

Nov. 26, 2017

Giving

Stewardship Sunday



St. Alphonsus Liguori
Catholic Church ■ Peterborough

November 26, 2017



MASS TIMES

Saturday

5:00PM

Sunday

9:00AM

11:00AM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:00AM

Tuesday and Thursday

7:00PM

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WHY WE GIVE

God wants to be first in every aspect of our lives - including our finances. Tithing isn't about our money, it's about our relationship with God. By bringing Him our first 10%, we're demonstrating that we trust that He will provide for us. Malachi 3:10 tells us that when we tithe and bring back to God what is already his, he will bless us.

Malachi 3:10

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do", says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

WHERE DOES MY GIVING GO?

Because we give, we can provide programs to make a difference in the lives of all who belong to this parish.

For the children we can successfully run sacramental programs, Kid's Church at 9AM and 11AM, and our new Tiny Disciples childcare program.

Our Youth programs, Edge, Life Teen and Radiate are being enjoyed by a number of young people (as you can see in the weekly photos) all while learning about their faith.

Over 350 people have attended our Alpha program which is in it's third year! With giving we can go beyond these walls to reach out and welcome all the de-churched and unchurched in our neighbourhood. 17 people have been received into our faith over the last 3 years through Vantage Point (RCIA). That speaks volumes!

And we can't forget all the things we take for granted such as lighting, air conditioning, candles, hosts, wine, utilities, maintenance, grounds, staff and more.

PLANNED:

Our giving should not be spare change that we happen to have on hand. And we shouldn't be giving out of guilt. Instead, we want our giving to be part of our budget set aside from the beginning. It should be an intentional choice to give that part of your income.

PRIORITY:

Our giving should come first in our budgeting process. Before you do anything else with your money, you should decide on your giving.

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PERCENTAGE:

When the bible talks about giving it uses the standard "tithing" of 10%. But the percentage part is more important than the 10 part. We want you to pick a percentage and start giving to the church using a percentage, any percentage.

PROGRESSIVE:

If our giving is a percentage, then we should continue raising it each year as our income grows - if we get a raise or cost of living adjustment we pass that on in our offering to God. You should also re-evaluate regularly if you are able to give a higher percentage.

VANTAGE POINT

We are once again blessed to have 7 candidates in our Vantage Point series studying to become members of our Catholic faith at our Easter Vigil.

We are in need of parishioners who could lead a couple of the sessions between now and Easter. Everything is laid out in the program. We also require sponsors for some of our candidates which requires attendance weekly from the New Year until Easter. The program begins with lunch after the 11AM Mass each Sunday (excluding holidays) followed by instruction.

Let us show our new potential members some amazing support and encouragement and what it means to be Catholic! Please stop by the Welcome Desk or contact the Parish Office if you can devote your time.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are in need of children to be actors for the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Any assistance (with costumes, rehearsals, etc.) from parents of children who have participated in this pageant within the last couple of years would be greatly appreciated. Contact Sarah Sullivan-Berardi at sarahsullivanberardi@yahoo.com or 705-741-1100 for more information or to sign up. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Rehearsal dates are Saturdays, December 9th and 16th at 9:30am.

TODAY'S READINGS

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15.20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

MASS INTENTIONS

**34th Week
of Ordinary Time**

Monday, November 27, 8AM

✝ Mary Hayes

Tuesday, November 28, 7PM

✝ Joseph and Marian Golden

Wednesday, November 29, 8AM

✝ Stew Stewart

Thursday, November 30, 7PM

✝ Anthony Mangnall

Friday, December 1, 8AM

✝ Sterling Stewart

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2, 5PM

✝ Rolanda Chapman

Sunday, December 3, 9AM

✝ Lon and Catherine Desira

Sunday, December 3, 11AM

Missa Pro Populo (for the people)

OFFER A MASS

You can request a Mass at the Welcome Desk at any weekend Mass.



MESSAGE SERIES:

YOU'RE DEAD...SO NOW WHAT?

Despite the advances of modern medicine, the mortality rate is still 100%. Everyone dies and yet we do not like to talk about death or think much about it. As a Church, death is one thing we have going for us. Despite the distractions of entertainment and our culture, we all must face our death and the death of the people we love the most. Death forces us to look at the big questions of life and the deepest longing of our hearts. In this series we will look at Catholic teaching on what happens after you die. We will show how we long for something beyond this world and how our actions in the life impact what happens to us in the next.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Dec 9, 9:30AM: Confirmation Session 5, Hall

Dec. 9, 9:30AM: Children's Christmas Pageant practice, Church

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Gaye Ayotte, Rosina Bianco, Doreen Bugutsky, Baby Emmaline, Baby Dylan, Albert Crowley, George Cull, Cindy Dorrington, Dale Healey, Hugh Laviolette, Meaghan Lisle, Mike McManus, Jack McNamara, Tom Milko, Pauline Monahan, Don Morton, John Nicholson, Gilbert Pilatzkie, Jessica Pluard, Helen Shaw, Carmel Shulist, Irene St. Rose, Owen Thompson, Carolyn Watt.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

EDGE (Gr. 5-8) - Wednesday

Advent - Mary's Yes

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12) - Saturday

No Life Teen

NEXT WEEK

EDGE (Gr. 5-8) - Wednesday

Advent - Visitation and Birth

LifeTeen (Gr. 8-12) - Saturday

Advent Series



Stay tuned to
upcoming events
on social media!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends of Honduras Christmas Ornaments

Christmas ornaments will be available after all 3 masses the weekend of Dec. 9th/10th in the crying room. Please bring cash and/or cheques made out to "Friends of Honduran Children".

Tree of Dreams

We, Friends of Honduran Children, are hoping to provide a happier Christmas for children in our care in Honduras. If you can help, please take a card off the tree and return it with a donation. Receipts are issued for \$20 and up. You have made such a difference to the children in the past. Know that they do pray for their donors and sponsors. The tree will be up next weekend, December 3rd. Thank you, Anne McCallum

Lighting the Advent Wreath

During Advent the candles on the Advent Wreath are lit before Mass begins. We are looking for families at each of the three weekend Masses for the four weeks to light these candles. There is a sign up sheet on the main bulletin board in the Narthex if you would like to take part in this preparation for the birth of our Lord, Jesus.

Adoration Chapel

Can you spend an hour?

Come spend some time with the Lord! We're so blessed to

have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in our Parish.

If you would like to stop by for prayer - please feel very welcome. If you would like to schedule a regular time for adoration and personal prayer, please contact Bernadette at 742-3055.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE WINTER 2018

COURSE OFFERINGS

(begin January 8th)

Philosophy I: The Journey to Knowledge of Reality

Dr. Robin Lathangue,

Mondays 4:15 – 7:00 p.m.

What is there and how do we know? Appearance and reality – is there a difference? Can what you think affect your body? What is a “self”, are they free? Who or what is God? Who were Plato and Socrates? The craggy shores of all these questions and more will be explored in this course.

Register online at:

www.sacredheartcollege.ca

or call us 705-745-5549

or e-mail

registar@sacredheartcollege.ca

2018 Offertory Envelopes

will be available in the Narthex next weekend.

Please pick up your box as soon as possible so that the area can be cleared before Christmas Masses. Boxes are available for anyone who would like to start using them in 2018. Please discard

envelopes from previous years.

Simbang Gabi 2017

Celebrate SIMBANG GABI, the Novena Mass celebrated by Filipinos all around the world in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ. Each of the Novena Masses, from December 16 - 23 will be celebrated here at St. Alphonsus Liguori at 7PM and at 1PM on the 24th.

A communal sharing of a feast of traditional Philippine dishes follows ALL of the masses. All welcome!

The Return of the Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office announces the return of the Flying Fathers! The Lord has raised up a new generation of hockey playing priests who will compete at the Ennismore arena on Monday January 29th at 6pm, featuring two priests of the Diocese of Peterborough, Fr. John Perdue and Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets are \$15 each, children under 12 free, and can be purchased at www.pt-bovocations.ca/hockey or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank St. Ptbo) on Tues. or Thurs. 8:30-4:30. Call 705-874-1871.

Have an announcement for the Newsletter?

If you'd like to include an announcement in the Newsletter, please note the deadline is Tuesday at 12Noon.

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my efforts in order that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe. Amen.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY



We're so happy you came to worship with us today.

If you are new to the parish and haven't registered, we encourage you to join our family.

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