Service!

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!



TODAY
Sunday,
December
17
at 2:00 pm

The Church encourages Catholics to participate in

preparation during Advent by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. Please join us at **Our Lady of Mercy Church, Port Hope.**

Fr. Gerry, Fr. David, Fr. Jim & Fr. Gerardus will be available for private confessions.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday, December 24:
5:00—8:00 & 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 25
9:00 & 11:00 am

Feast of Mary the Mother of God

New Year's Eve Mass

Sunday, December 31st 5:00 & 11:00 pm

New Year's Day Mass

Monday, January 1, 2018 9:00 & 11:00 am

A special celebration... Monday, Dec. 25

All are invited to celebrate with family and friends at a Mass on Monday, December 25 at 2:00 pm where Ian Manley and Dominic Kennedy will profess First Vows with IVE Order. These first vows are promises of living poverty, chastity and obedience. This is the first stage in becoming a Religious. If you cannot attend, please keep these young seminarians in your prayers.



Prayers for the Sick

We pray for healing, peace and contentment for our sick, especially for: John Nordholt, Ed Cormier, Helen Simpson, Peggy Guiry, Peter Clarey, Lucette Pelland, Steve Summers, Charles Campbell, Marie Fleming, Josephine Murphy, Doug, Sheila Russell, Todd Denault, Mary Hanley, Anne Quinlan, Mary Ellen Romano, Lynn, Wendy Piercey, Sheila Topps, Roberta Citro, Lydia Rennie, Jorgie Davis, Kurt Marsden, George & Peter, Charles Potier, Mickey McCue, Michaela Stiegler, Maria Tatarek, Marjolaine Trottier, Rob Harper, Mabel Landry, Barbara Monk, Ethan Deryaw, Jean Boudreau, Lynne Kjollesdal, Andy Throope, Carmen Troupe, Paul Lambert, Wayne McQuid, Trevor, Anita Serson, Rebecca Waite, Adam Halliday, Kate Adams, Joann Auger, Kandi, Annie, Diane Bartlett, Bill Jamieson, Clara Murphy, June Burke, Sandy McEwen, Meaghan Maddigan, Herc Goncalves, Greg Fleming, Brian McCarthy, Marc Bennett, Diane Pritchard, Theresa Ferguson, Jen McEwen, Laura Dickson, Rene Gallagher



St. Michael's Senior's Group TODAY:

All welcome to attend our annual Christmas Party to be held at Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk Street, Cobourg **TODAY Sunday, December 17th, 2-4:30 pm.** Come along and enjoy friendship, Christmas treats, music, fun and carols as we prepare with joy for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Bring a friend! Please RSVP to Sister Mary if you will be attending or need a ride - Tel: 905-372-2741 Thank you. Looking forward to seeing many there!

2018 Offertory Envelopes

Your envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Parish Centre.

A joyous evening... Thank you to all the artists that contributed to the success once again of our Christmas Concert for St. Michael's Church. Thank you to St. Mary's Choir, the students and their Music Director. Tanya Earle, for their beautiful sharing of Christmas songs; to Notre Dame students, and teachers, Sarah Sims & Mary Burke for their contribution to our concert; Juliette the harpist for such inspiration with the wonderful submission she gave us; to Father Andrew for carrying the concert and for the talented Elizabeth Barlow, our Organist for her commitment here at St. Michael's. Also, thank you to those who helped with selling tickets and 50/50 tickets. We raise over \$2700 towards the Mural Restoration Fund.

Just wanted to pass on that with St. Michaels Parish's generosity, Abby Thornton was able to raise \$617.00 for her school Our Lady of the Wayside. Thank you kindly for your support.



SACRED HEART COLLEGE WINTER 2018 COURSE OFFERINGS (begin January 8th)

C.S. Lewis & J.R.R. Tolkien: Fiction, Thought and Imagined Worlds Dr. Cameron Wybrow, Mondays 7:10 – 9:50 p.m. What does speculative fiction have to do with God, the soul, ethics, warfare and technology? What possible relevance and value can the imagined worlds of two modern genius writers have for the messy world we inhabit today? Register online at: www.sacredheartcollege.ca or e-mail registar@sacredheartcollege.ca or call 705-745-5549.

Calendar of Youth Activities

NOTE: Oratory/Youth Group/Altar Server gatherings/meeting will resume regularly again beginning January 13th, 2018