

Parish Directory 2011

St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls, ON

Blessed Sacrament, Lombardy, ON

In the Archdiocese of Kingston

ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON
Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien

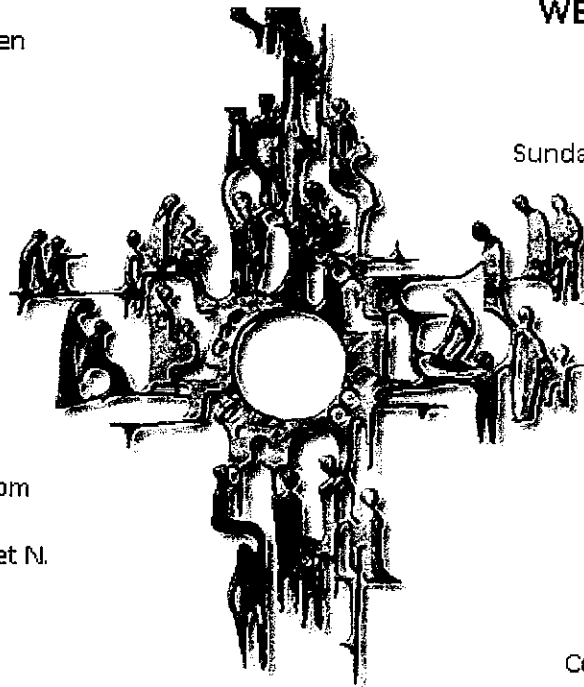
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Father Sebastian Amato

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Smiths Falls:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am; 6:30 pm (Sept-June)

Lombardy:
Sunday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS
Anytime by Appointment
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Lombardy Before Sunday Mass

BAPTISMS
Contact the Parish Office

WEDDINGS
Contact one of the priests at least
six (6) months before the intended date.

COMMUNION & ANOINTING OF THE SICK
If you or a loved one are ill or confined
please call the Parish Office.

WHERE WILL YOU GIVE OF YOUR TIME & TALENT?

This ministry directory outlines many possibilities for service and ministry in our parish. Please prayerfully consider how God may want to use your gifts inside and outside St Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

We need the commitment of every parishioner to continue to improve these important parish programs!

- ◆ To provide a prayerful environment and good liturgical music
- ◆ To support our many essential and thriving ministries
- ◆ To provide fair and just support for our pastor and parish employees
- ◆ To continue to maintain and enhance our facilities
- ◆ To continue to assist the poor and disadvantaged in our community

I invite every parish member to commit to at least one involvement in our parish community this year! May your sharing of gifts help you more clearly see God's presence in your life!

Father Sebastian Amato

ADORATION CHAPEL

Contact: Ed and June Kozlow 283-0814
Adoration Chapels are a place to pray & to adore the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Upper Room Chapel is located up the stairs by the sacristy. The entrance is by the code box at the side door. The Chapel is open on Mondays: from 6 p.m. to 11 pm, Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. & on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Pope John-Paul (The Great) Chapel is located behind the curtain at the right of the front doors of the Church. The Chapel is open to everyone, especially those who want to pray but find it difficult to climb the stairs to the Upper Room Chapel. It is open only on Mondays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are interested in taking an hour or being a "spare", please don't hesitate to call us. Everyone is welcome to drop by for as long a time as you want; just sign the Visitors' book please.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson: Bill St Jean 283-3994
The Parish Council is an advisory committee that consists of both elected members and representatives from our parish organizations. This Council assists the Pastor in identifying the needs of our parish community. Council meetings also serve as a forum for suggesting solutions and ways to implement them. One third of the members are elected each year for a two-year term, renewable once. The Council meets approximately every six weeks.

Councilors for 2011

Councilors - Elected or Acclaimed:

Ed Kozlow	Bill St. Jean	Lauralee Merkley
Gina McWade	Nancy Freestone	Shelley Costello
Jack Traynor		

Appointed Representatives:

Finance & Property Rep	-	Father Amato
Catholic Women's League Rep	-	Mary Cook
Knights of Columbus Rep	-	Dan Davidson
Youth & St John's HS Reps	-	TBD
St. Francis de Sales School Rep	-	Lorraine Fenn
St. James School Rep	-	Lorraine Fenn
St. Luke School Rep	-	Matthew Drapeau
Youth Ministry Rep.	-	Rob Drapeau

PARISH FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Contact: Gerry Heffernan 283-0868
The Parish Finance and Property Committee assists the pastor in the temporal administration of the parish. This includes financial management and management of all the property and facilities/building requirements of the parish.

PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Contact: Margie Ann McKinnon 283-4213
This committee consists of both ministry leaders and volunteers, who meet to pray, communicate accomplishments and needs of the liturgical ministries. We also plan upcoming celebrations. You are invited to join this group and offer your gifts to make our celebrations even more inspiring.

ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: St. Francis de Sales Lorraine Fenn/Par. Office 283-0220
Blessed Sacrament Nancy Freestone 283-8088

Altar Servers assist the priest in the celebration of the sacraments. Boys and girls, eight years old and over who have received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and are in Gr. 3 and beyond are invited to join this group.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Contact: Margie Ann McKinnon 283-4213
Eucharistic Ministers assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. The Pastor appoints these ministers. This ministry is open to confirmed members of the Church. There is a need for Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish community. Training will be provided.

USHERS/GREETERS

Contact: Charlie Dalton 283-3875
Ministers of hospitality represent the Church community by welcoming parishioners and visitors to the church. They greet and assist the assembly as they gather. Ushers/Greeters collect and present the monetary gifts on our behalf, distribute the Sunday Bulletin and attend to the general needs of the congregation.

LECTORS

Contact: Margie Ann McKinnon 283-4213
This ministry is open to any parishioner who has the ability and desire to proclaim God's word. The lector reads Scripture passages at mass. Training will be provided.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Funeral Choir:

This ministry is a tremendous way to console a grieving family and is a meaningful way to honor the deceased.
St. Francis de Sales Church - **Contact:** Eleanor Glenn 284-8797
Blessed Sacrament Church - **Contact:** Dorothy Quattrocchi 283-2076

St. Francis de Sales Church:

5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass: **Contact:** Angie McCaw 283-7025
10:30 a.m. Mass Choir: **Contact:** Debbie Wainright 283-1508
This parish choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Choirs at 10:30am mass alternate every other Sunday

10:30 a.m. Filipino Choir. **Contact:** Moscow Ocampo 283-4524
Lilly Munoz 283-6142

This parish choir sings on last Sunday of the month. Choir practice is on the preceding Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Church:

Organist: Dorothy Quattrocchi 283-2076

PARISH MINISTRIES/COMMITTEES

EDUCATION & FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

Contact: Margie Ann McKinnon 283-4213
Plans sacramental preparation and religious educational events for the Parish. Develops information program and discussion groups on faith development.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Contact: Cathryn Davidson 283-9819
The Pastoral Care Team is primarily involved in Eucharistic Ministry to the sick and shut-ins. Members of our parish visit people of the parish who are homebound or in a retirement/nursing home and offer prayers, bring the Eucharist and is a friendly person to talk to. We are always in need of volunteers. Team members meet every six weeks on a Monday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact: Bill St Jean 283-3994
Promotes Stewardship within the parish. The purpose is to: present the opportunity for all parishioners to offer their time, talent and treasure; communicate to parishioners information pertaining to the ministries and financial health of the parish and; show respect for volunteers and recognition of their contributions.

SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Contact: Gina McWade 283-0895
Parish Office 283-0220

You are invited to respond actually to Jesus' Gospel mandate to remove all causes of oppression by joining fellow parishioners in striving with others to directly address matters of social justice in Canada and in the world, in a manner that is substantial and enduring. Together we can effect real change.

PRAYER/STUDY GROUP

Contact: Valerie and John Brohman 283-8301
This group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at 15 Bell Avenue, Smiths Falls. The next session will start in early May 2011 and run until late June 2011. A session is also planned for the months Sept – Dec 2011. Watch for the weekly bulletin for announcements on timings/dates of each session.

PRAYER LINE

Contact: Valerie and John Brohman 283-8301
People with prayer requests may call this number. The request will be forwarded to parishioners who will pray for the intention. (Prayers for Sundays are asked to call the Parish Office)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Shayla Doucette 283-1784
Parish Office 283-0220
The Parish has an active Youth Ministry program called "Life Teen" (high school ages) which includes a "Life Teen Mass" on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at St Francis de Sales Church and Life Nights which are held every second week in Hanley Hall from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. There is also an EDGE program for youth in grades 6-8 and it is held every second Thursday evening from 6:30 pm until 8:00 p.m. Interested parents, parishioners and youth who wish to assist as volunteers or help this ministry are invited to contact parish office or Shayla, our Youth Coordinator.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Contact: President – Patricia Murphy 283-7166
Our mission statement is: "The Catholic Women's League of Canada is the national organization rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God." Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in Hanley Hall at 7:00 p.m. (except during the summer months).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact: Grand Knight – Dave Ryan 205-1255
The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic organization for men. The men gather to build fraternity and organize charitable works for God and country. Rideau Council 2444 meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. except for July and August. Men 18 years of age and older, who are a practicing Catholic from this parish are invited to become members.

LEGION OF MARY

Contact: President – Claire McAdam 285-4878
The Legion of Mary is a group of individuals that share a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and a deep commitment to both corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Members offer prayers daily, through the intercession of Mary, for the needs of our neighbors and the growth of our community. Meetings are held Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Hanley Hall downstairs.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – R.C.I.A.

Contacts: Parish Office/Father Amato 283-0220
This program is for those who wish to be received into the full communion in the Catholic Church, for lapsed Catholics who would like to re-discover their faith, and for people who are simply interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Participants receive instruction from Scripture readings, Catholic teachings and the tradition of the Church. Parishioners are invited to participate in this program as Sponsors to the candidates. Meetings are held Sunday in the Adoration Chapel at 10:30 am and on the second Sunday of every month, at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL** 283-6101
43 Russell St E. Smiths Falls, Principal: P.Perrault
Grades: 4 – 8 English; French Immersion Grades: 5 – 8
- ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC SCHOOL-** 283-1848
5 Catherine St. Smiths Falls; Principal: Mrs. J. Perkin
Grades: JK – 3 English
- STE. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS SCHOOL** 269-2134
306 rue Read, Merrickville; Principal: Mr. R. LeClerc
Grades: JK- 8 French
- ST. JOHN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** 267-4724
2066 Scotch Line Road, Perth; Principal: Mr. K. Crosby
Grades: 9 – 12
- ST. LUKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** 283-4477
4 Ross St., Smiths Falls; Principal: Mr. D. Haime
Grades: 7 – 12 English; Regional Educational Alternative Program

PARISH STAFF:

Secretary	Cynthia Rozario	283-0220
Housekeeper	Ann McDonald	
Custodian	Kathy Huffman	

CEMETERIES

St. Francis de Sales Cemetery		
Contact:	Hennia & Dennis Tyhy	283-4061
Blessed Sacrament Cemetery		
Contact:	Ed Covell	283-6436



PARISH FUNDRAISER – RETAIL GIFT CARDS

Contact: Geraldine Canning 283-6166

YOU CAN HELP! - Did you know...that you can further support our parish mission and ministries just by buying your ESSENTIAL GROCERIES or OTHER RETAIL ITEMS? HOW?..... By purchasing grocery/retail gift cards which are available at the back of both our churches before and after all the weekend masses. They are also available at the Parish Office. This is a very important fundraiser for our parish and if you shop at stores such as an Independent Grocer, Metro, Food Basics, Giant Tiger and Canadian Tire it is so easy to participate in and support.

The gift cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250 denominations. Just present the card at the store checkout - it works just like cash! The grocery gift card is a declining balance card. Your purchase total is deducted from the card's balance leaving any remaining balance on the card for future purchases. Simple! These are great for your own shopping trips, convenient for older children at college/university (vs. cash), and they make great gifts!

The key point to remember is that you get full face value when you purchase gift cards and our parish fundraising effort automatically receives 5% from the participating stores. Our Goal this year is to raise \$15,000 to \$20,000 from this fundraiser which is critical to supporting our parish ministries and help us stay within our operating budget.

This is a great fundraiser for the parish because you are not being asked to buy anything you normally wouldn't buy and there is no cost to you! If each family that isn't participating now simply purchased at least \$100 per month, then we could easily achieve our goal.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE!! & HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH



Time & Talent Opportunities

Stewardship, a way of life

"How will I make a return to God this coming year by serving others in His Name?"