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Feast of the Holy Family

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)

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

Sunday, December 29th HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Steve Guttentag by Rose Guttentag
 11:00 a.m. Christine Langlois by Gaughter Monica & Family

Monday, December 30th OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

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

Tuesday, December 31st ST. SYLVESTER (OM)

5:00 p.m. Janet Surgeson by Rick & Bernadette McRae

Wednesday, January 01st THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (S)

NEW YEARS DAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

Thursday, January 02nd ST. BASIL THE GREAT &

ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M)

7:30 a.m. Ray McNulty by a Parishioner

Friday, January 03rd SACRED HEART OF JESUS-FIRST FRIDAY

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Zita Andrews by Yolande Robinson

8:00 a.m. ADORATION

Saturday, January 04th IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY-FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of Our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Alice Taillon by Steve MacPherson & Family

Sunday, January 05th EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Robert Harrison by Carol Papps
 11:00 a.m. Janet Surgeson by Brian Lynch & Katie Burke

Monday, January 06th

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Wives be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything... Fathers, do not provoke your children..." Colossians 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 29TH

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21
 Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23
 Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

2020 NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD

With all our hearts, we wish to use this moment to wish you rich blessings and all the best for the New Year.

One great thing about a New Year is that it provides each one of us with the opportunity to look back over the past year and assess our failures and successes. Then we have a chance to set new goals and establish a new direction for the year ahead.

It is good to note that God does not view all our past mistakes and failures, but rather looks at where we are now in the present, and where we wish to be in the future. This provides us with a lot of optimism.

We can't change the past, but we can learn from our past mistakes and desire to do better. As to the future, we can use our human prudence to plan the best we can, but the reality is that we don't know what the future holds and have very little control over it. We have to focus our energy in the present so that it will help to shape the future.

In this New Year, We hope that you will all be filled with optimism for the future. Renewing our faith in the guiding hands of the Lord's Divine Providence, our anxiety will fade and angelic peace will take its place in our lives.

Finally, we thank our family of St. Columban and especially the volunteers of various ministries for your commitments to keep this Parish going this past year. Keep it up as we hope and pray for more co-operation and commitments in this New Year. Thank you so much for all you do! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI

REV. MR. CHRIS CHISHOLM & MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL

FATHER ERNEST VACATION

Fr. Ernest will be away on vacation from Jan 07 – Feb 07. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Fr. Claude Halle who will preside at all masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

FREE 5 WEEK BOOK STUDY

Come join us Monday evenings in St. Columban's Church beginning January 6, 2020, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm as we discuss Matthew Kelly's inspiring book "Rediscover the Saints."

Join us for CONVERSATION, PRAYER and REFRESHMENTS! For more information and to register for this free event, please call Rick and Bernadette McRae at 613-932-2872.



FIRST FRIDAY – JANUARY 3RD ADORATION

After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with a Time of Adoration, Prayer, Scripture & Meditation, closing with Benediction.



FIRST SATURDAY – JANUARY 4TH DEVOTION

Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m., Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m. Mass at 8 a.m. Come and pray.



IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS JANUARY INTENTIONS

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

NEW YEAR'S – MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Tuesday, December 31st Office closed at 12:00 noon
Wednesday, January 01st Office closed
Thursday, January 02nd Office closed

PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financials books on December 30th. All money received after December 30th will be credited for 2020. **If you wish that your donations be included on your 2019 Income Tax Receipt; please bring it in before noon on December 31st.** Thank you.

PARISH ENVELOPES

The parish envelopes are now available in the church. Please look carefully for your box of envelopes as all the numbers have now changed. Please call the Rectory with any address changes.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30th. All monies received after Dec 30, 2019 will be credited for 2020.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Bring a Friend

Our next evening will take place this Thursday, January 02, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our own intentions and those of our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Rick and Bernadette McRae at 613-932-2872.

ST. JULIAN'S CHAPEL

Anxious? Lonely? Depressed? Do you need peace? Come to Simply Adore Jesus at St. Julian's Chapel - 24/7 Perpetual Adoration. Behind St. Peter's Parish (side entrance). You are always welcome!



BULLETIN BOARD NOTICES

All notices/flyers must be brought to the office for approval before going on the bulletin boards in the church.

FAMILY BREAKFAST

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 are having a 'Family Breakfast' on Sunday, 26th January 2020 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. \$7.00/person. Everyone welcome.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 **Roast Beef Dinner** Thursday, 9th January 2020 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall \$12 per person.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 08, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	4,125.00
Loose Collection	330.15
Christmas Offering	70.00
Total	\$ 4,525.15

GET SET FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Kindergarten registration week takes place January 13th to 17th 2020 for students beginning Kindergarten in September 2020. All schools will be hosting open house events to give prospective students and parents/guardians an opportunity to tour the school, learn about the kindergarten program, and meet staff! Please visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a complete list of dates and times.

EVENING FOR THE LOVE OF CHOCOLATE

The Alexandria/Cornwall Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League will be hosting our annual 'Evening for the Love of Chocolate'. A large variety of tasty treats will be presented for your tasting on Friday, February 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cornwall Canadian Legion. You're encouraged to buy your tickets now because the event will be announced publicly in January. The cost is \$15.00 and can be purchased by calling Frances at 613-932-7392.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church offers us a wonderful way of bringing our intentions before the community so that we are not alone in our prayer. We can entrust a Mass intention for an individual, a group of individuals (for example, deceased family members) or a special prayer intention (for example, peace in the world). We welcome all those who would like to have a Mass or a number of Masses said for their intentions. Call the Parish Office (613-932-9616) for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

We warmly welcome new parishioners and visitors. If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Columban Parish, forms are available at the 4th Street Entrance to the Church or in person during office hours.

COMMUNION IN PEW

For those who are having mobility issues and need communion brought to the pew. Please notify Fr. Ernest or one of the Eucharistic Ministers before the start of Mass.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate simply put your donation in an envelope and address it to St. Vincent de Paul and deposit it in the weekly collection basket and it will get to us. If you provide your address, a tax receipt will be mailed to you for any donation in excess of \$10.00. Thank you for all your efforts.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us on Sat. Jan. 4 from 9 am. til noon at the Agora Centre, 301 McConnell Ave., Cornwall for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker is Joan Levy Earle and her talk is entitled "Helpmates of God". For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613-347-7561 or Marilyn Light 613-537-2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated.



Christ Is Everything for Us
"Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (Citation 6/02)

CUSHIONS FOR PEWS

Please note: Those who may need a little softness on the pew, cushions are available in the basket at the front and rear of the church. Please return cushion to basket at end of Mass.



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