

ST. MAURICE PARISH



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A Shoot Shall Sprout

(Isaiah 11:1)

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ADVENT MISSION LED BY FR. ALLAN MACDONALD



OUR MISSION

TO ENCOUNTER JESUS AND KNOW HIM PERSONALLY, TO GROW TOGETHER AS HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO GO AND SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS.

KNOW. GROW. GO.

PARISH STAFF

CLERGY

Pastor:

Fr. Ben St. Croix, CC

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Marcus Schonnop, CC

Priest in Residence:

Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC

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Adoration Chapel

For more info, contact Tom Gleeson at
stmauriceadoration@gmail.com or
call the office at 613-224-1892

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1:41-42

SUPPORT TEAM

Office Administrator:

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Coordinator of Children's Faith

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Seminarian:

Gabriel Gauthier

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St. Gregory	613-224-3011
St. John XXIII	613-226-6223
Frank Ryan	613-224-8833
St. Pius X	613-225-8105

To Arrange a Mass Intention

Mass intentions can be requested by phone at 613-224-1892 or in person at our office.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS!

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 7:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am
First Saturday of each month 9:00 am

Confession:

Tuesday: After the 7:00 pm Mass
Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Funeral Arrangements

To make arrangements for a funeral, please call 613-224-1892 x2.

Anointing of the Sick

To make arrangements for anointing of the sick, please call 613-224-1892 x3.

Baptism Arrangements

For baptisms, please contact Deacon Kevin at least two months in advance to enroll in baptism preparation.
deaconkevin@stmauriceparish.com

Wedding Arrangements

To make arrangements for a wedding, please email Dcn. Kevin at least eight months prior to the proposed wedding date.
deaconkevin@stmauriceparish.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Intentions for the PARISHIONERS OF ST. MAURICE

Sunday, December 22, 2024 9:00 am

+Mr. Frederick Sinclair, by Jaime DeMarchi and Family
+Karen Smithers, by the Birmingham Family
+Tom Clarke, by The Clarke's Family

Sunday, December 22, 2024 11:00 am

+José Toro Gomez, by The Mccutcheon-Toro Family
+Giuseppina and Matteo Fulco, by Angelo Fulco
+Louis Delery, by Jayne Delery

Sunday, December 22, 2024 7:30 pm

+Desiree Severimuttu, by Paul Gravelle

Thursday, December 26, 2024 9:00 am

+Albertine Levesque, by the Riesbeck family

Friday, December 27, 2024 9:00 am

Thanksgiving for Vivendra Moodley

Saturday, December 28, 2024 5:00 pm

+Brian McNamara

Sunday, December 29, 2024 9:00 am

+Catherine Henry, by The Henry Family
+Mr. Frederick Sinclair, by Jaime DeMarchi and Family
In thanksgiving for blessings received in the year ending for Christelle & Geoffrey

Sunday, December 29, 2024 11:00 am

+José Toro Gomez, by The Mccutcheon-Toro Family
+Steve Viduka, by Linda Viduka
+Brian McNamara, by The Parish Community

Sunday, December 29, 2024 7:30 pm

Intentions for the PARISHIONERS OF ST. MAURICE

st Maurice
Parish

FOR THIS WE PRAY...

Lord, help us to prepare the way of the Lord this Advent season. May the blessings of our advent mission awaken in us a deep longing to respond ... reach out ... and receive ... as we share your message of salvation with everyone we meet.

Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us this Christmas. May the peace and hope of your nativity live in our hearts, our homes, and our world. Comfort those who find this time of year challenging.

Lord, bless all those involved in this year's Christmas pageant, Christmas Hamper Program, and Advent Family Walks. Stir in their hearts a deep gratitude for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, and for each other. Fill their hearts with joy.

Lord, we pray for all those who you have called to RCIC and RCIA this year. Fill them with zeal for Your word and for your church. May this month's Enrollment of Catechumens uplift and empower all who participate.

Lord, refresh and nourish all Seniors living in long-term-care & retirement homes. Guide and comfort them that each one may truly know your deep abiding love.

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon all those living and working within our parish boundaries who do not come to church, especially the unchurched and those who have fallen away. Kindle in us a burning desire to share Christ's message of salvation with them all. Empower and embolden all who join this year's Door to Door campaign. Move many to respond and join our celebrations this Christmas.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph instill in our world a commitment to the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. May the feasts of the Holy Family and Mary, Mother of God draw families closer to you.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: BE A CHRISTMAS GREETER!

This Christmas, help us welcome everyone with warmth and joy as they join us for our Christmas Masses. We are looking for friendly, welcoming individuals to serve as greeters before each Christmas Mass. A complete list of all our Christmas Masses can be found on page three. All you need is a smile!

If you would like to help spread the spirit of Christmas, please contact Lisa Staltari at lisa@stmauriceparish.com.

Greeters Needed

HELP US WELCOME OUR PARISHIONERS AND
VISITORS AT OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES
CONTACT LISA AT [LISA@STMAURICEPARISH.COM](mailto:lisa@stmauriceparish.com)



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life. In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts. In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness, offering the faithful an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." The Jubilee begins on December 24, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, and runs to January 6, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.

-Diocese of Peterborough




THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY COMMUNITY
INVITES YOU TO THE
FIRST PROFESSION OF TEMPORARY VOWS
OF
Sr. Mikaila Sullivan
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2025 AT 4PM
St. Maurice Parish
Reception to follow
Please RSVP
www.queenshipofmary.ca



HOCKEY DAY AT
St. Maurice
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
IN THE ATRIUM 12PM TO 3PM
PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THE KNIGHTS OF OUR PARISH**

JOIN US FOR GAMES,
MEMORABILIA, FOOD,
REFRESHMENTS AND
A 50/50 DRAW

MINISTRY RETURN DATES FOR JANUARY

- SAT 4 HANDMAIDS OF THE QUEEN**
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM IN THE ATRIUM AND CHURCH

- WED 8 MOM'S GROUP**
9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM IN THE ATRIUM
WAY OF THE LORD
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM IN THE ATRIUM

- FRI 10 CAFÉ MAURICE**
9:30 AM TO 11:00 AM IN THE ATRIUM
SURGE
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

- SAT 11 MOVIES WITH MEANING**
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM IN THE ATRIUM

- MON 13 55+ GROUP**
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM IN THE ATRIUM

- WED 15 THE WAY JR YOUTH GROUP**
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM IN THE ATRIUM

- FRI 17 OVERFLOW SR YOUTH GROUP**
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM IN THE ATRIUM



Christmas
Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24 • 4 PM, 7 PM & 9 PM
(PAGEANT & LIVE STREAM 4 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25 • 9 AM & 11 AM

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
MOTHER OF GOD**
DECEMBER 31 • 5 PM & 11 PM

**ADORATION IN THE CHURCH
FROM 8PM UNTIL 10:45PM**
JANUARY 1 • 9AM & 11AM

HANDMAIDS OF THE QUEEN

The next Handmaid's of the Queen will be on Saturday, January 4 starting with Mass at 9 am at St. Maurice, followed by fun activities, a teaching on Mary our Mother and a time of Eucharistic Adoration.

The group is for girls ages 7-11. Contact Jennea at jenea.boskill@gmail.com to register.



PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN
613-224-1892 OR
office@stmauriceparish.com

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from Saturday, December 21, to Monday, January 6, and will reopen on January 7.

St. Maurice Christmas Hampers Update

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who made donations to this year's Christmas Hamper program, as well as those who graciously volunteered their time this past weekend to sort, assemble, and deliver hampers. There has been no shortage of generosity from this parish community, and we know that the families we have supported are greatly appreciative. A detailed summary of the program's reach and success will be provided shortly once final deliveries have been made.

FAMILY FOREST FUN

We warmly invite everyone to spend some delightful time outdoors, connecting with God's beautiful creation as we eagerly prepare for Christmas. Join us this Sunday, December 22, at 1 pm for a lovely 4 km walk at Lime Kiln Trail Moodie Drive, followed by an Advent-themed story amidst the wonders of nature. Contact meaghanandjee@gmail.com for more information.

We look forward to seeing you in the forest!

MOVIES WITH MEANING

Perfect Days tells the story of Hirayama, a man satisfied with his humble job in Tokyo. He lives simply, prioritizing tranquility in his daily tasks.

We warmly invite everyone aged 18 and older to join our friendly group for a delightful finger food potluck in the atrium right after Mass on January 11. For just \$4, you can enjoy the movie and a drink and engage in an informal discussion.

Your help in setting up the atrium before Mass would mean a lot to us!

Looking forward to seeing you at the movies!

THE WAY OF THE LORD

A VIDEO-BASED FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

FEATURING TALKS FROM RENOWNED CATHOLIC SCHOLARS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS MEANT TO EQUIP US

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM - ATRIUM

TALK BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON
POVERTY, CHASTITY, AND OBEDIENCE

Everyone Welcome!

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY NATURE WALK EACH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22: 4KM

1-3 PM

LIME KILN TRAIL
MOODIE DRIVE

CONTACT
MEAGHANANDJEE@GMAIL.COM
FOR QUESTIONS

Advent

Family Walks

Movies with Meaning

JOIN US IN THE ATRIUM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7 PM
FOR A MOVIE, POPCORN AND FELLOWSHIP.
\$4 PER PERSON, 18 YEARS OF AGE AND UP.

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE WILL BE *PERFECT DAYS!*