



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

RECONCILIATION

As indicated in the weekly calendar, with a communal celebration in Lent, and at other times by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after mass. See parish website for further information.

MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment with the pastor as soon as a decision is made to marry. A minimum of nine months notice is required. Please make no other arrangements until a date is confirmed with the parish. A marriage preparation course, offered in our pastoral region, is required.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS
FOR PARISH BULLETIN: Tuesday, noon**

PASTORAL CARE

A Pastoral Care Team visits sick or elderly members of the parish in their homes or in hospital. To arrange for Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or a visit, please contact the Pastor.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Pauline Foley, President 613-836-9444

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joseph Carbonetto, Grand Knight 613-831-0411

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Steve Campanelli, Chair 613-793-6389

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
Holy Spirit Elementary 613-831-1853
St. Stephen Elementary 613-831-8844
Sacred Heart High 613-831-6643



PARISH REGISTRATION: If you are new to our Parish Community, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Names: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone Number: _____

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dec 2 – First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16
1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

Dec 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9
Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11
Luke 3.1-6

Parish Calendar December 3 – December 9

Mon. 3	St. Francis Xavier	6:20 – 6:45 pm Reconciliation 6:30 pm Rosary 7:00 pm MASS 7:35 pm KOC Executive Meeting
Tues. 4		8:20 – 8:45 am Reconciliation 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am MASS (Sacred Heart HS grade 9) 9:45 am Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm The Harvest Youth Group
Thurs. 6		10:00 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests 11:00 am Mass at Hazeldean Gardens 6:20 – 6:45 pm Reconciliation 6:30 pm Rosary 7:00 pm MASS 7:00 pm Baptism Preparation 7:30 pm Small Faith Group
Fri. 7	St. Ambrose	8:20 – 8:45 am Reconciliation 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am MASS 9:30 am First Friday Adoration and Benediction
Sat. 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	4:15 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm MASS
Sun. 9	Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 am MASS 10:00 am Rosary 10:30 am MASS

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 1 – 5:00 pm
†Deceased members of the Bahen Family by Warren and Dolores
For Our Parish Youth Ministry

Sun., December 2 – 9:00 am
All Parishioners

Sun., December 2 – 10:30 am
†Ray Hoffman by Len and Maureen Conway
†Rita and Gilbert Forest by Lillian Hamilton
†Beverley LeClair by Lillian Hamilton

Mon., December 3 – 7:00 pm
†Leo Mulvihill by Margaret Mulvihill

Tues., December 4 – 9:00 am
†Adrian Cozzolino and †Alina Lusito by Nick Lusito

Thurs., December 6 – 7:00 pm
†Joseph and Antoinette Massardier by Denise Lee

Fri., December 7 – 9:00 am
Intentions of Tam Ho by Hong Truong

Sat., December 1 – 5:00 pm
†Jack and Rita Droogh by the Droogh Family
†Joshua Steinburg by Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
†Jim White by Virginia Harris

Sun., December 2 – 9:00 am
†Zita and Patrick Byrne by Elaine and Gerry Kealey
†Lionel Lesage by Pat and Pauline Foley
†David Hamilton by Joe and Donella Gabriele

Sun., December 2 – 10:30 am
All Parishioners

Please pray for those who have died:
†Irene Ralph
†Pauline Etmanski



† Indicates Deceased

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your 2019 assigned boxed offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the Hall. If you would like to use envelopes but have not done so in the past, take an unassigned box and record it on the form found on the clipboard. Please do not use any 2019 envelopes before nor any 2018 envelopes after January 1, 2019.

SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE

Please contribute "new" winter clothing such as socks, gloves, mitts, underwear, etc. in the collection bin in the atrium.

ANGEL TREE - NOV. 24 TO DEC. 9

Please consider purchasing gift cards for the angel tree. These gifts will be placed in hampers given to families using the Stittsville Food Bank this Christmas. Gift cards and tags must be returned by the weekend of December 8/9.



CHRISTMAS MASSES
Sunday Dec. 24 @ 4, 7, & 10 pm
Monday Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S MASSES
Sunday Dec. 31 @ 5:00 pm
Monday Jan. 1 @ 10:00 am

YOUTH MINISTRY:

This week The Harvest is having a night of time travelling as we go back in time to the beginning of time itself to talk about the story of creation. From **6:30-8:30 on Tuesday December 4th** join us for game, snacks and to use science fiction to see if science and religion working together is fact or fiction.

SING FROM THE HEART OF ADVENT Join in the singing of some favorite hymns along with solo performances led by musician Joanne Parenteau. This is a family event that will be held on **Saturday, December 15th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** at Holy Spirit Parish, 1489 Shea Road. Stittsville. A free offering welcomed in support of our Youth Ministry. Info: john@holyspiritparish.ca

CHRISTMAS CAKES FOR SALE – December 8th and 9th
Christmas Cakes/ Sweet & Savory Gifts -
Christmas Cakes (\$20, \$27) and Sweet/Savory gift boxes (\$25, \$30),
For info: Campaign Life Coalition 613-729-0379 or Sue 613-831-4604.



Word from the Pastor

Jesus said to his disciples: "The powers of the heavens will be shaken. "The apocalyptic language of today's gospel depicts the collapse of all that seems so fixed -- sun, moon and the stars. A once-thought secure world is not as secure as we thought. What and on whom have we relied for security and hope in times of crisis? Have these been supportive and sustaining?

Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation, and Transformation, a document of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) was unanimously adopted by the Bishops of Canada on September 27 during their 2018 annual Plenary Assembly.

There are still a few copies of the Word Among Us – Advent Edition available at the back of the Church.

The Catholic Womens' League made a very generous donation to our Youth Ministry for which we are very thankful.

The Finance Council will give an update to the Parish at all the Masses this weekend. Many thanks to all for your weekly generosity to the Parish.

Monsignor Joseph Muldoon

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Trees in the Parish parking lot this weekend through to December 23rd. The trees are freshly cut Balsam Firs from a local supplier and they range in height from 6' to 8'. The cost is \$45.00 each, and all proceeds go to support LOCAL charities in the Stittsville community, such as the Stittsville Food Bank, Youth Ministry, and Bursaries for Sacred Heart High School. Everyone who purchases a tree will receive an entry for a Pizza Dinner night compliments of JoJos Pizza. The draw for the Pizza night will be done after the trees have been sold. Please support your community by purchasing a fresh tree for Christmas! Hours are weekdays- 5 - 9 PM and weekends- Noon - 9 PM.



Archbishop's Advent Message 2018

Advent, the season preparing us for Christmas, begins today. Two questions come to my mind.

Is it possible for you to prepare spiritually to celebrate Christmas in our hectic and consumeristic climate? Can you create some interior space to welcome the Christ-child or will your heart and mind be overfull like the inn at Bethlehem in the original Nativity of our Lord?

The word "Advent" has a Latin root that means "coming." The pre-Christmas season of Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the first coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas: "the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." (John 1.14)

Soon, a joyful feast will mark the reality that heaven came to earth that first Christmas. Until then, some traditional practices can help you get ready to celebrate. In the church at Mass during Advent, the priests and deacons wear purple vestments for three of the four Sundays. There are also three purple candles in the traditional Advent wreaths that decorate the sanctuaries of parish churches and many family tables. Purple is a penitential colour, expressing sorrow and contrition for sins. As beneficial today as it has been for centuries, Catholics have celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation (also known as Confession or the sacrament of penance) in the four weeks before Christmas.

In addition, parishes often engage a speaker to give an Advent Retreat to help parishioners anticipate Christmas. Daily reflections and readings from the Scriptures are available in print and online to focus your prayer direction at home on the meaning of the season.

Some families use Advent prayer booklets at dinnertime to guide their prayers as they light one of the candles of their Advent wreath.

Parents with little ones often purchase an Advent Calendar, on which the children can take turns opening a window each day to reveal a faith-enriching picture or message.

The Christmas nativity scene or crèche, promoted by Saint Francis of Assisi hundreds of years ago, is a popular devotion. Some cherished crèches have been in families for generations. One practice has the figures of the three Magi (or wise men) processing across the living room, each day moved a little closer to the stable and crib containing Christ!

These and other practices remind us of the miracle of Christmas: God so loved the world that He sent us His only Son, like us in every way but sin, to bring us back into the intimacy of God's loving embrace.

It is possible to get caught up in the round of parties, decorating the house, buying the perfect present, sending cards or ecards, and the general busyness of the weeks before December 25. Consequently, we can forget that for Christians, "Jesus is the reason for the season."

This Advent, I encourage you to adopt more attentively some traditional practices. It could be a little focused prayer on the meaning of Christmas, a few moments each day spent with the crèche, an Advent wreath on the dinner table with four candles and a moment of prayer, penitential preparation ending with the sacrament of reconciliation, or a special donation to support the poor in our community. You will be blessed if you make a little space in your crowded life to welcome the Christ-child into your heart and home.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa

CHRISTMAS ALTAR DECOR

If you would like to donate toward the decor in celebration of a loved one's birthday, anniversary, in memorial or in thanksgiving, please complete this form and put it, along with your cheque made payable to Holy Spirit Parish, in an envelope marked Christmas Altar Flowers and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. All names will be printed in our bulletin in the new year.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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