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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner
7:00 p.m. Jack Tyo by the Estate
Midnight Yvonne Haineault (25th Anniversary of Death) by Daughter Jackie Sheney & Family

Sunday, December 25th CHRISTMAS-NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, December 26th FEAST of ST. STEPHEN

7:30 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday, December 27th FEAST OF ST. JOHN

7:30 a.m. Mary Patrice by Brian Lynch & Katie Burke

Wednesday, December 28th FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

7:30 a.m. Anna Van den Broeck by Husband Herman

Thursday, December 29th ST. THOMAS BECKET (OM)

7:30 a.m. Ernie Filion by Catharine & Chris Dupras

Friday, December 30th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH (F)

7:30 a.m. Gerald Parisien by the Family

Saturday, December 31st ST. SYLVESTER I (OM)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family

Sunday, January 01st SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Hildred Patricia Myers by St. Columban's Finance Council

Monday, January 02nd ST. BASIL THE GREAT and ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M)

7:30 a.m. No Mass

READINGS – VIGIL & MIDNIGHT MASS

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7
2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14
Gospel: Luke 2.1-16

To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Christ.

READINGS – CHRISTMAS DAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10
2nd Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6
Gospel: John 1.1-18

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

FATHER ERNEST - VACATION

Father Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 27 – Feb 10. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Msgr. Harty, Fr. Donnelly, Fr. Halle & Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy on Dec 25 and Jan 01. Classes will resume on Jan 08, 2017. Thank you,

PARISH FINANCIALS & INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its financial books on December 29th. All money received after that date will be credited for 2017. If you wish your donations be included on your 2016 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on December 29th. Thank you.

Archbishop Terence Prendergast

Archbishop Terence Prendergast will preside at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 1st followed by a Bishop's Levee in St. Columban's Activity Center, upstairs in the Agape Building. Please join the Archbishop and fellow members of our Faith Community.

Intercessory Prayer - Bring a friend - Join us as we bring in the New Year with Prayer!!

Thank you to all those attending our monthly evening of Intercessory Prayer. Our next evening will take place on Thursday, January 4, 2016, 7pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and fellowship. If you would like more information, please call Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com

ST. COLUMBAN – MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Saturday December 24th - 5 p.m.,
7 p.m., 12 midnight

Christmas Day Sunday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

New Year's - Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Saturday December 31st – 5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Sunday January 1st – 9:30 a.m., &
Office Hours – Christmas 11:00 a.m.

Thursday December 22nd Office closed 12 noon

Monday December 26th Office closed

Tuesday December 27th Office closed

Office Hours - New Years

Thursday December 29th Office closed 12 noon

Monday January 02nd Office closed

Tuesday January 03rd Office closed

COMMUNION STATION LOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH

Communion Stations are Located Center Front and Halfway Down Center Aisle. Please exit pews from the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Please lift the kneelers in your pews. Thank you.

IN OUR PARISH

2016 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE DEAR ONES

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ another Christmas is here with us. There is no doubt that many of us may not have the privilege of celebrating this Christmas with loved ones due to some other commitment or circumstances, beyond our control, take heart, Jesus is with us!

How wonderful for us to gather each year to celebrate Christmas as a family, celebrating the birthday of a loved one. Jesus birth is so important and needs to be celebrated each year to remind us to make room in our hearts for Him. For He made room for us when He chose to obey God's plan to send Him to earth in the flesh.

The Christmas message is that of love, joy and hope to every believer in Christ Jesus, the Son of God. The story of the glad tidings that we hear in the church today reminds us of the great love of God for His daughters and sons all over the world.

As Christians, we are reminded to love as Christ loved us; we are challenged to grow in love to be more and more like Christ during this Christmas. Let us remind ourselves again that Christmas is also a time for peace, reconciliation and forgiveness of one another.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to mass or sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.

For those who are finding life difficult and burdensome at this Christmas and those who lost their love ones, we are with you as we extend our heartfelt sympathies and concerns. As a family of St. Columban, we do care and offer you our sincere support and prayers.

Finally, we wish to extend our gratitude to all who are working tirelessly to keep our parish vibrant. You are numerous to mention your names. These support range from financial donations, to the many who are donating their time, talents, and various gifts. We appreciate all of you and we value all your efforts.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved St. Columban Parish always.

Have a Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI & DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Natalie Levac & Don Lucas

St. Columban Collection Report for December 11

Sunday Envelopes	3972.00
Loose Collection	349.41
Christmas Offering	90.00
Priest Pension Fund	650.00
Total	\$ 5061.41

IN OUR DIOCESE

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

The angel reassured the shepherds that the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, means, "great joy for all the people" (Luke 2.10).

Canadians will celebrate with joy the Sesquicentennial of Confederation next year—150 Years of Canada!

We rejoice at the foundations laid by our forebears—our clergy, religious, and lay people—who have built our wonderful Catholic legacy of churches, institutions, and service.

We rejoice that, from earliest days, the Church of Alexandria-Cornwall has cared for the orphan, the widow, and the stranger.

In joy, Christians see Christ in the marginalized, the captive, and the elderly.

Pope Francis advocates joy, notably in his encyclical "The Joy of the Gospel" (Evangeli gaudium) and his exhortation "The Gladness of Love" (Amoris laetitia).

The Pope calls us to renew our encounter with Jesus. Joy will then flow into our encounters with others at home, at work, and in society generally. We will be "missionary disciples" to the lost, suffering, and broken people in our diocese.

Spontaneously, we rejoice at the sight of a newborn child. Each baby demonstrates God's creativity and goodness.

How much more joyful is it to contemplate the birth of Jesus Christ! Through it, God shines the light of his love into the darkness of the world.

The true joy of Christmas is the gift of eternal life Jesus has given us through his Cross and Resurrection. We celebrate this miraculous event begun on a dark winter's night two thousand years ago.

Mary and Joseph experienced the joy and the challenges of family life with the birth of Jesus in humble circumstances. Love and wonderment met in this tiny child. Today, we also meet Christ in our family. In times joyful or difficult, he is brought to birth in our homes and hearts.

This Christmas, may the example and intercession of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—enrich your family with the gifts of peace, mercy, and joy!

Merry Christmas!

✠Terrence Prendergast, S.J.

Apostolic Administrator

2017 PARISH ENVELOPES

Parish envelopes are available for pick up at the 4th St. Entrance. Please ensure number on envelope matches number on label. Note: Envelopes above 400 have been renumbered.

3RD ANNUAL CORNWALL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

3rd Annual Cornwall Community Christmas Luncheon at the Agora Hall, 301 McConnell Ave.

Are you alone this Christmas? Join us on Christmas day for a luncheon starting at 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for this luncheon but donations for next year are accepted. Come join your extended family! Wheelchair accessible with elevator!

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