

When John the Baptist was asked what they should do, he said whoever has two coats must share with someone who has none. If they have food to eat, they must ensure the hungry are fed. Bear in mind that Jesus comes not as a great ruler in flowing robes of gold and silk, but as a vulnerable child who requires our concern, nurturing and care.

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**DECEMBER 16, 2018**

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon

### MASSES & SACRAMENTS

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM
Sunday	7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Tuesday – Friday	7:30 AM
Confession	Saturdays, 3 – 4 PM (or by appointment)
Baptism	Please notify one month in advance
Marriages	Please notify 6 months in advance

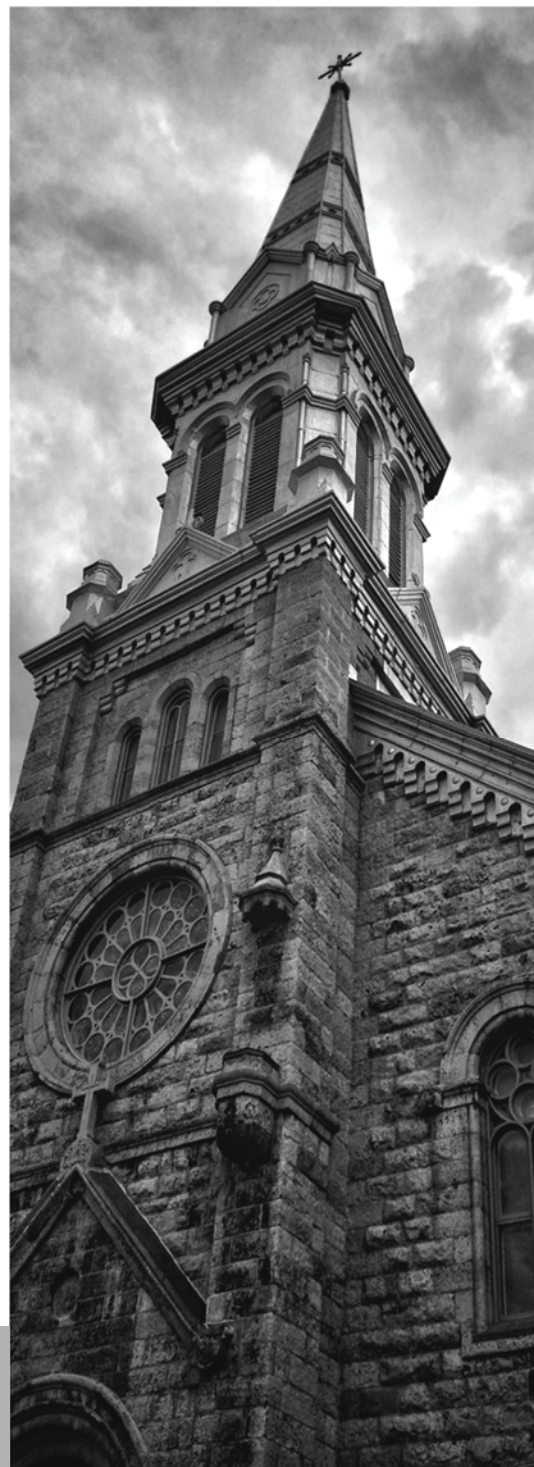
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# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

## Saturday, December 15th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 5:30 p.m. Bertha, Robert & Donnie Depatie by Pauline & Family

## Sunday, December 16th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Dave Bellefeuille by Jack & Maureen  
 11:00 a.m. Charlie McDonald by Darlene Brabant  
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Reception

## Monday, December 17th ADVENT WEEK 3

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

## Tuesday, December 18th

7:30 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family  
 7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service - Blessed Sacrament Parish

## Wednesday, December 19th

7:30 a.m. Joe & Helen MacInnis by Teresa Macinnis  
 2:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service

## Thursday, December 20th

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Her Family

## Friday, December 21st ST. PETER CANISIUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for our Godchildren & Their Families by Carole & Richard Pilon  
 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Confessions

## Saturday, December 22nd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **No Confessions**  
 5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Primeau Family by Pauline Primeau

## Sunday, December 23rd FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by The Patron's Foundation  
 11:00 a.m. Germaine Lafrance (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death) by Gilles & Diane Lafrance

## Monday, December 24th ADVENT WEEK 4

5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner  
 7:00 p.m. Barbara & Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family  
 Midnight Anna Shafer by Doug & Jane Anderson

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."*  
 - *Philippians 4:6*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

An invitation is extended to all parish volunteers to attend. The reception will be held in the Rectory from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday December 16, 2018.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK 2018 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear beloved, Christmas is a joyous season when we send cards, gifts and goodwill messages to our loved ones. Beyond these beautifully-made Christmas cards, gifts and goodwill messages, lies the goodwill of the sender and a yearning for togetherness. Surely this season is about hope and faith for many people. Hope that we get to spend Christmas with our loved ones; hope also that the New Year will bring us blessings, happiness, success, and prosperity.

There is no doubt that for some people, the Christmas holidays are anything but merry. For some who face uphill battles of grief, loss of a loved one, loneliness, poverty, untreated trauma, disability and/or infirmity, the revelry of the season may be an annoyance, and the merriment diluted or absent. For such people, the Christmas season can be a time for angst and broken heartedness – and a great opportunity for those of us who revel in the season. Though it may be difficult to know what to say or do to help someone who experiences sadness or a sort of hopelessness during such a festive period, but a little love and kindness can go a long way in lifting the spirits of someone who is depressed or downcast.

Beloved friends, we urge you, even if you are having difficulty "getting in the Christmas spirit", look around you this Christmas season with the eyes of faith. In as much as we Christians are called to tend to the poor, the sick, the disabled, widows and orphans, there is always someone around who needs a special friend, especially at Christmas. The Good News is that you can be that friend, by reaching out to those in need and help him or her (to) discover that a friend in need is a friend indeed. May the wonderful joy, peace, and love which Christ brought to us in this season never depart from us. We wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI, PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
 REV. DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM,  
 MEMBERS OF PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m., Tuesday December 18 – Blessed Sacrament  
 2 p.m., Wednesday December 19 – St. Columban

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m.,  
 7:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight  
 Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m.  
 New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

## OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

Parish Office will close on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and will remain closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## OFFICE NEW YEAR HOURS

Parish Office will close on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. and will remain closed until January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a  
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7  
 Gospel: Luke 3.10-18  
 The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

## IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

### PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Confessions On Sat. Dec 22, 2018. Please see bulletin for the Advent Penitential Services.

### FATHER ERNEST VACATION

Fr Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 28 – Feb 08. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Fr. Donnelly and Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

### PLEASE NOTE

While Fr. Ernest is away there will be no morning masses on Mondays & Tuesdays and no Saturday afternoon confessions.

### ANGELS OF HOPE PROJECT

This year we would like to give you the opportunity of sharing the Christmas spirit with children from our community. **Angels of Hope** is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. If you would like to help out, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass which will include the age and sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, we have used fictitious names for the children. Please **DO NOT WRAP** the gift, but place in an appropriate **GIFT BAG**. Please return the gift to the Church no later than **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400. On behalf of the children served at the **Children's Treatment Centre**, I thank you for your kindness and your spirit of sharing.

### NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

As we begin the season of Advent today, we also begin a new Church year and therefore the need for a **NEW MISSAL**, as you will notice in the pews. These are needed for all year. If you would like your own copy, some are available on the Book Table for \$4.50 each.

### BOOK TABLE NEWS

A few **ADVENT BOOKLETS** are available for your daily reading during this holy season. **SUNDAY MISSALS** are available on the Book table to purchase (\$4.50). Please do NOT remove them from the pews as they are needed for the coming year. **CATHOLIC CALENDARS** for 2019 have finally arrived! You have three choices of beautiful Christian art to choose from. (\$5.00)

### ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	3,441.50
Loose Collection	384.20
Chili Supper	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,975.70</b>

### FOR DECEMBER 02, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	4,141.60
Loose Collection	276.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,417.70</b>

### PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. All monies received after Dec 30, 2018 will be credited for 2019.

### 2019 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church. **Please confirm number on label matches number in box.** If you do not see your box of envelopes call the Parish Office.

### ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?

Join us for our **5<sup>TH</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER** from 12:00- 2:00p.m. At the **AGORA HALL** (Nativity Hall) 301 McConnell St. South, Cornwall. **NO CHARGE (but donations gladly accepted for next year)** **NEED TRANSPORTATION?** To Arrange for pick up call Alison 613-662-4719 two weeks prior. **ELEVATOR ACCESSIBLE.**

### TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

The Centennial Choir of Cornwall invites you to their Christmas Concert, "Together at Christmas" at Aultsville Theatre on **Friday, December 14, at 7:30 pm**. The music ensures to please and delight! Tickets are available at The Lottery Kiosk, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cornwall Square, Home Hardware, Pitt and 13<sup>th</sup> in Cornwall and from choir members or call Marianne at 613-528-1414. Adults \$20. Children 12 and under \$10.

### WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sat. Jan. 5 from 9:30 am - 12:00 at the Centre Charles-Emile Claude on Chevrier St., Cornwall, for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker will be Joan Levy Earl. Her talk, "Living in the Present" will focus on how the Holy Spirit and Our Lady aid us in the growth of our faith. For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613 347 7561 or Marilynn Light 613 537 2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. Please join us.

### 2019 CHURCH CALENDARS

A reminder that the calendars are for sale at the back of the church, and will go fast! For only \$5.00 you get a calendar with beautiful religious artwork and lots of liturgical information.

### MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Each year during Advent we embark on our annual fund raising initiative. We are an independent all-volunteer group, with no funding from outside agencies, and thus rely on the goodwill of our donors to assist us. The needy continue to exist, in fact are growing in numbers, and each month we assist some 320 local clients at our emergency food bank. We will spend in excess of \$10,000 on food and gift vouchers for our Christmas Baskets, which will serve 430 clients (125 children). We are a federally registered charity and will provide tax receipts for donations in excess of \$10.00. A donation envelope is available in this bulletin or at the back of the church if you feel you have the means to contribute to our cause. Charity is one of our guiding principles, as is assisting the poor, and this is an opportunity to address both.



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