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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 21st SAINT PETER CANISIUS (OM)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Maria Vincelli by the Vincelli Family

Sunday, December 22nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Pete Piquette by Betty Piquette
 11:00 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by the Patron's Foundation

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

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 4

Tuesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS VIGIL – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner
 7:00 p.m. George Brand by Georgette & Family
 Midnight Barbara & Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Wednesday, December 25th CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

Thursday, December 26th ST. STEPHAN (F) – OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

7:30 a.m. Shirley Mary Fraser by Carol Papps

Friday, December 27th ST. JOHN (F)

7:30 a.m. Marion Kelly by the Kelly Family

Saturday, December 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Bertha, Donald & Robert Depatie by Pauline Foley & Family

Sunday, December 29th HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Steve Guttentag by Rose Guttentag
 11:00 a.m. Christine Langlois by Gaughter Monica & Family

Monday, December 30th OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever he may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

COFFEE AND CHAT SUNDAY

Please take a few minutes this weekend to enjoy a cup of coffee with your fellow parishioners after Mass at the 4th St. entrance.



TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 22TH

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.

2019 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO DEAR PEOPLE OF GOD!

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who live in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shone". (Is. 9:2)

We would like to use this moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; we pray that these will find their fulfillment in your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. We are grateful to God. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole.

Christmas is the Solemnity of the birth of Christ- the word made flesh, who dwelt among us. In the history of our salvation, Prophet Isaiah foretold this birth as a great light who dispels the darkness in this world. The Evangelist John says: "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world". (Jn. 1: 9) Christ, later on in the same Gospel introduced himself: "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)

People of God, Christmas invites us to turn to Christ as the light of the world; as the brilliant Light that shines in the darkness surrounding creation, giving hope; as the Divine light who came to the world bringing life.

Like Parents of Jesus, may we become instruments of God in bringing 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.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI

REV. CHRIS CHISHOLM & MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL

FATHER ERNEST VACATION

Fr. Ernest will be away on vacation from Jan 07 – Feb 07. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Fr. Claude Halle who will preside at all masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal – The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

ST. JULIAN'S CHAPEL

Anxious? Lonely? Depressed? Do you need peace? Come to Simply Adore Jesus at St. Julian's Chapel - 24/7 Perpetual Adoration. Behind St. Peter's Parish (side entrance). You are always welcome!



BULLETIN BOARD NOTICES

All notices/flyers must be brought to the office for approval before going on the bulletin boards in the church.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

PLEASE NOTE

The last confessions before Christmas will be on Saturday December 21st from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Tuesday, December 24th – 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 12 Midnight

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

NEW YEAR'S – MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m.

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

OFFICE HOURS – CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24th Office closed at 12:00 noon

Wednesday, December 25th Office closed

Thursday, December 26th Office closed

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Tuesday, December 31st Office closed at 12:00 noon

Wednesday, January 01st Office closed

Thursday, January 02nd Office closed

PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financials books on December 30th. All money received after December 30th will be credited for 2020.

If you wish that your donations be included on your 2019

Income Tax Receipt; please bring it in before noon on December 31st. Thank you.

PARISH ENVELOPES

The parish envelopes are now available in the church. Please look carefully for your box of envelopes as all the numbers have now changed. Please call the Rectory with any address changes.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30th. All monies received after Dec 30, 2019 will be credited for 2020.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Bring a Friend

If you missed this month's Intercessory Prayer event, our next evening will take place on Thursday, January 02, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our own intentions and those of our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Rick and Bernadette McRae at 613-932-2872.

FAMILY BREAKFAST

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 are having a 'Family Breakfast' on Sunday, 26th January 2020 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. \$7.00/person. Everyone welcome.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 **Roast Beef Dinner** Thursday, 9th January 2020 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall \$12 per person.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 08, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	4,125.00
Loose Collection	330.15
Christmas Offering	70.00
Total	\$ 4,525.15

GET SET FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Kindergarten registration week takes place January 13th to 17th 2020 for students beginning Kindergarten in September 2020. All schools will be hosting open house events to give prospective students and parents/guardians an opportunity to tour the school, learn about the kindergarten program, and meet staff! Please visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a complete list of dates and times.

ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY??

Join us for Christmas Dinner 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. At Agora Hall (Nativity Hall) 301 McConnell St. South. No charge (donations gladly accepted for next year). Welcome those alone: widows/widowers, single, divorced, separated, new to city, no family to be with here? Join your Extended Family! Need transportation? Call Allison 613-662-4719 after 4 p.m. Volunteers must register with Darlene 613-935-5828 – Hall is elevator accessible!!

EVENING FOR THE LOVE OF CHOCOLATE

The Alexandria/Cornwall Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League will be hosting our annual 'Evening for the Love of Chocolate'. A large variety of tasty treats will be presented for your tasting on Friday, February 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cornwall Canadian Legion. You're encouraged to buy your tickets now because the event will be announced publicly in January. The cost is \$15.00 and can be purchased by calling Frances at 613-932-7392.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church offers us a wonderful way of bringing our intentions before the community so that we are not alone in our prayer. We can entrust a Mass intention for an individual, a group of individuals (for example, deceased family members) or a special prayer intention (for example, peace in the world). We welcome all those who would like to have a Mass or a number of Masses said for their intentions. Call the Parish Office (613-932-9616) for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

We warmly welcome new parishioners and visitors. If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Columban Parish, forms are available at the 4th Street Entrance to the Church or in person during office hours.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us on Sat. Jan. 4 from 9 am. til noon at the Agora Centre, 301 McConnell Ave., Cornwall for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker is Joan Levy Earle and her talk is entitled "Helpmates of God". For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613-347-7561 or Marilyn Light 613-537-2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated.

CUSHIONS FOR PEWS

Please note: Those who may need a little softness on the pew, cushions are available in the basket at the front and rear of the church. Please return cushion to basket at end of Mass.



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"Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (Citation 6/04)



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