

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

<p><b>Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b>                  5:00pm <b>Art Seguin</b> by Noella &amp; Lynn Seguin &amp; family</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></span>                  9:00am <b>For the intentions of Tim &amp; Denise Morris</b> by Karen McDermid                  11:00am <b>Julie Primeau</b> by Bernice Primeau                  7:30pm <b>Pro Populo</b></p> <p><b>Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>St. Peter Canisius</b></span>                  8:00am <b>Brenda Carrara</b> by a friend</p> <p><b>Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup></b>                  8:00am <b>Cecile Mason</b> by Marilyn &amp; Reg Young</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup></b>                  8:00am <b>Tracey Firth</b> by Rita Alguire</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Christmas Eve</b></span>                  5:00pm <b>Tony Joseph</b> by Isabelle Joseph &amp; family                  8:00pm <b>Pro Populo</b></p> <p><b>Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Christmas Day</b></span>                  10:00am <b>Pauline Cote</b> by Guy Cote Sr.</p> <p><b>Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>St. Stephen</b></span>                  5:00pm <b>Teresa Price</b> by Anne &amp; John Heaps</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Feast of the Holy Family</b></span>                  9:00am <b>Gorgonia Aquino</b> by Teresa &amp; David Yee                  11:00am <b>Nattie &amp; Arthur Maloney</b> by Roy &amp; Marie Graveley</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>                  December 13th, 2015</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Env.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3025.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loose</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$312.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heat</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$150.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$3488.45</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b><u>Please Note</u></b>                  We need to close the parish financial books on December 31<sup>st</sup>. All money received after <u>December 30<sup>th</sup></u> will be credited for 2016. <b>If you wish that your donations be included in your 2015 income tax receipt, please bring it in at least by December 30<sup>th</sup>.</b> Thank you very much.</p> <p><b><u>Baptism Meeting</u></b>                  The next meeting for parents who are planning on having their child baptized in the near future will take place on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. Please call the office to register.</p>	Env.	\$3025.90	Loose	\$312.55	Heat	<u>\$150.00</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3488.45</b>
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**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week “For the intentions of the parishioners”.**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

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

**Holy Family Sunday...**

On December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> **HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY**, Deacon Pierre and I will be blessing the families after each mass.

**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

**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*

**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.

## Women's Morning of Reflection

Please join us on **Saturday, January 2 from 9:30 until 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. The theme for this year is "The Year of Mercy". Our speaker will be Joan Levy-Earle who will speak on "**Mary Mother of God**". A *free will offering of \$5 is appreciated*. For more information contact Marilyn Light at 613-537-2021.

## Mass Schedule for New Year's

New Year's Eve at 5 pm and New Year's Day at 10 am. The first day of the year, where the Church celebrates Mary as "**Mother of God**" (one of the oldest Marian feasts) is a Holy Day of Obligation for us Catholics. Mass therefore is obligatory. Let's come in large numbers to celebrate the Maternity of Mary and start 2016 in prayer.

## Christmas Prayer

### For Present Opening Time

Lord Jesus, Wise men travelled for miles to bring you the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the amazing love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us. Amen

### For those who work on Christmas Day

Lord. As I spend today going about my work, help me to put aside any bitterness that I'm not celebrating at home with loved ones. I ask you, Loving Father, to give me a special sense of your presence as I meet people, that I may shed on them the light of the Bethlehem Star, the Spirit of Christmas. Amen

### Prayer before Christmas Dinner

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful for each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us, and our food, and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen

## Mini Monster Bingo

Nativity Parish is having a Mini Monster Bingo on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 4pm and regular bingo starts at 7pm. Package of 12 cards for \$22 includes specials, Bonanza extra at .50 cents. Profits are for Nativity Parish. **EARLY BIRD GAMES** start at 6pm and prizes will be 50% of sales with a maximum of \$100 per game.

## Bingo

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

## Thank You

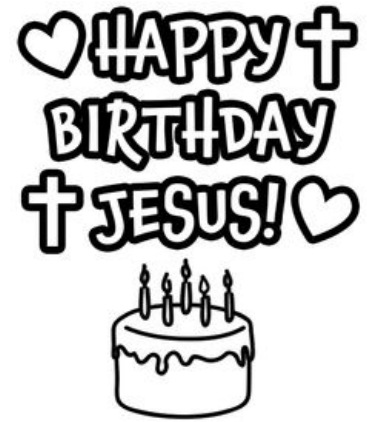
On behalf of the Children's Christmas Fund Committee, a sincere thank you to all who so generously contributed to the CWL Jello Food Drive. The response was "Overwhelming 1,894 boxes were collected". On December 18<sup>th</sup> they will be distributed in Christmas Baskets to help over 1,300 needy families. Our parish collected 140 boxes, thank you to everyone for your support.

## A Birthday Cake for Jesus

Many families and churches emphasize the meaning of Christmas by having a birthday party for Jesus, often complete with a birthday cake. Why not make this celebration even more meaningful with this object lesson that uses the cake to teach the plan of salvation.

### **Supplies Needed:**

- 1 or 2 layer chocolate cake
- White frosting
- Angel figurine or sugar cookie
- 12 red candles
- Star
- Plastic evergreens



1. Begin by talking about birthdays, what they mean and why we celebrate them.
2. Tell the story of Jesus' birth either in your own words or with a story book. For older children have them read it from the Bible (Luke 1-2).
3. Now share with your children why Jesus came as you assemble and decorate your birthday cake.

**Round Cake** – The shape of the cake is round with no end, showing that God's love is never ending. He loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die for our sins (John 3:16).

**Dark Cake** - Before knowing Jesus, our hearts are like this dark cake, and we couldn't get into heaven with our hearts so full of sin (Romans 3:23).

**White frosting** – (While frosting the cake, talk about the meaning of the white frosting.) God did a wonderful thing when he sent his Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Now all the darkness is covered up, and Jesus washes our sins white as snow. We are pure white in the sight of God. When we ask Jesus to forgive all the bad things we've done, we are white like this frosting (Romans 6:23).

**Angel Decoration** – (Place the angel decoration on the cake or have a child do it.) The angel reminds us of the good tidings that were brought to the shepherds that night. It also reminds us of the good tidings, or good news, that we can bring to others (Luke 2:10).

**Star** – (Place the star decoration on the cake or have a child do it.) The star reminds us of the star in Bethlehem and how the Wise men followed it and worshipped the Lord Jesus. It reminds us that we should worship and follow Him everyday. We can do this by praying, reading our Bibles, and going to church.

**12 Red Candles** – (Place the candles on the cake.) The red colour reminds us of Jesus' blood that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Because He died and rose again, we can have eternal life and go to heaven if we believe (Romans 5:8).

**Light the Candles** – (As you light the candles, say...) Jesus can shine in our hearts if we just ask Him to be our Saviour. The 12 candles remind us to let His light shine every month of the year, not just at Christmas time (Matthew 5:16).

**Evergreens** – (Place evergreens around the cake.) Evergreens around the cake remind us of something living and growing. If we have accepted Jesus into our hearts, we are going to grow and get to know Him more. How can we grow to know Him better? By praying; going to church; reading our Bibles; and sharing Him with others (John 15:5 or 2 Peter 3:18).

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## **Christmas Collection**

In your box of envelopes for 2015 you will find a special envelope for the Christmas collection. We encourage you to make use of it; as you get your gifts ready for Christmas, you may want to consider giving a gift to your parish. Thank you in advance!