

Third Sunday of Advent

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| <p>Saturday, December 12th 5:00pm Mona Cameron by Catholic District School Board</p> <p>Sunday, December 13th 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00am Amelia Lalonde by Lucille Bellefeuille 11:00am Julie Primeau by Nicole & Aline Poirier 7:30pm Pro Populo</p> <p>Monday, December 14th St. John of the Cross 8:00am Roy Julien by Linda Runions</p> <p>Tuesday, December 15th 8:00am Lucien & Kathleen Ranger by Bernice Ranger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL MASS</p> <p>9:45am For the intentions of Joe Lalonde by Jean Slobodzian</p> <p>Wednesday, December 16th 8:00am Irene O'Shea by Tom & Maureen Swift</p> <p>Thursday, December 17th 8:00am Gilbert Lagrue by Sandra Lagrue & family</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRED HEART SCHOOL MASS</p> <p>9:30am Glenn Whitford by Blessed Sacrament Parish</p> <p>Saturday, December 19th 5:00pm Art Seguin by Noella & Lynn Seguin & family</p> <p>Sunday, December 20th 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00am For the intentions of Tim & Denise Morris on the occasion of Tim's Ordination to the Diaconate by Karen McDermid 11:00am Julie Primeau by Bernice Primeau 7:30pm Pro Populo</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY OFFERING December 6th, 2015</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Env.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2916.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$349.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heat</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$430.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3695.95</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please Note We need to close the parish financial books on December 31st. All money received after <u>December 30th</u> will be credited for 2016. If you wish that your donations be included in your 2015 income tax receipt, please bring it in at least by December 30th. Thank you very much.</p> <p>Sunday Missals for Sale We have received the 2016 missals for the church pews. If you would like a personal copy you can purchase one for \$3.00 by contacting the rectory or talking to Fr. Jacques after mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Last mass on Sunday night will be December 20th, 2015.</u></p> | Env. | \$2916.00 | Loose | \$349.95 | Heat | <u>\$430.00</u> | Total | \$3695.95 |
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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week "For the intentions of the people"

FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

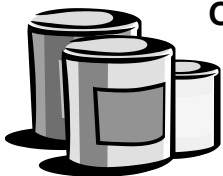
Blessed Sacrament Parish will be having an evening of music, praise and reflection to prepare us for the great celebration of Christmas. You are invited to join us on **DECEMBER 19th, 2015 at 7:00pm**. Come and hear the stories of those who were there at the Birth of Christ Jesus ... the Shepherd, a Wiseman, the Innkeeper, and others ... Everyone is Welcome!

Ladies Auxiliary

MEMBERHISP DUES members are reminded that the 2016 dues (\$20) should be paid by the end of December 2015. If you are 16 years of age or older and would like to join, please call Linda at the rectory for details. New members are welcome!

Thank You

Sincere thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous donation to the Priest's Pension Fund of \$1000.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Once again this year we will have a FOOD DRIVE in the parish, this is a friendly reminder... We will be invited to drop off non-perishable food and/or money at the church. Please be generous!! The food will be distributed during the Christmas season to people in our area.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Please take note that the office will be closed from December 24th at 12noon to January 4th, 2016. We will be open on January 5th.

During the first two weeks of November, our Beautification Specialist spent days removing gum from underneath the Pews. We have cleaned all of them, and also used special oil to bring out the shine in each pew. I'm not sure why people continue to stick GUM underneath the seat. PLEASE STOP! We found over 25 pews with gum stuck underneath again. This is disrespecting your Church and your community. We will be looking at various options to help curb this problem. As your pastor I have a hard time understanding why people would do this... Do people do this in their own home?

*****SUNDAY NIGHT MASS*****

After consultation and reflection we have come to a decision in regards to the Sunday night mass. For pastoral and administrative reasons the last Sunday night mass will be December 20th, 2015. I understand that some people will be sad with the elimination of the mass. Please understand that the Sunday night mass was on a trial basis. As we mentioned for pastoral and administrative reasons we will be discontinuing the Sunday night mass. To all those who participated and made it special... Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Community breakfast on Sunday, **December 20, 2015 from 8 am to 12noon** at the *St. Andrews Catholic Church hall*. You never know when Santa will show up.

2nd Annual Community Christmas

Alone Christmas Day? Come spend Christmas with us! **AGORA Hall** (Nativity Hall) Christmas Day from 12 noon till 2:30 PM Need a ride? Call the week before to book! 613-703-7696 or dtwalsh@sympatico.ca

SPECIAL DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS... if you would like to donate towards Christmas Baskets this year, please place your donation in a plain envelope with your Envelope Number and marked "Christmas Basket".

New Year's Eve Ball

Knights of Columbus Hall (205 Amelia Street, upstairs Hall). **Thursday, December 31, 2015 from 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. For tickets, please call 613-932-7600. *Sponsored by: Wilson Funeral Home*

Bingo

Precious Blood Parish in Glen Walter will be hosting their **NEXT BINGO** "with a new Bingo board", on **Wednesday, December 16th and Jan 6th /16** 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!**

Job Opportunity

Put your cooking talents to a ministry of welcoming and join us on the Team at Maison Shalom House in preparing nutritious meals, managing the kitchen and supervising staff and volunteers. Weekend availability is required. Salary is negotiable. Please send your resume to Sr. Sue at maison-shalomhouse@bellnet.ca.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This year we will be preparing a special bulletin for Christmas. The bulletin will be published for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will have special envelopes for people to donate towards the Christmas flowers in memory of someone special. The name of that person will be published in our Christmas bulletin and we will pray for them at Our Christmas Eve mass. Everyone is welcome to participate. All donations will be going towards our Christmas flowers and special decorations. Envelopes are available. **Please have your envelope in by December 18th.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year Christmas Masses for 2015
December 24th 5:00pm & 8:00pm
December 25th 10:00am.

Please share this information with family and friends so that everyone can begin to make arrangement to attend one of our celebrations.

Advent Penitential Celebrations

You are invited to attend one of the following celebrations to help prepare your heart to receive Christ Jesus on Christmas day...

Tuesday, **December 15th** from 2pm to 3pm at **Saint Columban's Parish**

Wednesday, **December 16th**, from 7pm to 8pm at **Saint Francis de Sales Parish**

Thursday, **December 17th** from 7pm to 8pm at **Saint Andrew's Parish**

The Legend of the Candy Cane

Many years ago, a candy maker in Indiana had an idea to show through the candy he made, that Jesus Christ was born among us, lived and died to save us all. So he created the candy cane. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and the firmness of the promises of God. The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. It could also represent the shepherd's staff, reminding us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.



Message from St. Vincent de Paul Society

Once a year during Advent we undertake a fund raising drive to help us through the upcoming year. Our Client base and their need for assistance continues to increase here in our community; as an example our Food Bank numbers have jumped from a total of 280 to 420 per month. They are the poor and unfortunate, whom the scriptures remind us are God's most beloved. For those of us in better circumstance we should, if we can so afford, share our abundance with the less fortunate. You will find a SVDP donation envelope on the tables at the entrance to the church and we ask that you consider us if you are in donating-mode, as we are your surest means of really assisting the poor. We are an all-volunteer group with little or no overhead costs and all that comes in will surely get to the less fortunate. Tax receipts will be issued and we thank you for your past generosity, and in advance should you participate this year. **If you are donating by cheque please make your cheque out to**

St. Vincent de Paul Society, thank you once again.