

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. John the Apostle parish community, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strives to witness to the presence of Christ
(Parish established October 8, 1966)

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Children's Liturgy generally at 10:30 am Mass (Sept. to June)

Weekday Liturgy

Eucharist: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri at 9:00 am
and 1st Saturday of month: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS: 8:30 am Tuesday - Friday
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm; and on request

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: Prayed before weekday Mass 8:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Following Tuesday morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation is required. Please call the Parish Office on 613-829-1760.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Preparation is required.
Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 at least nine months in advance.

PASTORAL CARE: If you or a family member is sick at home or in hospital, please contact our Pastoral Care Team to have someone visit you and bring Communion. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Sick.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Ray Kostuch (Chair) Deborah Kealey
John Pedari Alph May

Building Committee: Gino Brancatelli Paul Gillis Peter Garvey

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC):

Daniel Hogan (Chair)	Divina Hogan (Sec.)
Bill Roblin	Rosemary Fikis
Jeff Alguire	Dianne Ross (CWL Liaison)

Administrator: Rev. William Penney

Deacons: Deacon Greg Vaughn
Deacon Fred Jardine

Office Administrator: Christine Altherr

Bookkeeping: Pearl Beausoleil

Maintenance: Steve Short

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00; 1:00 - 3:30

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
BEREAVEMENT GROUP	Mary Ellen Henniger	613-224-0030
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Caroline Heffernan caroline.heffernan@icloud.com	613-820-7568
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra dalarra@rogers.com	613-721-8111
CHILDREN'S RELIGION PROGRAM	(for children attending a public or private school) Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
COUNTERS	Eileen Gallant eileen.gallant@sympatico.ca	613-828-0778
CURSILLO REPRESENTATIVE	Patricia O'Regan patriciaoregan@yahoo.ca (Monthly Ultreya - first Saturday after 9:00 am mass)	613-820-4061
FUNERAL LITURGY TEAM	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	www.kofc-10470.org Bob McGaraughey rmcgar1635@rogers.com	613-820-2666
LEGION OF MARY	Angela Beimers legionangela@hotmail.com	613-829-0320
LITURGY COMMITTEE	Divina Hogan SJALitCom@yahoo.ca	613-820-7852
MARRIAGE PREPARATION INQUIRIES	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Joan Doherty dohertybrian@rogers.com	613-828-9206
MUSIC MINISTRY	Parish Office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)	Daniel Hogan (Chair) daniel_hogan_sja@yahoo.ca	613-824-7852
PASTORAL CARE	Mary Ellen Henniger	613-224-0030
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	Deborah La Riccia deborahlariccia@rogers.com Help Line for crisis pregnancy	613-820-3580 1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Judy Mears mj.mears@sympatico.ca	613-828-7008
RECEPTION (VOLUNTEERS)	Joan and Helene reception.sjap@gmail.com	613-829-1760
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Theresa Verver theresa.verver@gmail.com	613-723-3157
SACRISTANS/ENVIRONMENT	Angela Beimers	613-829-0320
SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE	Call the parish office stjohnap@magma.ca	613-829-1760
USHERS	Gerry Fikis g.fikis@rogers.com	613-723-0728

FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank	613-596-6229
	Pinecrest Food Cupboard	613-596-6703

AREA SCHOOLS		
	Our Lady of Victory	613-828-5594
	St. John the Apostle	613-828-0644
	St. John XXIII	613-226-6223
	St. Paul High School	613-820-9705

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

The people of St. John the Apostle Parish Community extend a warm welcome to our parish family! Kindly introduce yourself to the priest and register your family with our community. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. (Please complete the information below and place in the collection basket)

NAME: _____ TEL: _____ ADDRESS: _____ Postal Code: _____

PARISH INTEREST: _____ WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES? Yes ___ No ___

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26 th - 4 th Sunday of Easter		
5:00 pm	Presider and Homilist: Fr. Bill	
	#1 Irene Bonner #2 John Dunphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Roblin • Marjorie Moore • Ian Moffat
8:00 am	Presider & Homilist: Fr. Gerald Sekanga	
	#1 Denise St. Jean #2 Candice Manfredi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Beimers • Judy Beazley • Jeff Hill
10:30am	Presider and Homilist: Fr. Bill	
	#1 Judy Mears #2 David Ash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ming Leung • Catherine Leung • Terry Durham • Fran Herman • Joan Doherty

Good bye and thank you!

The following parishioners have decided to resign in the coming months, after many years of dedicated work to their ministries.

Mike Proctor,

Coordinator of Stations of the Cross

Judy Mears,

Coordinator of Lectors

Joan Doherty,

Coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Caroline Heffernan,

Chair of the CWL

Even though they don't get a pension from the parish, they do get many blessings and graces for all they have done – they have paved the road to heaven!

All will be greatly missed and, on behalf of the whole parish, "Thank You" for your years of service and your valuable contributions to our ministries.

We will be seeking new volunteers to take over the work previously done by these dedicated individuals. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Fr. Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays: *Legion of Mary - 9:30am Mass in Small Assembly Room*
Wednesdays: *Euchre - 1:00 pm in Small Assembly Room*
Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 2:00 pm
Fridays: *Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:00 pm*
Sundays: *Children's Liturgy - at 10:30 am Mass*
Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am

Sat, Apr 18	Confirmation Instruction for students at public schools	9:00 am	Board Room
Sun, Apr 19	First Communions at all Masses; Hike for Life Envelopes available		
	Parish Breakfast after 8:00 and 10:30 Masses in the Hall		
Tues, Apr 21	CWL General	7:00 pm	Small Assembly Room
	St. Brigid's Camp Registration	8:00 am	Hall
Sat, Apr 25	Confirmation Instruction for students at public schools	9:00 am	Board Room
Sun, Apr 26	First Communions at all Masses; Special Collection for Vocations		
	Baptisms	12:00 noon	Church

Words of Thanks

Let us thank God for blessing our Holy Week and Triduum celebrations: many thanks to the choir, our lectors, servers, ushers and extraordinary ministers, our sacristans, decorators and parish staff. Such great numbers of people participated in these sacred days. Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Good Friday and Easter collections. May the Lord bless you and continue to pour out upon one and all his paschal gifts of peace and joy!

Cleaning Bee: Volunteers are invited to join in our first Spring Cleaning Bee to be held on **Saturday, May 2nd**, from 9:30 to 12:00. Areas to be spruced up are: the interior of the Church, the Sacristy, Glass House and Side Entrance. Any teenagers who wish to volunteer can earn Community Service Hours. Sign-up sheets are available at both entrances to the church.

The Easter Season

The Easter Season is comprised of fifty days. Early Christians extended their festivity for seven weeks (like their Jewish brethren celebrating Passover) and brought it to a fitting conclusion on the Fiftieth Day (Pentecost). Although we think of Easter as the end of Lent, it is truly a time of transition from Lent's preparation to Easter's celebration. Why 50 days? Attention to the symbolic meaning of numbers was more pronounced in the ancient Church than it is today and 7 times 7, with a celebration on the next day (the 8th day, symbolic of the time beyond the structure of human weeks), would have fascinated our ancestors in the faith and provided them a foretaste of the eternal banquet.

The Gospels for the Sundays of Easter give strong colour to the season. The first three Sundays of Easter relate appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection. The fourth Sunday always focuses on the powerful image of the Good Shepherd and the three Sundays before Pentecost draw from the 'farewell discourse' or 'high-priest prayer' of Jesus at the Last Supper as recorded in the Gospel of John.

Easter is not only remembering something that happened long ago, it is Christ dead and risen in our midst. It is the Holy Spirit breathing on us today. For Easter is made present in the newly baptized including many thousands of adults who have come into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Easter is made present in those who will be confirmed during this Season and in the children of our parish and of parishes throughout the world that will be brought to the altar for their First Holy Communion.

There is a great mystery to learn and a great mission to begin. Easter is for unlocking doors and for unlocking hearts and partaking in everything that is wholesome, healthy and holy! Easter is the season for learning the language of the Spirit, for climbing Sinai that the law of the Lord which we reflected upon during Lent, might be etched into our hearts, and that we might accept anew the great commission of the Risen Lord: "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

A BLESSED AND PEACE-FILLED EASTER TO ALL!

Sunday Morning Smile:

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand.

The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly.

As her father presented his daughter in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Parish Photo Album: A Parish Photo Album will be produced as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations. The plan is to have two sessions for parishioners to have their photographs taken for inclusion in the album – the 1st session will take place in the fall of 2015 and the 2nd session will take place early in 2016. We are seeking a Coordinator to oversee this project. If you are interested, please call the office. 613-829-1760.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. John the Apostle, Our Lady of Victory and St. John XXIII continue to register students for Full Day Kindergarten. We are already planning for September. Please stop by your school to fill out the registration forms and take a tour of the school. If you are unsure of the school in your area please visit our website at www.ocsb.ca.

NET CANADA CELEBRATING 20 YEARS BRINGING YOUTH TO CHRIST: Celebrations begin with a Mass on Thursday, June 4, 5:00 pm at Notre Dame Cathedral. Gala at Ottawa Conference & Events Centre: cocktails 6:00 pm, dinner & program with guest speaker, His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Burke at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$125 with \$50 tax receipt; Early Bird Table Sponsor Price (table of 10) \$1,100. Info/tickets for the Gala: www.netcanada.ca; 1-877-521-4426.

The parish would be happy to purchase two tickets for parishioners interested in attending the Gala on June 4. Please contact Christine in the Parish Office.

Sponsorship for Syrian and Iraqi refugees

The Coalition in Ottawa for Refugees and the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program are looking for churches, organizations or community leaders that are prepared to sponsor refugees. We are growing an infrastructure to assist refugees. This is NOT a meeting for individuals who want to be sponsored. Friday, April 24 7-9pm at St. Elias Centre, 2975 Riverside Drive. RSVP Norma McCord 613-745-4626 or cor@bell.net.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Apr 18 – 5:00 pm

- † Jim and Viola Gibeault by Dave & Lynne Ardley
- † Ivan Goodin by Maureen Skinner
- † George Morris by Betty Morris
- † Robert Hellard by the family
* M.E. Beth Dowe & family

Sun. Apr 19 – 8:00 am

- † Deceased members of Connell & O'Grady families by Elaine & Lawrence O'Grady
- † Charles Anthony Gray by Oy Gray and family
- † Don Brennan by Barbara & George Brancato
* Jean-Rene Doyon & family

Sun. Apr 19 – 10:30 am

The intentions of all our Parishioners
* Kristal Dubois & family

Tues. Apr 21 – 9:00 am

- † Aquilino Pantelone by his wife and family

Wed. Apr 22 – 9:00 am

- † Kingsley Anthony by the Peiris family

Sat. Apr 25 – 5:00 pm

The intentions of all our Parishioners
* Des Dubroy & family

Sun. Apr 26 – 8:00 am

- † Gerry Beuglet by Elaine & Lawrence O'Grady
* Lorne & Carol Dunn & family

Sun. Apr 26 – 10:30 am

- † Martin Mears by Phil & Shirley Kennedy
- † Don Brennan by Irene Bonner
* Raymond & Sharron Ducharme & family

† indicates deceased

* Indicates the special family being prayed for at this Mass

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them including **Maureen Skinner, Frank Egan, Patrick Nash & Jeanne Griffin**. Prayers and sympathy for those who have died.

Rummage Sale: Clean spring and summer clothing, books, plants and white elephant items at St. Stephen's Anglican Church Hall, 930 Watson Street, Ottawa on Friday, May 1st from 5 'til 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 2nd, from 8:30 a.m. 'til 11:00 am at the parking lot entrance.

Several parishioners have enquired where we got the bread used in the Holy Thursday Mass.

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Fiddler's Friends Benefit Concert

Sunday, May 3 1-4pm

at the Almonte Old Town Hall auditorium

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