

## *Feast of the Holy Family*

<b>Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup></b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b> <b>December 21, 2014</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Env -</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$2968.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Loose -</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$244.25</td></tr> <tr><td>Christmas</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$210.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Flowers</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$315.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Heat</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 20.00</u></td></tr> <tr><td><b>Total =</b></td><td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$3757.25</b></td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THANK YOU!!!</b></p> <p><b>Office Hours</b> Please note that the office will close at noon on December 31<sup>st</sup> and open on Monday, January 5, 2015.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> We must close the Parish Financial Books on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.</p>	Env -	\$2968.00	Loose -	\$244.25	Christmas	\$210.00	Flowers	\$315.00	Heat	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$3757.25</b>
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<b>Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup></b>														
9:00 am	<b>George &amp; Elaine Jackson</b> by Yvon & Carolyn Paquin													
11:00am	<b>Pro Populo</b>													
<b>Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup></b>														
8:00 am	<b>Maureen Baker</b> by Ray Baker													
<b>Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup></b>														
8:00 am	<b>David Delorme</b> by Jean-Guy & Carol Lalonde													
<b>Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>      New Year's Eve</b>														
5:00 pm	<b>Bernie Sauve</b> by Sandra Sauve													
<b>Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>              New Year's Day</b>														
10:00 am	<b>Pro Populo</b>													
<b>Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>														
5:00pm	<b>James Foley</b> by John & Judy Foley													
<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>              The Epiphany of the Lord</b>														
9:00am	<b>Pro Populo</b>													
11:00am	<b>Tito Dacara</b> by Emer Ellis & family													

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week **“To provide a loving light for those whose path is darkened with addiction”** by Michael & Anne McKinnon.

**Holy Family Sunday Today is Holy Family Sunday; I will be blessing the families after each mass.**

### *Fr. Jacques' New Year's Message*

*Dear parishioners!*

*I offer my best wishes for a very Happy New Year to each and every one of you. I pray to the Lord that this New Year will be as beautiful and as prosperous as possible. May the blessings of the Lord be upon you and your family as we enter into a new year!*

*I would like to thank every one for your friendship. A special “thank you” to the kind people who have been so generous with me on the occasion of Christmas (gifts, cards with good wishes, words of encouragement, pastries, etc.) It was wonderful! Thank you! And may the Lord reward you for it.*

*God love you!*

**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 2014.

## **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 all Catholics. Mass therefore is obligatory. Let's come in large numbers to celebrate the Maternity of Mary and start 2015 in prayer.

### **Baptism Meeting**

The next meeting for parents who are planning on having their child baptized in the near future will take place on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. Please call the office to register.

### **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.

### **Women's Morning of Reflection**

Please join us on January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 am till 12 noon at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre on Chevrier Street (behind Nativité Church) for a morning of fellowship which includes Mass, a light breakfast, a talk, confession and the rosary. Our speaker will be Bishop Marcel who will speak on Vocation (part 2). A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. For information, call Heidi at 613-347-7561 or Marilyn at 613-537-2021.

### **Bingo at Ste-Thérèse-de-Lisieux Parish**

Bingo will be held on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Amount to be won at each Bingo night: \$900 plus the 50/50 games. Everyone welcome!

### **Quilles Nativité Bowl**

From December 20 through to December 30th you can bowl 2 games for just \$5 (includes your shoes). It's a great way to spend some time with family since all ages can play. Join us at Quilles Nativité Bowl (301 McConnell Ave, Cornwall) from 10 to 8. Call 613-933-0590 to reserve your lane. You are also invited to join us for New Year's Eve. You can bowl from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm or from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm. For just \$20 a person (children 6 and under are free) you get unlimited bowling, shoes, pizza, popcorn, party favours and a DJ and countdown. Call and reserve today at 613-933-0590.

### **When the Game Stands Tall**

Beginning on Boxing Day through to January 2nd the Port Theatre will be showing WHEN THE GAME STANDS TALL starring Jim Caveziel (who played Jesus in The Passion). It tells the remarkable journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur (Jim Caviezel), who took the De La Salle High School Spartans, a San Francisco area Catholic high school for boys, from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport. Evening shows are at 7:15 p.m. and matinée showings at 1:30 p.m. All seats are \$7.50, with \$1.00 from each ticket going to support the Cornwall Wildcats Cornwall Minor Football Association.

**Come sing with us!** Join us as we praise Our Lord through music. Open to all who love God and love to sing. God gave us our voices, good and not so good... we give them back to Him with our Praise and Worship music. St. Peter's Parish, 6:30-7:30 on Thursdays January 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16.

### **Could you use a boost of pure joy, inspiration, and encouragement?**

Then plan to attend this year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9am – 5:30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. The theme this year "The Happiness Factor" will fill you with certainty of the abiding love and joy that God has for His people. Keynote Speaker, Al Kresta, CEO of Ave Maria Catholic Radio, and host of Kresta in the Afternoon, aired on EWTN, will be joined by the Renewal Ministries team of Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and Peter Herbeck. In addition to compelling talks and uplifting music, there will be prayer ministry, inspiring personal testimonies, confession, a Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic procession. Closing Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins. A separate Youth Rally (13-18 yrs.) will be held simultaneously in the theatre next door to the Adult Rally. Tickets are \$10 for the Youth Rally and \$20 for the Adult Rally. Be sure to get yours for what will be a memorable day. And, even better, evangelize by bringing a friend! For general information, call 416-251-4255 or email LJHR@rogers.com or visit [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org)

## **We need your help**

Our church is a beautiful place of worship. We are asking for your assistance in keeping it clean by removing your Kleenex, water bottles, bulletins, etc. before you leave Mass. This act of kindness will help keep our parish clean and welcoming for people at other masses.

**Come Celebrate New Year's Eve with Jesus** at St. Anthony's Church, in Apple Hill. Adoration will take place from 11 pm to midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> followed by Midnight Mass.

**St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 Roast Beef Dinner** on Thursday, 15th January 2015 in their Parish Hall. Two sittings to accommodate all 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$10, Children: \$5

## **Thank You**

On behalf of the Children's Christmas Fund Committee, a sincere Thank You to all who so generously contributed to the CWL Jell-O Food Drive. The response was "Overwhelming over 2,570 boxes were collected. On December 17th they were distributed in Christmas Baskets to help over 1,300 needy families. Your participation was greatly appreciated. Our church collected 406 boxes.

## **DON'T MISS THE POINT!**

Once upon a time there lived in Bethlehem a woman named Babushka. She kept the cleanest and neatest house in town and was also the best cook. She heard rumors of three kings coming across the desert but paid no attention to them because she had so much work to do. Then she heard the sounds of drums and pipes and a cavalcade of riders. She looked out the window and there were three richly dressed kings coming towards her house. They told her that they had come to honor the little prince who had been born in Bethlehem and they needed food and lodging. Babushka cooked a wonderful meal for them, remade all the beds, and wore herself out. The next morning the kings begged her to come with them so she too might see the little prince. Babushka said she would follow after them as soon as she finished the dishes. She cleaned the house again and then took out of a cabinet the toys of her own little prince who had died so long ago. She had no more need of them and would give them to the new little prince. She put them in a basket and sat down for a moment's rest before she followed the wise men. Hours later she woke up, grabbed the basket, and rushed into town. But the kings were gone and so was the little prince and his parents. Ever after, it is said, Babushka has followed after them. Whenever she finds a new born babe, she looks to see if he is the little prince. Even if he (or in our days she too) is not there, Babushka leaves a toy for the child. I think she probably found the prince early on, but we still should learn from her lesson: we should never let the important interfere with the essential.

## **Finding Faith Amid Financial Woes**

Jon Carlton is an average Catholic man who came to understand this truth as a result of the financial difficulties that many of us have been facing over recent months. He was hit hard: forty percent of all he's worked for and built up in his insurance firm disappeared overnight. The savings for his children's college education has also dwindled, and his retirement plan was no longer even worth looking at. Three of his closest friends found themselves in the same boat. But before the credit crunch, when business was good, these four friends had planned a pilgrimage to Rome. In the face of economic strain, they had to decide if a pilgrimage was really worth it. When they looked at their bank accounts, they thought it wasn't; but when they looked at their hearts, they knew it was. And so, they spent a week visiting Rome's basilicas and catacombs, attending a papal audience, and touring the priceless collections of the Vatican Museums. At every stop, they found themselves deeply moved by the thought that behind everything they saw was the deep, ancient faith of patrons, priests, artists, bricklayers and stone masons who had given their time, talent, and treasure for the glory of God. For Jon, the spiritual highlight of the trip was found in one of Eternal City's humblest attractions: the Holy Stairs (Scala Santa). These are the marble steps of Pontius Pilate's presidium, where he passed judgment on Christ. St Helen had shipped them from Jerusalem in the fourth century, reconstructing them in a small sanctuary in Rome. For more than a thousand years, pilgrims have visited this site by climbing the stairs on their knees as they pray the Way of the Cross. "It was when I was climbing those steps on my knees," Jon said, "that I realized there's so much more to life. There's Someone who accompanies us." And that's the point. Whether we are experiencing the weight of the Cross or a whiff of heaven, what matters is the faith in Christ that gives meaning and purpose to everything we do. Material prosperity and hardship come and go; the love of Christ is stable.