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Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon

prepare the way...



ADVENT

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 17th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Sunday, December 18th 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Christmas in Memoriam by Patron's Foundation

11:00 a.m. Germaine Lafrance (19th Anniversary of Death) by Gilles & Diane Lafrance

Monday, December 19th

7:30 a.m. No Mass

2:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service at St. Columban Parish

Tuesday, December 20th

7:30 a.m. Joe, Helen & Tom MacInnis by Teresa

7:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service at St. Francis Parish

Wednesday, December 21st ST. PETER CANISIUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Hildred Patricia Myers by Joe Parisien

Thursday, December 22nd

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

Friday, December 23rd ST. JOHN OF KANTY (OM)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for our Godchildren by Carole & Richard Pilon

Saturday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

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

7:00 p.m. Jack Tyo by the Estate

Midnight Yvonne Haineault (25th Anniversary of Death) by Daughter Jackie Sheny & Family

Sunday, December 25th CHRISTMAS-NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, December 26th ST. STEPHEN (F)

7:30 a.m. No Mass

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 18TH

1st Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1.1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

*Jesus was born of Mary,
who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.*

FATHER ERNEST - VACATION

Father Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 27 – Feb 10. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Msgr. Harty, Fr. Donnelly, Fr. Halle & Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Dec 25 and Jan 01. Classes will resume on Jan 08, 2017. Thank you,

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Marjorie Simpson and
Francisco & Lucia Teodoro

PRAYING FOR GRADE 2 CHILDREN

You may have noticed the banner to the right of the alter. The program adopt- a -child, the parish program for the past few years has changed to something new. On Sundays at the 9:30 mass a candle will be brought to alter lit and placed before the banner. Please let this be an occasion to pray for these children. We hope you will also remember to pray for these children during the week as some of them prepare for First Confession, Confirmation and First Communion.

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.

ST. COLUMBAN – Mass Schedule

Christmas - Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil Saturday December 24th - 5 p.m.,
7 p.m. & 12 midnight

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

New Year's - Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Saturday December 31st – 5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Sunday January 1st – 9:30 a.m., &
11:00 a.m.

Office Hours - Christmas

Thursday December 22nd Office closed 12 noon

Monday December 26th Office closed

Tuesday December 27th Office closed

Office Hours - New Years

Thursday December 29th Office closed 12 noon

Monday January 02nd Office closed

Tuesday January 03rd Office closed

2017 PARISH ENVELOPES

Parish envelopes are available for pick up at the 4th St. Entrance. Please ensure number on envelope matches number on label. Note: Envelopes above 400 have been renumbered.

COMMUNION STATION LOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH

Communion Stations are Located Center Front and Halfway Down Center Aisle. Please exit pews from the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Please lift the kneeler so people from side aisles can get through. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLLING

Before the 5:00 p.m. & Midnight Mass, as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, please come and join the choir in singing Christmas Carols from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. – 12 midnight. What a wonderful way to joyfully prepare for this great celebration.

Archbishop Terence Prendergast

Archbishop Terence Prendergast will preside at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 1st followed by a Bishop's Levee in St. Columban's Activity Center, upstairs in the Agape Building. Please join the Archbishop and fellow members of our Faith Community.

ST. COLUMBAN PRAYER GROUP

The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group at St. Columban's has begun its fall season. We begin at 6:30 with Rosary, followed by a time of praise and worship, teaching, prayers of thanksgiving and petition. If you would like to join us Christmas Preparation Evening, we meet on Monday nights, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Upper Room, (east door) of the Church.

PARISH FINANCIALS & INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its financial books on December 29th. All monies received after that date will be credited for 2017. If you want donations included on your 2016 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on December 29th. Thank you.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Columban: Monday December 19 at 2 PM
 St. Francis: Tuesday December 20 at 7 PM

St. Columban Collection Report for December 04, 2016

Sunday Envelopes	3877.80
Loose Collection	392.23
Christmas Offering	45.00
Priest Pension Fund	310.00
Emergency Relief - Haiti	55.00
Total	\$ 4680.03

MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Once a year during Advent we embark on a fund raising initiative to fund our services to the less fortunate through the next year. The need remains acute with our numbers continually on the rise here in the Cornwall area. We regularly assist over 450 people per month with our food bank and our Christmas Basket signup exceeds 600 clients, which includes 160 children. Through us you can make a mark on poverty and access a means of improving the lot of the local less fortunate. The scriptures regularly urge us to assist the poor and share our personal worldly bounty. Your donation, and they have been most generous in the past, is a direct means of doing so. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation of \$10 or more. Donations envelopes are enclosed in the bulletin or available at the front door of the church. Thank you in advance, and as an all-volunteer group you can be assured your donation will get to the needy.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 Amelia St., Cornwall. (Upstairs Hall). Saturday December 31, 2016. 8:00 pm to 1:00 am. Buffet (hot & cold) served at Midnight. Tickets: \$25.00 per person. Music by: Crazy Dave. Door Prizes & Spot Dances. Call for Tickets: 613-932-7600.

NATIVITY SCENES

The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall invites you to put up a small Nativity scene on your front lawn. Order a pre-cut Nativity Scene today. New this year Angels to add to your Nativity Scene. Visit www.alexandria-cornwall.ca or contact Yolande at 613-933-1138, ext. 24 for more information and to place orders.

BINGO

Precious Blood Parish in Glen Walter will be hosting a BINGOS, on Wednesday, December 21st, 2016 in the church hall starting at 7:00 pm. EARLY BIRD GAMES start at 6:20 pm. Over \$1200.00 to be won. Hope to see you there!

3RD ANNUAL CORNWALL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

3rd Annual Cornwall Community Christmas Luncheon at the Agora Hall, 301 McConnell Ave. Are you alone this Christmas? Join us on Christmas day for a luncheon starting at 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for this luncheon but donations for next year are accepted. Come join your extended family! Wheelchair accessible with elevator!

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