

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7th **Saint Raymond of Penyafort**
 5:00pm **Marie Heagle** (10 Ann.) by Mike & family
Sunday January 8th **Epiphany of the Lord**
 9:00am **Shirley Ravary** by Jacqueline & Marcel Labelle
 11:00AM **Pro Populo**

NO MASS THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 14th
 5:00pm **Henri Quenneville** by Ken & Diane Bergeron
Sunday, January 15th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00am **Pro Populo**
 11:00am **Marie Graveley** by Roy Graveley & family

NO MASS THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 21st **Saint Agnes**
 5:00pm **Pro Populo**
Sunday January 22nd **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00am **Angelo DaPrat** by Carla DaPrat
 11:00am **Jeannette Jodoin-Martel** by Gerry & Mary Jodoin

Monday, January 23rd
 8:00am **Souls in Purgatory** by Bernadette Blakely
Tuesday, January 24th **Saint Francis de Sales**
 8:00am **Joan Cinquina** by Roy Graveley & family

Wednesday, January 25th **The Conversion of Saint Paul**
 8:00am **Eleanor Cayer** by Aurore Lalonde & family

Thursday, January 26th **Saint Timothy and Titus**
 8:00am **Isabella Bonamassa** by Caterina Mazzella

Saturday, January 28th **Saint Thomas Aquinas**
 5:00pm **Gerald Dupuis** by Family & Friends Folk Group

Sunday, January 29th **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00am **Marta Miotta** by Carla DaPrat
 11:00am **Pro Populo**

December 25th, 2017	
ENV.	\$2481.00
LOOSE	\$955.10
Christmas	<u>\$3793.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7229.10</u>
January 1st, 2017	
ENV.	\$2042.00
LOOSE	\$195.45
New Year's	\$1689.45
TOTAL	<u>\$3926.90</u>

The Sanctuary Lamp

Week of January 8th
 "In memory of **Marlene Van Putten**" by Lester & Kevin.

Week of January 15th
 "For a Special Intention"
 by Nancy Kirkey

Week of January 22nd
 "For the Intentions" of
 Deacon Pierre & Louise

Ladies Auxiliary

Please note there is no January meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **February 14th at 7pm** in the parish hall. New members are welcome!!

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT presented by the Seaway Valley Theater Company will be performing 5 shows – February 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, and 25th, 2017. **Fr. Jacques Has 20 Tickets available for the show on February 24th, 2017 at 7:30pm.** If you want to purchase tickets for the evening please call the office ASAP.

ROAST BEEF DINNER – St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus 11531 Thursday, 12th January 2017 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Adults -\$10, children \$5.

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 are having a 'Family Breakfast' on Sunday, 29th January 2017 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

WHAT SERVICE ARE YOU DOING FOR GOD? WE NEED YOUR HELP... Blessed Sacrament Parish is looking for some help in the following areas. We are in need of READERS, ADULT SERVERS (for Sunday and Funerals), DECORATING, SINGERS, and MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST, COLLECTION COUNTERS (security check required). We are also looking for leaders to help build the parish community... We need new people to help out!

St. Andrew's Parish Fall Faith Initiative:

This year's program will include a video series on Catholicism featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each session will begin at 6:30pm in the Church vestry. Sessions will take place on the following dates:

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

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

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

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE SICK OR NOT FEELING WELL: AVOID SHAKING HANDS AT THE SIGN OF PEACE. PLEASE USE THE HAND SANITIZER AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH.

A Farmer Challenges Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

St Bernard of Clairvaux [clayr-voh] was once traveling with a poor, uneducated farmer, who noticed that the abbot kept his eyes cast downward. When the farmer asked why the saint wasn't looking at the beautiful countryside, Bernard explained that he wanted to avoid distractions while praying. In response, the farmer boasted, "I'm never distracted when I pray." The saint objected, "I don't believe it. Now let me make a deal with you. If you can say the Our Father without one distraction, I'll give you this mule I'm riding. But if you don't succeed, you must come with me and be a monk." The farmer agreed and began praying aloud confidently, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name..." Then, after pausing for moment, he asked St Bernard, "Does that include the saddle and the bridle, too?" I think we can all relate to that. And if we find ourselves fighting distractions when we try to pray, imagine what our interior chamber looks like when we're not trying to pray! And yet, unless we learn to keep our hearts open and clear, like the inside of a violin, we will never be able to grow up, spiritually speaking; we may have a good time being distracted by the glitter and noise of a consumer society, but we won't be growing in wisdom; and God's grace will never be able to produce the music that our lives were meant to produce.

Receipts for income tax ... will be ready for distribution in February. There's only one receipt for your contributions to the Parish for Sunday offerings, special collections, and your donations for 2016.

Breakfast at Saint Joseph's, Lancaster

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8715 St. Joseph, invite you to a breakfast in the parish hall (Lancaster) on Sunday, January 22nd from 9 am. to 12 noon. Free will offering.

Bingo at Ste-Therese-de-Lisieux Parish

Fr. Claude Thibault and the parishioners of Ste-Therese Parish invite you to a bingo on Thursday, January 19th in their parish hall. Doors and canteen open at 5:30 pm., early bird at 6:30 pm. and bingo starts at 7:00 pm. Pad of 15 cards for \$20 includes specials; additional cost for 50/50 games. Amount to be won \$1,100 plus the 50/50 games.

Are You Getting Married in 2017 or 2018?

If you are planning to get married in 2017 or 2018, please contact the rectory **as soon as possible**. We ask at least one year notice in order to give enough time to properly prepare everything. We also wish to remind couples who have decided to get married that, in our diocese, a marriage preparation course is required. For information or to register please call Marie at 613-933-1138.

Please Note

This bulletin is for 2 weeks so we ask that you keep it for Mass time reference.

2017 Envelopes

Please **do not use** your 2016 envelopes if you have any left. New numbers were assigned for 2017 and we want to make sure your account gets credited properly. If you have not picked up your 2017 envelopes please check the table at the back of the church and if you do not have any and would like a box of envelopes please call the office and we will prepare one for you.

Prayer from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

God of wisdom, you have placed us in this world and offer us signs and wonders as guides to follow you. Teach us to trust the stars you place in our path. Lead us to the mangers that proclaim your presence in the world. Help us to pay attention so we never participate in bringing harm to those who need our protection. Amen.

Mass of Thanksgiving – January 26, 2017

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Development & Peace by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The celebrant is Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J.

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017

Place: Nativity Co-Cathedral, Montreal Road, Cornwall

Time: 7:00 p.m. All are welcome



Bible Study: *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*

Our Lady of Grace and St. Pius the X Parish invite you to join them Feb.13 for 8 weeks for an engaging journey through the Bible. We will learn the big picture which is woven throughout Scripture, what it is all about and the Father's unfailing love for us. Cost is \$30/ person or couple (for the workbook). Please register with the church (613-537-2244) no later than Jan. 24 (we need to order the books). For more information call Maureen at 537 8137.

From His Fullness We Have Received Mercy

In a homily, St Bernard of Clairvaux said that when we look at the Baby Jesus, it's as though God the Father sent a purse full of his mercy. It was a very small purse, but it was very full. Jesus is that purse of God's mercy.

- And we need to receive the money of God's mercy before we can offer him anything in return.
- The gospel we just read tells us that the wise men opened their treasures. They opened their hearts to receive Christ's mercy.
- From his fullness, we have received mercy. Before the wise men could offer anything, they had to open their treasures. They had to open their history to Jesus; they had to allow his mercy to fill their hearts with joy.
- They had to experience, as the psalm today put it, that "God shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him... The lives of the poor he shall save."
- God's mercy reveals his reverence for the human person – for each human person - created in his image and likeness.
- We need to experience this again and again in our lives. When we experience the merciful love of Jesus, it becomes a gift for others too
- We're able to help them experience the transforming power of God's mercy, and share it with others.

Like the wise men, we have received mercy from the fullness of God's love.

