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ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

November 27, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Fr. Claude Hallé, Guest Priest

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, NOV. 26

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
5:30 PM Richard Jodoin
by Mom Irene Jodoin

SUNDAY, NOV. 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 AM In Thanksgiving by a Parishioner
11:00 AM Deceased Members Knights of
Columbus Council 5068

MONDAY, NOV. 28

No Mass

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

7:30 AM Christine Yee by the Grant Family

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30 ST. ANDREW (F)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the
Piche Family by Rita Boyce

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

7:30 AM Tom Parisien
by the Parisien Family

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

7:30 AM Lynn Tremblay (7th Anniversary of
Death) by Husband Ron & Family

SATURDAY, DEC. 3 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (M)

7:00 – 7:25 AM Confessions
8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to
Our Lady Undoer of Knots
3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions
5:30 PM Gertrude Poitras
(5th Anniversary of Death)
by Son Raymond Poitras & Family

SUNDAY, DEC. 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 AM Pete Piquette by Betty
11:00 AM Hubert Boudreau
by Yoland & Family

MONDAY, DEC. 5

No Mass

***Please note the Parish office will be
closed on Monday December 5, 2016***

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 \$3.50 each.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

An invitation is extended to all parish volunteers to attend. The reception will be held in the Rectory from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday December 11, 2016.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation ask for your assistance once again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by making a donation to the Foundation this Christmas "In Memory of a Loved One".

Remembrances will be published in a special insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 17-18, 2016.

For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the Church entrances. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

Please submit in the collection basket by Sunday December 4 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

NEW SINGERS WELCOME

The Schola sings for mass on Sundays at 9:30. We welcome new singers. If you are interested, why not join us for a rehearsal session – no obligations! We meet Wednesdays from 4:30 'til 5:45 p.m. just come in the west door, near the piano. Sessions include prayer, warm-up, voice development, practising music for upcoming Sundays, and learning new music. The atmosphere is relaxed and joyful where laughter is a regular feature.

Need further info? Call Bill at 613 932-7316.

2017 PARISH ENVELOPES

Parish envelopes are available for pick up at the 4th St. Entrance. Please ensure number on envelope matches number on label.

Envelopes above 400 have been renumbered.

PARISH FINANCIALS & INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

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

CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

6:00 p.m. Tues. Dec 06, 2016 in the Parish Activity Centre. Bring your favourite dish for all to enjoy and for our gift exchange a wrapped gift (max. \$10.00). Don't forget your Jello for the Christmas baskets.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Our next evening will take place on Thursday, December 1, 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.

ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS

To help you in your ADVENT journey, we have made available daily Advent Meditation booklets by Henri Nouwen entitled 'Unto Us a Child is Born'. He is known for his ability to speak to the hearts of Christians with simplicity. Walk with this trusted friend through Advent and meet Jesus again as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. The booklets will be available at the book table.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Andrews: Wednesday December 14 at 7 PM
St. Columban: Monday December 19 at 2 PM
St. Francis: Tuesday December 20 at 7 PM

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

St. Columban Collection Report for Oct. 23, 2016

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,848.00
Loose Collection	383.49
Propagation of the Faith	110.00
Priest Pension Fund	657.00
Total	4,998.54

COLLECTION FOR HAITI THIS WEEKEND

It's been 45 days since Hurricane Matthew slammed into tiny Haiti. It may seem like a long time ago, but the people of Haiti continue to struggle in the aftermath. As the Year of Mercy comes to a close, we have the opportunity to perform all of the Corporal Works of Mercy with a single donation. The Works are: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead and giving alms to the poor.

At the Masses this weekend, there will be a special collection by Development and Peace for the people of Haiti. An estimated 1.4 million people require aid, of which 40% are children. Despite the extent of the damage, the response of the international community has been relatively weak. Let us show them that the people of Alexandria-Cornwall have heard their cry and want to help. Thank You!

EVENING OF REFLECTION

To prepare for Christmas, Maison Shalom House invites you to an evening of reflection and sharing on the meaning of Christmas. We take time to decorate our houses, cook tasty meals and shopping. Why not consecrate one evening to prepare our hearts to live the season of Christmas? Sr. Denise Desrochers, csc awaits your attendance on December 14, from 7-9 PM. A free-will offering is welcomed. For more information and to reserve your place please contact Sr. Sue Burns, csc at 613-525-1704.

ANGELS OF HOPE

A project to provide Christmas gifts to children receiving counselling at the Children's Treatment Centre. If you would like to help out, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass it includes the age & sex of the child. Names are fictitious for confidentiality reasons. DO NOT WRAP the gift, place it in an appropriate GIFT BAG and return to the Church no later than Sunday Dec 11, 2016. For further information you can call the treatment centre at 613 933-4400. On behalf of the children we thank you for kindness and spirit of sharing.

JELLO WANTED

Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan CWL requires 2,500 plus boxes of Jello to fulfill their promise of providing items for the Children's Christmas Fund Baskets. Please help us reach our goal by bringing your Jello boxes to your Church or CWL meetings prior to Dec.1st. Thank you for your generosity.

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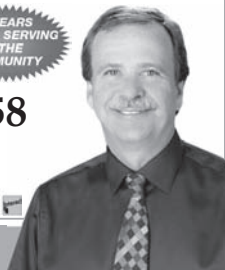
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