Cluster Parishes of

St. John de Brebeuf

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St. Anthony of Padua

PO Box 3

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Star of the Sea (Mission)

Pelee Island Mass once a month weather permitting. Call office for time e-mail: johnanthony@dol.ca www.johnanthony.dol.ca Volunteer email: volunteerjohnanthony@dol.ca



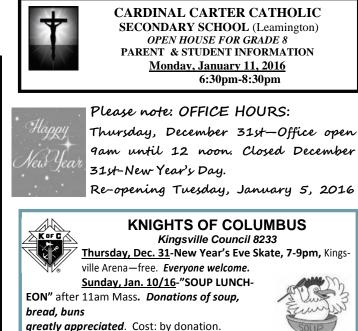
Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY & EPIPHANY

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS January 5-January 8, 2016

Tuesday	Lenore Shuttleworth
7pm	Jose Cacilhas
St. Anthony	Maria Silva
Wednesday	John & Mary Sutak Sr.
7pm	Fr. Des Scanlon
St. John	Pauline Vermette
Thursday	John & Maria Alice Silva
10am	Souls In Purgatory
St. Anthony	Maria A. Silva
Friday	Maria Rosa Ribeiro (40th A.)
9:30am	Mariannina Papillo
St. Anthony	Roger Vercruysse
	<u>NO MASSES DEC. 29-JAN. 4, 2016</u>

DECEMBER 27 & JANUARY 3, 2016



With all the misunderstanding and prejudice regarding helping Syrian Refugees...this article is a must read in the light of our parish cluster preparing to welcome a Syrian family:

Cost: by donation.

I hear sometimes, the argument, that by providing comfort and shelter to refugees within our borders, we as a nation, have somehow elevated the foreigner against the citizen. If, the argument goes, we have our own poor, homeless and neglected veterans and vulnerable, should we not seek to lift them from suffering first? After all, they were born here. Indeed, our nation has not always done all it could. Walk downtown in any major city, and you'll find the homeless, the mentally ill, the jobless panhandler sleeping in the street. We see them. We see them, usually, from the comfort of our air conditioned SUV or car, on the way home to our cozy abodes in the suburbs. Another argument I hear, is that by accepting refugees, we become vulnerable, burdened, and open ourselves to the prospect of infiltration by those who seek to do us harm. It is an argument based on fear, mistrust, and suspicion, often with a tinge of bigoted racism or intolerance. A determined terrorist, frankly, would be far more likely to slip onto our shores more covertly, or recruit from within, rather than subject themselves to intensive and exhaustive screening as a refugee. This is a great and powerful nation, one of few on earth that has been blessed with a vastness of resources, and a people who value and respect humanity, and embrace it. It is true, we have our own problems here, but even the least of us, the poorest of us, the most destitute of us, lives in peace, without fear of bombs dropping on our home, or being mowed down in the streets by machine gun fire. We do not worry about our wives and children being sold into slavery here. If there is one roof in this country that can shelter another human being from the tragedy and horror of war, it is our duty, to open that door and bring them under it. We cannot help all who need it, and seek it, but we can help some, and this we must do, for no other reason that we can. We fear the enemy, we fear the poor, we fear the injured and sick, not because of them, but because of ourselves. We believe, wrongly, that by reaching out to them, by loving them, that we lose something. The truth is, that by embracing the call to help, we gain strength, in ourselves, and for others. The strength to heal. The strength of peace. I am proud of this country, and I welcome all who seek its shelter from war, oppression, violence and intolerance. It has always been dangerous to love, to embrace the enemy as a friend, and it requires faith and courage to do so. Sons and daughters of this nation have that courage, and my faith is in them. Author: Thomas Hensel

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SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S MASSES

St. Anthony (New Year's Eve)—Thursday, December 31-*NO MASS* St. Anthony (New Year's Day)—Friday, Jan. 1 10am ONLY



St. John (New Year's Eve)—Thursday, December 31-5pm ONLY St. John (New Year's Day)—Friday, Jan. 1st-NO MASS



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE St. John de Brebeuf

2016 Membership dues (\$25) -due by the end of this year. Please place your dues in an envelope and mark on the *outside* "CWL Dues"-drop in collection basket or church office. *Thank you to our members who have paid already.*

New members always welcome!

A NOTE REGARDING 2016 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

As always, we thank you for your support of the parish cluster by way of our Sunday Collection. For your information there are a total of 180 boxed envelopes that go out from St. Anthony's and from St. John's a total of 247.

Most people who request envelopes use them on a fairly to regular basis; however, there are some who use them very sporadically (i.e. one to four times a year) others, never.

In order to save on paper and office work, boxed envelopes are not distributed to those who have not used them during the past year or only a few times throughout the year.

As always, if you require an income tax receipt, your donation must be accompanied with your complete mailing address. All donations are recorded but only if an address is given. If you would like to consider or know more about PAD,

(Pre-Authorized Donation) please get in touch with the office @519-733-6591.

Once again, many thanks for your continued financial support.

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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SYRIAN REFUGEE "PASTA DINNER" FUNDRAISER WHEN: Thursday,



January 28th, from 5-9pm

WHERE: Colasanti's, Ruthven

Cost: Adults: \$12, Kids 4-12: \$7, 3 & under free

Raffles, 50/50 draw, Bake Sale For tickets: Call Jennifer @733-2982 or Colleen @733-8245.

Tickets also available at the church office on January 5, 2016. Please support this important endeavour.

Syrian Refugee Sponsorship UPDATE:

Our clustered parish is moving forward with the sponsorship of a Syrian Refugee family. We have set a goal of collecting \$30,000 by Jan 31, 2016 to be able to fund the project. **Donations can be made in any of the following ways:**

Cheque (made out to St. John de Brebeuf/St. Anthony) or cash. These donations may be put into an envelope clearly marked "Refugee Sponsorship", *marked with your name and address on the <u>outside of the envelope</u>* and placed into the collection basket at any of the weekly Masses.

THIS IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF DONATION. Donations can also be dropped off at the

church office during business hours. Contact Michael or Jennifer Binder (St. John de Brebeuf) at 519-733-2982 or <u>itos14mb@gmail.com;</u>

or Colleen Marcuzzi (St. Anthony) at 519-733-8245 or <u>cmar-</u> <u>cuzzi5897@gmail.com</u> to set up a donation pick-up or drop off. We have set up a Go Fund Me account so people can make a donation online. This is a great option for those outside of our local community such as Facebook or email contacts who would like to donate, but do not live close by. There is a cost to us for this option which is why we prefer direct donations, but this is an easy and safe way to donate for those not able to get to the church. The web page is: www.GoFundMe.com/ refugeesponsor -please share this with all of your contacts.

RETROUVAILLE

The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. It has saved 10's of 1000's of marriages headed for divorce. **THE NEXT WEEKEND IS:**

JANUARY 15-17, 2016 Call 519-243-0687 or website: <u>www.retrouvaille.org</u>

> NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES (2016)

The new offertory envelopes for 2016

are ready for pick up. <u>Please do not</u> use until the New Year since numbers might have changed.

Please make sure your correct name and address is on your envelope box. *If there are any errors, notify the office asap* @519-733-6591.

