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Feast of the Holy Family

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 30th **SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Sunday, December 31st **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (F)**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving For Favors Received by Elaine Delorme
11:00 a.m. Miroslawa "Mirka" Kuleszka by St. Columban's Finance Council
5:00 p.m. Joan Villeneuve by Joanne Vallee

Monday, January 1st **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, January 2nd **ST. BASIL THE GREAT and ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M)**
WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Elaine Lebrun by Florence & Bernadette

Wednesday, January 03rd **THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS (OM)**

7:30 a.m. Dominique Cinquina by Sharon Sinkus & Family

Thursday, January 04th

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Joubert by Exit Realty Family

Friday, January 05th **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - FIRST FRIDAY**

7:30 a.m. Mary Batty by Jane & Doug Anderson
8:00 a.m. Adoration

Saturday, January 06th **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**
FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Eileen Sullivan by Jean McLennan

Sunday, January 07th **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Guy Currier by Carolyn Filion
11:00 a.m. Mark Rose by Mom

Monday, January 8th **BAPTISM OF THE LORD (F)**
WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME

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

Tuesday, January 9th **1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 a.m. Jean Cameron by Doreen Hebert

READINGS – DEC 31ST **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

1st Reading: Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2.22-40 (Longer) or Luke 2.22, 25-27, 34-35, 39-40 (Shorter)

The child grew, filled with wisdom.

Alternate readings:

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-21
Gospel: Same as above.

ST. COLUMBAN - NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Sunday December 31st – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 & 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Monday January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

FATHER ERNEST'S VACATION

Father Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 28 – Feb 09. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Msgr. Harty, Fr. Emmanuel, Fr. Halle & Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Monday January 1st Office closed
Tuesday January 2nd Office closed
Wednesday January 3rd Office closed

WE HAVE A PARISH APP

Beginning today, you can download an app for our parish for your smartphone (iPhones and Androids.) The app, which is FREE, provides you with all sorts of things including, general parish info, mass times, the daily readings, Catholic, Vatican and Diocesan news and Catholic prayers. Just go to the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (other smartphones) and download myParish. Once you have downloaded the FREE myParish app, which is the hub for hundreds of parishes, you just follow the instructions to find our parish. If you have questions visit the diocesan website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

2018 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 at 613-932-9616.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Bring a Friend

Our next evening will take place on Thursday, January 4, 2018, 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 Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 28th. All monies received after Dec 28, 2017 will be credited for 2018. **If you want donations included on your 2017 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on Dec 28th.** Thank you.

ADORATION – FRI. JAN. 5TH

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 – SAT. JAN 6TH

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



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.

2018 NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD

Dear beloved!

A new year is about to begin and it is time to cherish the good memories of yester year and forget all the failures, trials and disappointments, we are called to enjoy the new beginning. We will not enjoy this if not for the grace given to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: "He is the Supreme Being who orders our every step day by day". (1Chronicle 29:11-13). The Lord, the Benevolent God is there always to lead us onto the right path.

New Year gives us opportunities and fresh hopes to stay the course, to forgive, to reconcile and to leave behind all the worries and tragedies of the world and look on to the future. It is also time for us to make our New Year resolutions. As we make our New Year resolutions this year, let us try to include among other things, like: increasing our Sunday offering to boost our financial standing as pleaded by the Chairlady a few weeks ago. This is also a special appeal from us, the Parish leadership and Finance team. "A giver never lacks".

We are sure that God has prepared all the help we need to make 2018 a good year. Let us work hard doing the right things every day and let us not waste even a single day. May we all have a good year so that at the end we can come to God with hands full of thanksgiving. May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favour and give you his peace. (Numbers 6:24-26).

May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements and a lot of new inspirations in your lives. Wishing you a year fully loaded with happiness and joy. Amen.

REV.FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI

REV.FR. CLAUDE HALLE, GUEST PRIEST

REV. DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM AND MEMEBERS OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

2018 CHURCH CALENDARS

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

- Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone – maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbour or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS

If you are getting married in the Catholic Church in 2018 or 2019 you must take a marriage preparation course. In this Diocese we offer the Engaged Encounter Weekend. The cost of the weekend is \$180. But we have early bird pricing of \$150 until January 31, 2018. Space is limited so you must register by February 28, 2018.

SNOW REMOVAL

CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Please check the diagram on the (bulletin boards) of the Church entrances and walkways where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snow fall. As we have five entrances to be cleared and our Custodian does not work weekends this will eliminate undue costs. Thank you for your care and understanding.

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!

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. You can be assured that 100% of the funds raised will make their way to the less fortunate and 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 past efforts and thank you in advance for this year's contribution.

WHY THE WILD GOOSE?

Video Series presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka

Join Us Tuesday January 9th at 7pm
St. Columban's Activity Room
Above the Agepe Centre



WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us **January 6, 2017, 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. Our speaker is Joan Levy Earl whose talk is entitled Hugs from Heaven. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. Phone Heidi Krol 613-347-7561 or Marilyn Light 613-537-2021 for any inquiries.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

K of C (205 Amelia Street - upstairs hall).
Sunday December 31, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. - Buffet (hot & cold) served at 12 Midnight.
Tickets: \$25.00 per person Music: by Leisure Sound
Door Prizes & Spot Dances. For tickets, please call 613-932-7600 (*Sponsored by: Wilson Funeral Home*)

COMMUNION IN PEW

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