

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 1, 2019

Saturday, Aug. 31	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Evelyn LaVallée
Sunday, Sept. 1 (22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am	St. Edmund's	Members of the Parish
	11:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Patricia Mulroney
Monday, Sept. 2	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Tuesday, Sept. 3	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Living & Deceased Members of the James & Gertrude Courneyea Family
Wednesday, Sept. 4			<i>No Mass</i>
Thursday, Sept. 5	6:30 pm	St. Edmund's	Leah Robinson
Friday, Sept. 6 (Eucharistic Adoration)	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by scheduled adoration.
	6:40 pm		Sacred Heart Prayers and Benediction.
	7:00 pm		Mass
Saturday, Sept. 7	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Evelyn LaVallée
Sunday, Sept. 8 (23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	9:00 am	St. Edmund's	Members of the Parish
	11:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Bernard & Annie Freeman

Please Remember in Your Prayers: All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Paul Hulsman, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Amanda Lake, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Leonard Kehoe, Terry Horrigan, Elinor McKenzie, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Germaine Wannamaker, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Janice Tracey, Michelle Fobert, and Joan Cassidy.

Please let us know at the office if you would like to add to or remove a name from the list of the sick.

Offertory Collections:

St. Carthagh's	August 24 & 25	Regular Sunday	\$981
St. Edmund's	August 25	Regular Sunday	\$876

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>
St. Carthagh's	W = WELCOME		
Saturday, Sept. 7	W – Karen LaVallée Arthur Allore	Arthur Allore, Carol Genereaux, Joan McTaggart	
Sunday, Sept. 8	W – Bob Eros Sharon Eros	Shirley Kehoe, Greg Donohue, Sheila Scott, Lori Robinson	Leslie Paranuik
St. Edmund's	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	
Sunday, Sept. 8	Marian Dolan Arthur Allore	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

There will be Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 10** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

On September 4, 2019, the priests have an all-day working session in Kingston beginning at 8:00 am. The usual morning Mass will be cancelled for that day.

The next meeting of the St. Carthagh's CWL will be **Monday, September 16**, at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Our Joint-Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 25**, at 7:00 pm in the rectory. Please, take note and update your calendars.

Many of us ponder over this question: “What is heaven?” A supplementary question to it is, “Shall I make it to heaven?” Admittedly, it is important that we have some inkling as to what heaven is like if we are to strive to go there. So what is heaven like? Heaven is really to be with God for ever. In Jn. 17:24 we read: “Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory.” Just as you want to go to heaven, Jesus also eagerly looks forward to you in heaven, so that you can behold and enjoy his glory. Because God is infinite joy, infinite peace, infinite goodness, infinite happiness, we will never get fed up being with him. So heaven is really to be with God and with the communion of saints who have been made perfect in Christ. The readings this weekend give us the basic criteria we need in order to live the life of God in heaven. The criteria are humility and charity. St. Francis de Sales said that humility and charity are respectively both the lowest and the highest virtues necessary to build the edifice of our spiritual life. Humility is the foundation, and charity is the roof of the spiritual edifice. Why is it so? It is because humility is the gate to all other virtues in life. Without humility, we cannot grow in true knowledge, honesty, realism and strength in the face of trials, adversity and in good times. Humility enables us to see and judge ourselves correctly according to the judgment of God. Consequently, our first reading counsels us: “The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord.” St. Mother Teresa said, “If you are humble, nothing will ever touch you, neither praise nor disgrace because you know what you are.” True humility acknowledges the gifts we have but does not boast about them since they have been received as free gifts from the Lord. Hence true humility, evokes gratitude and always leads to the exercise of charity. When we are humble and grateful that all we have comes from God, such a realization would give us the same empathy for others. We would see that our goods and talents are meant to be shared with others, since all of us are undeserving of God's gifts. We are therefore invited this week to grow in humility and charity by looking more closely at Jesus of whom St. Paul wrote: “though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. Being born in human likeness, and being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross” (Phil 2:6-8).

Last week we discovered that the big maple tree by the grotto of Our Lady is a great danger to the rectory, the grotto and the church. Old age has overtaken it! Half of it is in the process of splitting, unfortunately in the direction of the rectory. The woodpeckers are already making a dinner out of it. Since it is a potential hazard, we are looking into how to remove it neatly and possibly ensure an effective substitute, if need be.

Separated/Divorced/Bereaved? Consider participating in the annual retreat for those experiencing LOSS through separation/divorce or death of a loved one. The ‘Grief Journey Retreat: A Safe Caring and Nurturing Time’ is designed to provide insight, hope and support as you journey to transform your grief. Facilitator is Anna Racine, from Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. Time and Place is Friday evening/Saturday, **October 25 – 26**, 2019 at Providence Spirituality Centre, 1200 Princess St. Kingston. For further info and/or to register, contact Sr. Lucy Kearney, Family Ministry Office, 613-548-4461 ext.113 or e-mail: family@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

Pilgrimage to mark the 400th Anniversary of the Birth of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys: **September 24-25**. Shrine of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys – Historic Farm established by Marguerite Bourgeoys, and to the Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Chaplain: Father John Hibbard. Foley Bus Lines; Accommodation: Holiday Inn. For more information and to register, contact Sheila Alexander at sia412@gmail.com or at 613-962-1623.

Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, September 6, as Dan will be away that day. If you have any messages or items for the bulletin that weekend, please call the office before Thursday evening, **September 5**, as the bulletin will be printed on Thursday evening. As always, feel free to leave a message if there is no one available to take your call! ☺

Tweed Community Dinner: All are welcome to join us on **Thurs., Sept. 19**, 5 – 6 pm at the White Building. This is a ‘pay what you can’ dinner, with this month’s receipts going to pay for next month’s dinner. September’s main course is pulled pork on a bun. Reserve your place by calling Lynda at [613-478-3181](tel:613-478-3181), leaving your name, phone #, and the number attending. Cut-off date for **reservations is Sept. 12**. These dinners are sponsored by the Tweed Area Churches and THAS.