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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 19th

5:30 p.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Husband Duncan Hamilton

Sunday, December 20th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by St. Columban Patron's Foundation
 11:00 a.m. Joan Levy Earle by Florence Gravelle

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

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 4

Tuesday, December 22nd

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

Wednesday, December 23rd ST. JOHN KANTY (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

Thursday, December 24th CHRISTMAS VIGIL – THE NATIVITY of the LORD

5:00 p.m. George & Georgette Brand by the Brand Family
 7:00 p.m. Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family
 Midnight **CANCELLED**

Friday, December 25th CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY of the LORD (S)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday, December 26th ST. STEPHEN (F)

5:30 p.m. Bertha, Donald & Robert Depatie by Pauline & Family

Sunday, December 27th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Pete Piquette by Wife Betty
 11:00 a.m. A Special Intention by Bernadette Blakely

Monday, December 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)

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

In Rank Order: (S) Solemnity, (F) Feast, (M) Memorial, (OM) Optional Memorial.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in Memory of Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 20TH, 2020

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27
 Gospel: Luke 1.26-38
 You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

IN OUR PARISH

Welcome Home, Fr. Ernest



CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS CANCELLED

Father Ernest has returned safely to us, but due to COVID-19 quarantine requirements, he will not be available to celebrate Midnight Mass.

DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

Stop – Look – Listen

There was a movement a few years ago, 'Get plugged into Christ'; the idea was that you use your computer, tablet or smartphone to receive daily readings, talks, prayers or inspirational quotes to keep you focused on Christ. Now we can be over connected, always looking at or listening to something; this would be a good time to 'unplug for Jesus'. The voice of God is silence.

ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Join us for an Advent Evening of Reflection with Deacon Guy. Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. on December 23rd at St. Columban's.

MASS ATTENDANCE AT CHRISTMAS

Dear parishioners, the plan for attendance with Christmas Masses is first come first served. The church will be considered full when all designated pews have been filled. Doors will open a half hour before the beginning of Mass. Volunteers will be taking names of those who do not have an envelope. This may mean that entrance to the church may take a moment longer. Remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands and maintain the six feet social distance rule of public health, thus ensuring everyone a safe & Merry Christmas.

ST. COLUMBAN OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Good afternoon St. Columban Family; The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up at the church. For those who ordered a 2021 Missal your envelopes are at the Rectory unless you have already picked up your missal.

If you would like to pick up your 2021 envelopes at the Rectory, please let me know and I will arrange to have them here.

Regards, Kelly, Office Administrator

PLEASE NOTE – Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Dec 10th, 2020 - Jan 06th, 2021. Fr. Ernest returns Dec 10th from attending the burial of his Mom but will be in quarantine for 14 days. The Office Administrator will be off on vacation during this time and then off for the Christmas statutory holidays.

If there is an emergency, you can call the Rectory during regular office hours. Fr. Ernest will be available by phone.

St. Columban - Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil - Thursday December 24th - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day - Friday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

St. Columban - New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve - Thursday December 31st - 5:00 p.m.
 New Year's Day - Friday January 1st - 10:30 a.m.



2020 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end". (Is. 9:1,5; Lk 1.33)

We would like to extend our wishes to everyone that the Joy, Love, and Peace of the season is found in the hearts and in the families of all the parishioners. As we journey through Advent, we begin in darkness, each candle lit humbly glows Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace, increasing in brightness until Christmas day.

Christmas is the Solemnity of the birth of Christ- the word made flesh, who dwelt among us. When the light shines on us that day; we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Our saviour is born, the light in the darkness, the prince of peace.

Without Christ's presence in our hearts, in our families we would be living in darkness. With Christ's presence glowing within us, we can shine, we are able to live our baptismal promise as a Light of Christ. Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life". (Jn. 8)

This year, the reality that we have lived has been quite a change, but our God is steadfast in love, patience and kindness; we just need to remember that we are created in his image.

Christmas reminds us to refocus to Christ as the light of the world; as the brilliant Light that shines in the darkness, illuminating hope as the Divine light who came to the world bringing life.

We are called to reflect the Light of Christ into this world especially during this season of wonderful celebration through our acts of kindness, goodness, and generosity to others and by this; we bring the light of Christ to humanity.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi

Rev. Guy Cote & Members of Parish Council

PLEASE NOTE

Confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office (613.932.9616), and we will schedule a time for you.

PLEASE NOTE

On the next First Friday of the Month, January 01st, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

PARISHIONERS THAT CANNOT ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

Please know that the Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those who are unable to attend at this time.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 06, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	4,227.00
Loose Collection	243.60
Total	<u>\$ 4,470.60</u>

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Nicholas – Dec. 6th , 2020

Saint Nicholas was an early Christian bishop of Greek descent from the maritime city of Myra (modern-day Demre, Turkey) during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, prostitutes, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, unmarried people, and students in various cities and countries around Europe. His reputation evolved among the faithful, as was common for early Christian saints, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus. ("Saint Nick") Wikipedia

Ask the Deacon guy ...

The Catholic faith has over 2000 years of history, teaching and tradition. It is pretty safe to say that there is probably the same number of questions floating around out there. If you have one of these questions, send me an email, pass me a note in the collection basket. Depending on the question, it could be answered in this section of the bulletin, maybe in person, or it may just have to wait until you see St. Peter at the gates of Heaven. The questions will remain anonymous and will not be put in the bulletin if you do not want it to be.

VOTIVE CANDLES FOR ADVENT

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, consider lighting a 7-day votive candle in your home. The cost is \$5.00 each, so having a candle burning throughout Advent will only cost \$20.

It is the same process as lighting a candle expect you would take the candle home and return the empty glass once it is empty. Deacon Guy will be available to bless the candles. Peace, **Deacon Guy**.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE BOOKSTORE UPDATE

The Catholic Information Centre is now OPEN on **Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. Weekday hours are Monday to Friday, 10 - 4 p.m. We are located at 146 Chevrier Ave. for your Catholic needs - Tel: 613-933-5099. Sadly, we are not able to carry anything on our Book table at the Parish yet, but you can purchase the **Calendars** (\$5.00) at the Catholic Bookstore. They also have the **Advent candles, wreaths, and Nativity sets** available.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES MEMO

Dear parishioners, can you assist us by refraining from folding bills. The bills are counted with the aid of a counting machine and they have to be flat. Also please refrain from the use of a large amount of tape. We realize that some envelopes do not seal easily and a small piece of tape is sufficient, reason being that envelopes are not to be torn open as they need to go to the parish office intact. Thank you, to the parishioners who are diligent in writing the amount on the envelope. Thank you all for your assistance in these matters, St. Columban Collection Team Members.



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