



# Mass Intentions

**Monday January 14th**  
 9am: **Jean Woolnough (D)**  
 Req: Ann Woolnough

**Tuesday January 15th**  
 9am: **Maria Luisa & Adele Silveri (D)**  
 Req: CUPE Local 1571

**Wednesday January 16th**  
 9am: **Jose Pereira (D)**  
 Req: CUPE Local 1571

**Thursday January 17th**  
 9am: **Malcom Woo (D)**  
 Req: Rick MacIntosh

**Sunday Masses are for  
 ALL GOD'S PEOPLE**

 A simple cup of coffee becomes happiness when you share it with friends!

**January 13**  
 8:00 Sherrer Family  
 9:30 Franko Family  
 11:00 Culligan Family

**January 20**  
 8:00 Teskey Family  
 9:30 Hickey Family  
 11:00 Wilcox & Erentzen Families

**Join us after each mass for coffee and fellowship.**

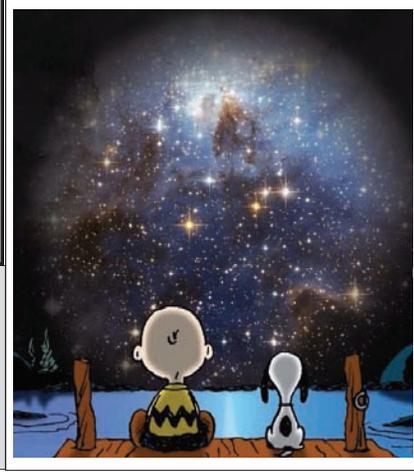


He is waiting for you,  
 He is close to you,  
 He loves you,  
 He is merciful,  
 He forgives you,  
 He gives you the strength  
 to begin again from scratch!  
 Everybody!  
 -Pope Francis

**Alcoholic Anonymous  
 meet every Saturday at  
 8pm Knights of Columbus  
 room.**

# Ruminations ....

Christmas season is just now coming to a close. In the church anyway, it is time to take down the trees and pack up the nativity scenes for another year. The poinsettias that have survived the onslaught of Christmas will soon drop their remaining bracts and leaves and the church will be left barren in the pre-lent ordinary time which this year is rather extensive. We will keep the outside lights on until the feast of the Presentation, forty days after Christmas just as a little hint that the Church deals with time a little bit differently, and besides, it's too darn cold to take them down or to climb up on the roof to disconnect them unless absolutely necessary – and it's not. Climbing on the roof in the midst of a cold snap or snow storm goes above and beyond and if one happens to be up there when the electronic bells chime, they are likely to deafen you or bump you off the roof itself. I haven't visited my mother since before Christmas. Her floor has been on a quarantine lock down because of an outbreak of the flu which for whatever reason, mom did not contract. It is coming up on two years since she moved into Bradford Valley. I am hoping the quarantine is lifted soon as I would like to take my nephew up for a visit with her. This will be a tough weekend, he is off to the military for his basic training, leaving Friday for Montreal and vicinity with a start on Saturday at 8:00 pm. Of course he is nervous but the rest of us are petrified. The popular expression is that it will make a man out of him. I hope that is what it does and keeps him hale and hearty, safe and sane and in one piece. If nothing else, he will have a lot shorter hair. I know that this has been something he has wanted since grade five, but even so..... Anyway, mom wouldn't know who he is or understand the significance of the visit but I know my nephew does. This may be the last time he sees her and it is not exactly the last impression that he wants to carry with him – there are a lot fonder memories to remember her by. I think that will be a long car ride to Montreal and an even longer one coming back for my brother and sister-in-law. As I stare out the window, hearing the wind howl and watching the driving snowflakes, it is hard to believe it is a new year. It looks much the same as a few days ago in the old year. Little has changed physically except maybe the five extra pounds or more, but at the same time everything has changed. No one knows what may lay ahead, but we hope – all we can really do is hope - for a safe military career, a safe last stages of life, a safe journey into the unknown, after all, it is out of our hands and entirely in the hands of God. So maybe that is the gift of a new year, the gift of hope for a future filled with peace and flourishing. Happy New Year. *Fr. Roy*



## Announcements and Events...

### CWG MEMBERSHIP TEA



Our annual Membership Tea is fast approaching! We welcome all the ladies of the Parish to join us on Sunday, January 20th at 2pm for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship in Seton Hall. A tasty selection of sandwiches and desserts will be available and tea will be served in fine china cups. We will also be accepting annual membership dues. We hope that you will join us as we continue our faith and come together as we welcome current members of the CWG and new attendees to this annual event.

### Little Rock Bible Study



Our Little Rock Bible study starts again on Thursday February 7th at 7pm. They will be covering "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." If you are interesting in joining you can contact Wilma Bloye at 905-895-3715



### SOUP and a MOVIE Tuesday January 15th 12 noon



The movie will be "I Can Only Imagine"  
Please RSVP to the parish office



### ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT Marylake in King City Friday January 25th starting at 7pm to Sunday January 27th at 1pm.

On this retreat you will enjoy a beautiful winter setting, peace & quiet, food for the soul and an encounter with the divine. Contact Harry McAvoy at 905-898-4899 or hmcavoy@sympatico.ca

### Beggars at the Door

Last weekend there was an incident at the entrance of the Church. There was what seemed to be a young family asking for money. It is not the first episode we have had with them. Here is the scoop. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is our mechanism to help out families in need. This family was offered their support but they rendered false phone numbers and addresses. When asked to leave they became aggressive and confrontational. The Police were called. The Police who have dealt with such people pointed out that they are not in need. In fact their clothing indicates that they make a good amount of money, that they had a very workable van and that they frequent various venues in the area including the Metro parking lot. The Police have provided us with a plan of how to deal with them should they return. They are well-known to the Police and are plying their trade all over York Region. They are professional beggars and the Police recommendation is not to give them any money. It is not a legitimate case of people in need.

## Sacramental Corner.....

### Dates to Remember

**First Communion Parent Catechesis Meeting**  
**Monday, January 21st @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

(All parents only must attend)

**Important information is shared...**Parents will sign up for the First Communion Retreat, the Adult Faith Session 2 and the First Communion Mass. It is Very Important that parents attend! There are no make up meetings.

### Confirmation Parent and Candidate Catechesis Meeting

**Monday, January 28th @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm**  
Meeting for parents and candidates

**Important information shared...**Candidates meet their group leaders and find out when their small groups will meet, and when they will be Confirmed in the Spring. We expect both parent and candidate to attend as we venture into the second half of our Confirmation prep. There are no make up meetings.

### Sunday Catechism Classes

The Catechism classes for the children and youth in our public schools are resuming this Sunday January 13th @ 12:00. Our catechists are looking forward to seeing both the youth and their parents. In order to enjoy our discussions it is important to come prepared having read the assigned chapters in your Be My Disciples workbook.



In 2018 your kindness and generosity enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program to support 165 community families, including 393 children. The Giving Tree provided 1,213 gifts for over 700 people supported by various agencies and group homes. These are people who are in need in so many different ways. It is a busy time of year for all, and your donations helped to bring joy to many who would have had very little to celebrate this Christmas.

The Society of Vincent de Paul would like to wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a very blessed new year.

### Let us pray for the sick...

Michael Whelgan  
Mavis Solomon  
Maria Perek  
Olive Hutton  
Alana Brown-Wallace  
Janet Brockway  
Wally Pottie  
Greg Quattrin  
Carlos Abreu  
Elena Olano  
J. Legari  
Mario Aloat  
Mary Mead  
Tarcisia Borg  
Maria DeRuiter

Pat Kramer  
Martha Jackson  
Mary Ann Ferrer  
Vince Masci  
Catherine Kirk  
Dariusz Kirejczyk  
Larry Yarush  
Alain Gerai  
Betty Loft  
Susan Perek  
Rosa Santos  
Evelyn Walsh  
Fr. Paul Egan  
Merwyn Correa  
Slawomir Demianczuk  
Sebastiao P. Henriques

Peter Aristotle  
Bob Leggo  
Mary MacDonald  
Kathleen Todesco  
Joshua Perek  
Julia Purdham  
Donna Stea-Cutting  
Jennifer Ma  
Malcom Woo  
Zeny Jose  
Irene Zbyszynski  
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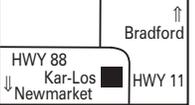
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