

2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6th		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY OFFERING</u> <u>November 30, 2014</u></p> <p>Env - \$2724.10 Loose - \$276.20 Flowers \$390.00 Heat <u>\$1904.95</u> Total = \$5295.25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU!!!</p> <p>We are in need of some volunteers for the Children's Liturgy for 11am mass as well as 9am mass. Yes we are looking at putting a team together for the both masses on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping please speak to Father Jacques after mass or send an email to the parish office.</p>
5:00pm	Denise St. Laurent by Leo & Leila Thauvette	
Sunday, December 7th		
9:00 am	Ronald Sauve by Margo Boucher	
11:00am	Pro Populo	
Monday, December 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
NO MASS		
Tuesday, December 9th		
4:00 pm	Bob Szymczak (10 th ann.) By Walter & family	
Wednesday, December 10th		
8:00 am	Donald Cameron by his estate	
Thursday, December 11th		
8:00 am	For the Souls in Purgatory by the Theoret family	
Saturday, December 13th Saint Lucy		
5:00pm	For the intentions of the Boisvenue family by Rolland & Lise	
Sunday, December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent		
9:00am	Gorgonia Aquino by Teresa & David Yee & family	
11:00am	Pro Populo	

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **“In Thanksgiving** by a parishioner”.

Welcome

Welcome to Fr. Tim Nelligan who is celebrating at all our Masses this weekend.

Note: We must close the Parish Financial Books on December 31st, 2014. All money received after that date will be credited for 2015. If you wish that your donations be included in your 2014 income tax receipt, please bring it in before December 31st, 2014.

Ladies Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP DUES members are reminded that the 2015 dues (\$20) should be paid by the end of December 2014. 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!

Christmas Mass and Dinner . . .Tuesday, December 9th starting with Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by a social hour and dinner in the parish hall.

If you are a member and would like to attend please have your \$25 per person into the office or given to Sandra Sauve by Monday, December 1st. (Just a reminder that spouses are invited also.)

Spiritual & Pastoral Help Needed

Father Claude Hallé is looking to find 2 more volunteers to help him administer Spiritual & Pastoral care in 2 homes. If interested, please call him at 613-933-6097.

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 20th, 2014** 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 Welcome!



CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year Christmas Masses for 2014

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 arrangements 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.

Monday, **December 15th** from 7pm to 8pm at **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Tuesday, **December 16th**, from 7pm to 8pm at **Saint Andrew's Parish**

Wednesday, **December 17th** from 2pm to 3pm at **Saint Columban's Parish**

Bingo

Fr. Claude and the members of **Ste-Thérèse Parish** invite you to their BINGO on December 11th in their parish hall. Doors open at 6:00pm, Early Bird at 6:30pm and bingo starts at 7:00pm. Amount to be won at the BINGO is \$900 plus the 50/50 games.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ladies Auxiliary Bake / Quilt sale. The bake sale was a great success with us raising \$794.60. The quilt was won by Kay Stone, congratulations Kay. A sincere thank you to Sister Barbara who made and donated the quilt for the sale. Ticket sales on the quilt amounted to \$816.75.

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.

Sunday Missals for Sale

We have received the 2015 missals for the church pews. If you would like a personal copy you can purchase one for \$3.00 by contacting the rectory.

Mary of Nazareth (Bishop's Pix)

In time for the Christmas season, an epic new motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. This full-length feature film about the life of Our Lady, shot in English in High Definition, was filmed in Europe in very authentic locales with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling and inspired portrayal of Mary. The movie is showing at the Port Theatre each evening at 7 pm. from **December 5th to the 19th**. There will be matinees during the week from Monday to Friday beginning at 1:30

New Year's Eve Ball

Knights of Columbus Hall - 205 Amelia Street
Wednesday, December 31, 2014 from 8:00 pm to
1:00 am. A hot & cold buffet will be served at 12:00
midnight. Music by Crazy Dave - Door prizes &
spot dances. For more information or to purchase
tickets, please call 613-932-7600.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

St. Francis de Sales Parish Knights of Columbus
11531 invite you to their Family Breakfast on
Sunday, December 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in their parish hall. Cost: \$7.00, everyone welcome.

St. Anthony's Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 7, 2014 From 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Apple Hill
(Bake sale, crafts, white elephant table, children's
fishpond and more! Everyone Welcome

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

Finding yourself alone on Christmas Day? Why not join
your extended family in Jesus Christ for a luncheon at
the Agora Catholic Centre, Christmas Day from 12:00
noon till 3:00 pm. On the menu: Turkey with all the
fixings, wine, desert, tea & coffee. There is no cost for
this meal but if you would like to bring a donation of non
perishable goods for St. Vincent de Paul, it would be
greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer
at this luncheon, please contact Darlene Walsh at 613-
703-7696 or by e-mail at dtwalsh@sympatico.ca

SAVE THE DATE: August 7-9, 2015 for Steubenville Toronto: A Mega Catholic Youth Conference for Teens

An exciting Catholic Youth Conference called
"Steubenville Toronto" will be taking place in
Toronto, from August 7-9, 2015. Over 2,000 young
people (Gr. 8-12) will gather to celebrate and grow
their faith. It is strongly Catholic with great young
speakers, fantastic music and truly beautiful
celebrations of our faith. The Diocese of
Alexandria-Cornwall will be taking a group to the
conference this year. For more info, please Sr.
Francine, FMA at info@acgoes2to.ca.

TIS THE SEASON

The Centennial Choir of Cornwall happily invites
you to its highly anticipated Christmas Concerts
held on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. and
on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at St.
John's Presbyterian Church, 28 Second Street East.
Tickets are \$15.00 for Adults and \$8:00 for children
under 12. You can purchase your tickets at St.
John's Church Office, the Lottery Kiosk at the
Cornwall Square, Home Hardware on Pitt & 13th ,
from Choir members or by calling 613-936-1131.
Come Celebrate the Hope, Peace, Joy and Good
news of the Season.

**Blessed is the season which engages the whole
world in a conspiracy of love! ~Hamilton Wright
Mabie**

God Never Forgets about Us

All of us have experienced pessimistic moments. Sometimes we experience pessimism because no matter what we do we can't seem to avoid suffering; painful things just keep happening to us and those we love. Sometimes we experience discouragement because we can't seem to avoid sin; we just keep falling into the same patterns of greed, lust, impatience, and laziness. Sometimes we experience cynicism when we look at society and see so much that is wrong, so much injustice, degradation, and violence. Today, as we start the Second week of Advent, God has something to say about pessimism, discouragement, and cynicism. He is saying: pessimism, discouragement, cynicism will all come knocking at your door, but don't let them in! Do not let yourself be afraid, because I am your Lord and Savior, and I have not forgotten about you! *This is the message* of the Gospel, where we hear St John the Baptist's voice ring out with hope in the wilderness of pessimism: the Lord is coming! of Isaiah, who preaches comfort to God's sinful people, reminding them that he is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs of his flock (us) in his arms. *Of the Second Reading:* even if it seems that God is absent, has forgotten about us, or is powerless to help us, we know that he is simply waiting for the right moment to send in his grace. For God, a thousand years are like a day, St Peter reminds us, and a day is like a thousand years; what seems like a long wait for us is in reality just the blink of an eye. Advent is our yearly reminder that God has not forgotten about us, no matter how we may feel. In fact, he never stops thinking of us, and he is leading us with care to our everlasting reward.