

# ST. COLUMBAN

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## PARISH

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Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon



# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

## SATURDAY, DEC. 31

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions  
 5:30 PM Maria Rosa Vincelli  
 by the Vincelli Family

## SUNDAY, JAN. 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

9:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners  
 11:00 AM Hildred Patricia Myers  
 by St. Columban's Finance Council  
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Bishop's Levee

## MONDAY, JAN. 2 ST. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M)

**No Mass**

## TUESDAY, JAN. 3

7:30 AM Anita Pride  
 by Janet Surgeson & Family

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4 ST. ANDREW (F)

7:30 AM Eileen Mondoux by the Family

## THURSDAY, JAN. 5

7:30 AM Jack Earle by Joan Levy Earle

## FRIDAY, JAN. 6

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory  
 by Herman Van den Broeck

## SATURDAY, JAN. 7 ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE (M)

7:00 – 7:25 AM Confessions  
 8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to  
 Our Lady Undoer of Knots  
 5:30 PM Sandra Sabourin  
 by Florence Gravelle

## SUNDAY, JAN. 8 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 AM George Brand  
 by Wife Georgette & Family  
 11:00 AM Barbara & Iola Parisien  
 by Joe Parisien & Family

## MONDAY, JAN. 9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**No Mass**

**Communion Stations:** Located centre front and halfway down the centre aisle. Please exit pews from the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Please lift the kneeler so people from side aisles can get through. Thank you.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

Dear brothers and sister in Christ,

New Year can often bring mixed bags of emotions and memories for many of us. Some of us might have experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead. Others might have just trudged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh and new calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing.

However, whether you have walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever. Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Emmanuel, God with us, and though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes.

As we congratulate ourselves on the celebration of the gift of the New Year, let us remind ourselves that New Year is a time of making New Year resolutions. Our New Year resolutions might include how to move our Parish forward, working as a team, collaborating with one another, to be more welcoming and accommodating family of God. And, could also include how to enrich ourselves spiritually.

Besides all these, New Year is also the time for peace, reconciliation and forgiveness. Last year was the Jubilee year of mercy inaugurated by Pope Francis and this was concluded last November. We thank Pope Francis for this wonderful opportunity reminding us once more to be people of mercy and compassion. That we have just concluded Jubilee year of mercy does not mean that we have concluded the works of mercy. We have to be people of mercy in season and out of season. There is no vacation in being a Christian.

God has a lot of things in stock for us in this New Year, which we don't know. What we need is to do our part and let God do the rest. With Him all things are possible.

We heartily wish you and your families a blessed, happy, peaceful and healthy New Year in 2017. God bless you and your loved ones!

Sincerely Yours in Jesus and Mary,

REV. FR ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI  
 & DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM

## PRAYING FOR GRADE 2 CHILDREN

You may have noticed the banner to the right of the alter. The program adopted - 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.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Bring a friend - Join us as we bring in the New Year with Prayer. Thank you to all those attending our monthly evening of Intercessory Prayer. Our next evening will take place on Thursday, January 4, 2017, at 7 PM in the Church.

Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our Parish and our Diocese.

The evening will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. If you would like more information, please call Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com.

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Mandy Harrop  
Jessica Belanger

## BINGOS

Precious Blood Parish in Glen Walter will be hosting their next bingos on Wednesday, December 7 & 21, 2016 in the church hall starting at 7 PM. Early Bird games start at 6:20 pm. Over \$1,200.00 to be won. Hope to see you there!

## ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Francis de Sales 11531 is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 5 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH NEW YEAR FAITH INITIATIVE

This year's program will continue with the video series on Catholicism featuring Bishop Robert Barron.

Each session will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Church vestry.

The next sessions will take place on the following dates (please note the change to Tuesday evenings) and are independent of each other:

**Episode 5: The Indispensable Men:** Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure Tuesday, January 17th

**Episode 6: A Body Both Suffering and Glorious:** The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church Tuesday, January 24th

**Episode 7: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven:** The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist Tuesday, January 31st

**Episode 8: A Vast Company of Witnesses:** The Communion of Saints Tuesday, February 7th

**Episode 9: The Life of His Love:** Prayer and the Life of the Spirit Tuesday, February 14th

**Episode 10: World Without End:** The Last Things Tuesday, February 21st

## WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us on Saturday, January 7 from 9:30 to noon at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre on Chevrier St (behind Nativity co-cathedral) in Cornwall. The morning includes mass, a light breakfast, confession, a talk and the rosary. Joan Levy Earle will speak on Mary, Mother of God. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. For more information contact Marilyn at 537 2021.

## TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading:	Numbers 6.22-27
2nd Reading:	Galatians 4.4-7
Gospel:	Luke 2.16-21

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