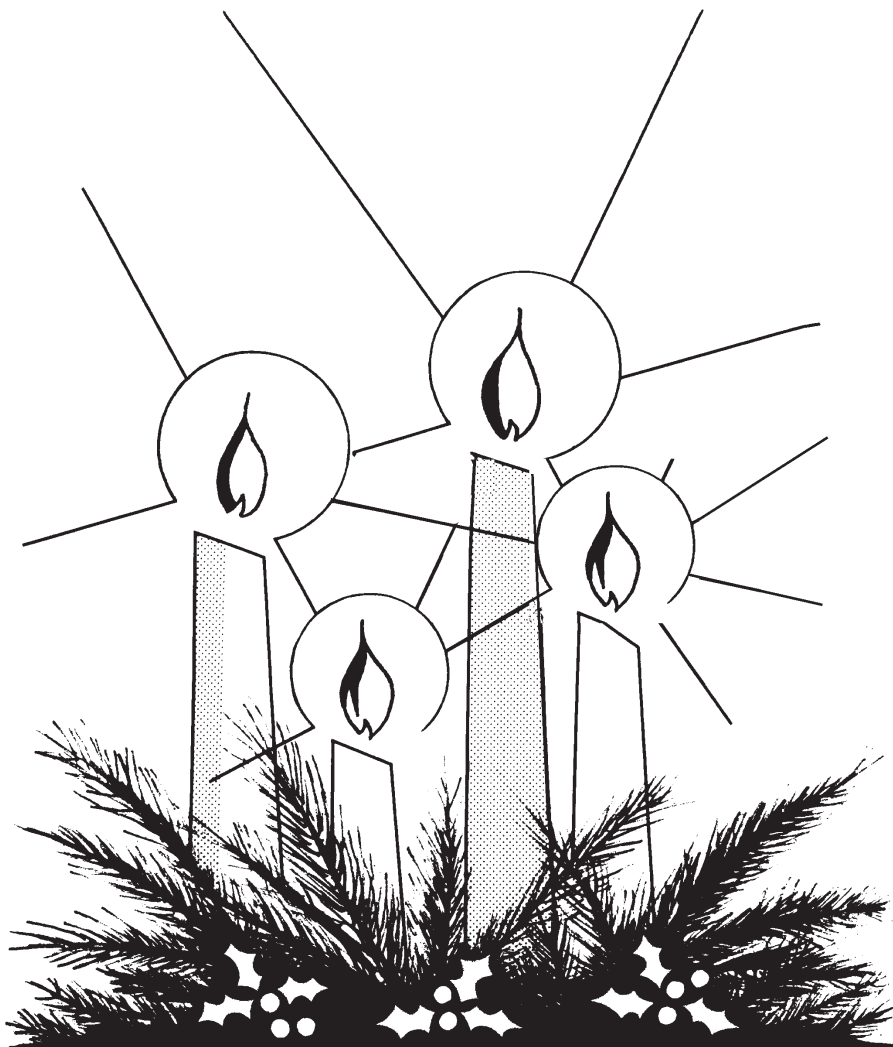

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Advent

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 16th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Catherine & Real Deschamps by Bea Tardif

Sunday, December 17th 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by The Patron's Foundation

11:00 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Monday, December 18th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ADVENT – WEEK 3**

Tuesday, December 19th

7:30 a.m. Vinton Papps by Wife Carol Papps

2:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service - Blessed Sacrament Parish

Wednesday, December 20th

7:30 a.m. Angela Ricci by Rita Boyce

7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service – St. Peters Parish

Thursday, December 21st SAINT PETER CANISIUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Joubert by Exit Realty Family

Friday, December 22nd

7:30 a.m. Rev. Bernard Cameron by Darlene Walsh

Saturday, December 23rd SAINT JOHN OF KANTY (OM)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **NO CONFESSIONS**

5:30 p.m. Bertha, Robert & Donnie Depatie by Pauline & Joe Foley

Sunday, December 24th 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Mary Batty by St. Columban's Schola Choir

11:00 a.m. Germaine Lafrance (20th Anniversary of Death) by Gilles & Diane Lafrance

5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner

Midnight Barbara & Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Monday, December 25th NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26th SAINT STEPHEN (F)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 17TH

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

Among you stands one whom you do not know.

ST. COLUMBAN - CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Sunday December 24th – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00, 5 p.m. & 12 midnight

Christmas Day Monday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

ST. COLUMBAN - NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Sunday December 31st – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 & 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Monday January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little helps to build empathy for others in similar situations.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE

The relic pilgrimage is a gift for the Church in Canada at the close of our 150th anniversary year, bringing the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle.

We anticipate three particular extraordinary graces in this pilgrimage, all related to the charisms of St. Francis Xavier: (1) conversion of souls; (2) the raising up of missionary disciples who are abandoned to God's will; and (3) healing. Our prayer is that—through this relic pilgrimage—you will have the unique opportunity to personally encounter the tender heart of Jesus. Be the first in Canada to venerate this relic. Veneration of the Holy Relic will be at St. Columban's Parish Dec 27, 2017 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Mass will immediately follow the exposition. Proceedings will be presided over by Archbishop Prendergast.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 28th. All monies received after Dec 28, 2017 will be credited for 2018. **If you want donations included on your 2017 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on Dec 28th. Thank you.**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

2 p.m., Tuesday December 19 – Blessed Sacrament

7 p.m., Wednesday December 20 – St. Peters

WE HAVE A PARISH APP

Beginning today, you can download an app for our parish for your smartphone (iPhones and Androids.) The app, which is FREE, provides you with all sorts of things including, general parish info, mass times, the daily readings, Catholic, Vatican and Diocesan news and Catholic prayers. Just go to the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (other smartphones) and download myParish. Once you have downloaded the FREE myParish app, which is the hub for hundreds of parishes, you just follow the instructions to find our parish. If you have questions visit the diocesan website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS

Monday December 25th Office closed

Tuesday December 26th Office closed

Wednesday December 27th Office closed

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Monday January 1st Office closed

Tuesday January 02nd Office closed

Wednesday January 03rd Office closed

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Confessions on Saturday Dec 23, 2017.

LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Your local Catholic bookstore has a good selection of Advent wreaths, Nativity sets, as well as Nativity statuary – great for Nursing Homes, etc. We have Christmas cards and giftware. 'Pope Benedict's Last Testament' and Mother Angelica's biography' plus many books for children, would make great gifts. We welcome you to drop by the Catholic Information Centre at 146 Chevrier Ave. (the avenue BEHIND Nativity Church), 933-5099.

2018 CHURCH CALENDARS

A reminder that the calendars are for sale at the back of the Church, and are going fast! For only \$5.00 you get a calendar with beautiful religious artwork each month and lots of helpful liturgical information.

OUR PARISH KRISTKINDL PROJECT

Have you completed your Kristkindl card and selected one from the basket? Make Advent special this year and be the Christ Child to a fellow parishioner. Have fun being a Secret Santa and imitate the Holy Child and render all your little services in the same spirit that he gave.

COME TO THE WATER

Come, drink deeply of the life-giving water that Jesus is for us in a spiritually rejuvenating winter weekend retreat at Maison Shalom House in Alexandria, February 2 - 4, 2018. Dynamic retreat master Anne Shore, a gifted Catholic educator and vibrant speaker, will explore the theme as the weekend unfolds, leaving plenty of time for personal prayer and reflection. Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC, General Superior of the Companions of the Cross, returns to his Glengarry roots as the Sacramental Priest for this retreat. Cost is \$185.00 per person, including accommodation and meals. A deposit of \$100.00 is required by December 15th, 2017. For information or to register, contact Inez, 613-347-7666 inez1989@hotmail.com or Elizabeth, 613-527-3209 bmcdonell@xplornet.com or Sr. Sue Burns csc, 613-525-1704 maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca.

SNOW REMOVAL

CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Please check the diagram on the (bulletin boards) of the Church entrances and walkways where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snow fall. As we have five entrances to be cleared and our Custodian does not work weekends this will eliminate undue costs. Thank you for your care and understanding

THANK YOU

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League would like to thank all parishioners and members of the League for the donation of Jell-o. Through your generosity we collected over 600 boxes for the Christmas baskets. Merry Christmas and God's Blessing to all.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 03, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	3,881.00
Loose Collection	318.04
Christmas Offering	25.00
Priest Pension Fund	155.00
Total	\$ 4,379.04

FATHER ERNEST'S VACATION

Father Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 28 – Feb 09. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Msgr Harty, Fr. Emmanuel, Fr. Halle & Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Confessions On Sat. Dec 23, 2017. Please see bulletin for the Advent Penitential Services. There will be no morning mass on Tuesday Dec. 26, 2017.

ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?

Join us for our 4th Annual Christmas Dinner, December 25, 2017, from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Agora Hall (Nativité Hall), 301 McConnell Street. No charge but donations gladly accepted for next year. Need transportation? Call Alison to arrange for pick up at 613-662-4719 the week of December 17th. (Elevator is wheelchair accessible.) To help call Darlene Walsh at 613-330-4491.

ANGELS OF HOPE

Dear Parishioners:

This year we would like to give you the opportunity of sharing the Christmas spirit with children from our community. **Angels of Hope** is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. If you would like to help out, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass which will include the age and sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, we have used fictitious names for the children. Please DO NOT WRAP the gift, but place in an appropriate GIFT BAG. Please return the gift to the Church no later than **Sunday; December 17th**. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400. On behalf of the children served at the **Children's Treatment Centre**, I thank you for your kindness and your spirit of sharing.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Each year during Advent we embark on a fund raising drive to assist our efforts throughout the year. This is your opportunity to open a "hand to the poor and reach out to the needy". This is not an effort on behalf of a foreign population, but rather to allow for assistance to the poor in our own backyard. There are countless many in our midst, as our food bank numbers continue to indicate, who are very much in need of a helping hand.

If you wish to donate simply put your donation in an envelope and address it to St. Vincent de Paul and deposit it in the weekly collection basket and it will get to us. You can be assured that 100% of the funds raised will make their way to the less fortunate and if you provide your address, a tax receipt will be mailed to you for any donation in excess of \$10.00. Thank you for all your past efforts and thank you in advance for this year's contribution.

2018 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church. *Please confirm number on label matches number in box.* If you do not see your box of envelopes call the Parish Office at 613-932-9616.

THE WILD GOOSE VIDEO SERIES

Please join us at 7:00pm Tuesday January 9th in the St. Columban's Activity Room above the Agape Centre, for the next video evening. Please note that there is no session scheduled for Tuesday January 16th, 2018.

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