

# 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:

*Eucharistic Benediction:* 7:30-8:30 am Tuesday - Friday  
*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:** Deborah Kealey (Chair) Gino Brancatelli (Sec.)  
Ray Kostuch Marjorie Moore  
Paul Gillis

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Riopelle  
Deacons: Deacon Greg Vaughn  
Deacon Fred ("RICK") Jardine  
Office Administrator: Christine Altherr  
Bookkeeping: Pearl Beausoleil  
Maintenance: Steve Short

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday -Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00; 1:00 - 3:30

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## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES	Parish Office <a href="mailto:stjohnap@magma.ca">stjohnap@magma.ca</a>	613-829-1760
BEREAVEMENT GROUP	Mary Ellen Henniger	613-224-0030
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Judy Mears <a href="mailto:mj.mears@sympatico.ca">mj.mears@sympatico.ca</a>	613-828-7008
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra <a href="mailto:dallarra@rogers.com">dallarra@rogers.com</a>	613-721-8111
CHILDREN'S RELIGION PROGRAM	(for children attending a public or private school) Joan Proctor	613-726-9560
CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION	Parish Office <a href="mailto:stjohnap@magma.ca">stjohnap@magma.ca</a>	613-829-1760
COUNTERS	Marthe Dubroy <a href="mailto:marthedubroy@rogers.com">marthedubroy@rogers.com</a>	613-829-3379
CURSILLO REPRESENTATIVE	Patricia O'Regan <a href="mailto:patriciaoregan@yahoo.ca">patriciaoregan@yahoo.ca</a> (Monthly Ultreya - first Saturday after 9:00 am mass)	613-820-4061
FUNERAL LITURGY TEAM	Parish Office <a href="mailto:stjohnap@magma.ca">stjohnap@magma.ca</a>	613-829-1760
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	<a href="http://www.kofc-10470.org">www.kofc-10470.org</a> Ron Seguin <a href="mailto:ron.seguin@mcgarryfamily.ca">ron.seguin@mcgarryfamily.ca</a>	613-978-5383
LEGION OF MARY	Angela Beimers <a href="mailto:legionangela@hotmail.com">legionangela@hotmail.com</a>	613-829-0320
LITURGY COMMITTEE	Divina Hogan <a href="mailto:SJALitCom@yahoo.ca">SJALitCom@yahoo.ca</a>	613-820-7852
MARRIAGE PREPARATION INQUIRIES	Parish Office <a href="mailto:stjohnap@magma.ca">stjohnap@magma.ca</a>	613-829-1760
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PASTORAL CARE	Mary Ellen Henniger	613-224-0030
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	Deborah La Riccia <a href="mailto:deborahlariccia@rogers.com">deborahlariccia@rogers.com</a> Help Line for crisis pregnancy	613-820-3580 1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Judy Mears <a href="mailto:mj.mears@sympatico.ca">mj.mears@sympatico.ca</a>	613-828-7008
RECEPTION (VOLUNTEERS)	Joan & Helene <a href="mailto:reception.sjap@gmail.com">reception.sjap@gmail.com</a>	613-829-1760
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Theresa Verver <a href="mailto:theresa.verver@gmail.com">theresa.verver@gmail.com</a>	613-723-3157
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FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank Pinecrest Food Cupboard	613-596-6229 613-596-6703
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AREA SCHOOLS	Our Lady of Victory 613-828-5594 St. John the Apostle 613-828-0644	Pope 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 \_\_\_

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### WONDERS

The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don't anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too.

Today's readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah's vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God's surprise and promise.

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Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12



### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesdays:** *Legion of Mary - after 9:00 am Mass in the Small Assembly Room*
- Wednesdays:** *Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 2:00 pm*  
*RCIA - 9:15 am in the Pastoral Office*  
*Euchre - 1:00 pm in the Small Assembly Room*
- Fridays:** *Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:00 pm*
- Saturdays:** *Communion & Liberation Group - Board Rm 5:00 pm*
- Sundays:** *Children's Liturgy - at 10:30 am Mass*  
*Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am*  
*Vespers - 4:30 pm in the Church*

Sat, Dec 7	Sharing our Christmas Collection		
Sun, Dec 8	Parent Orientation for <b>First Communion and Confirmation</b>	11:30 am	Church
Mon, Dec 9	Children's Religion	6:30 pm	Small Assembly Rm
	Choir Practice (Cheryl's Group)	6:30 pm	Church
Tues, Dec 10	Bereavement Group Christmas Luncheon	11:30 am	Al's Steak House, Bells Corners
	CWL Executive	7:00 pm	Small Assembly Rm
	Projector Use (Divina)	7:00 pm	Church
Wed, Dec 11	Pope John XXIII Advent Mass	10:05 am	School
	Choir Practice (Divina's Group)	7:15 pm	Church
Sat, Dec 14	Children's Christmas Party	11:00 am	Hall
	Sun, Dec 15	CWL Bake Sale in Glass House after all Masses	Sale of religious items by <b>Christians of the Holy Land</b> in Hall after all Masses

<i>Mass Times for Christmas and New Year's Day</i>	
Nativity of the Lord	6:00 pm
 Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm
 Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 pm
 11:00 am at Valley Stream Manor	10:00 am
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Mary, Mother of God	5:00 pm
 Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am
 Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am
 11:00 am at Valley Stream Manor	

**No Midnight Mass this Year on Christmas Eve.**

### Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation

Parent Orientation Meeting for all first sacraments will be held this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the church. Attendance of one parent is mandatory.

### Children's Liturgy:

There will be no Children's Liturgy at our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses and on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

St. John the Apostle Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual

### Children's Christmas Party

on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Children will be treated to games, crafts, lots of hot dogs, chips and candy and a visit with Santa. There is no charge and all Parish children are welcome.

Meeting on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church to show and train projection people from all Masses. Contact Divina Hogan (820-7852) for more details.



### Helpers of God's Precious Infants – Day of Vigil for the Unborn

Join us on **Thursday, December 12th**, 2013 (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) to pray for the unborn. The vigil will take place across the street from 65 Bank Street. St. John the Apostle time slot is from **10 am to 11 am**.

*Would you not watch one hour with us?(Mt. 26:40)*  
Deborah La Riccia 613-820-3580



### SHARING OUR CHRISTMAS

Is the name of St. John's Christmas Assistance Program.

It is a fund which allows our Social Outreach Committee to respond, on your behalf, to the many families who need and request help at Christmas.

Throughout Advent, Sharing our Christmas envelopes will be available at both entrances to the church. The weekend of **December 7/8**, our collection date, the envelopes will be in the pews. We are soliciting donations; money received will be used primarily to brighten the Christmas of the poor in our midst. Those who seek our help will receive food vouchers ranging in value for \$50 and up, depending on family size. Those who receive the vouchers will pick them up from Lawrence Donegan at the Morrison Gardens Food Bank.

We, at St. John the Apostle, have a history of giving generously at Christmas time. The needs are ongoing; so should be our concern and love for our neighbours. In this spirit of generosity, any surplus in the fund will be carried beyond the Christmas season and continue to help the needy in the new Year.

**Do you have a flair for decorating? We need parishioners to help decorate the church and hall for the Christmas season. If interested and able to, contact Fr. Tom and come out on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room in the Hall.**

**We welcome donations to offset the cost of flowers to decorate the church. Envelopes are available at both entrances.**



### Calling all singers & instrumentalists

Looking for musicians/singers who may be able to join us in singing/playing at 10 pm Christmas Eve or 10 am Christmas Day mass. Rehearsals take place Wednesday, December 11th & 18th, 7:15 pm in the church. All are welcome. Contact Divina Hogan (820-7852) for more details.

**CHANGE OF DATE:** The 2014 Parish Memorial Mass will be held on November 2, 2014.

### Mass Intentions

- Sat, Dec 7 – 5:00 pm**  
Mass in thanksgiving by Tina and Norm Martin  
✚ Camillo Giamberardino by his wife and family  
✚ Raymond Littleton by the Perry family
- Sun, Dec 8 – 8:00 am**  
✚ Deceased members of the Thomson family  
by Barbara and George Brancato
- Sun, Dec 8 – 10:30 am**  
The intentions of all our Parishioners
- Wed, Dec 11 – 9:00 am**  
✚ Deceased members of the Watzenboeck family  
by R & K Watzenboeck
- Sat, Dec 14 – 5:00 pm**  
The intentions of all our Parishioners
- Sun, Dec 15 – 8:00 am**  
✚ Bert Randall by Betty Randall  
✚ Gregory Kiez by Ned and Leona Kiez  
✚ Norma Girard by David and Linda Green
- Sun, Dec 15 – 10:30 am**  
✚ Ellis McVeigh by Elaine McVeigh  
✚ Sr. Nancy Wilson by the Ardleys  
✚ Fred Spooner by Betty Patterson and family

✚ indicates deceased

**Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them:** Doris Whitney, Lloyd Weatherdon, Leslie Roche, Ivan Goodin and all those who are suffering from long-term chronic disease or mental illness.

**Prayers and sympathy for those who have died.**

### Bulletin Deadlines for Articles and Mass Intentions

Deadline	Bulletin
Monday, December 9 at 10:00 am	Sunday, December 15
Wednesday, December 12 at 10:00 am	Sunday, December 22
Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am	Sunday, December 29
Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am	Sunday, January 5

The **Bereavement Team** is having their Christmas Luncheon at Al's Steak House in Bell's Corners @ 11:30 am Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Vespers** chanted prayer to take place in the church Sundays during Advent at 4:30. All are welcome. Info: John Ware at 613-680-7333

Thank you to all our parishioners who responded generously to the Special Collection for assistance to those who suffered from the Typhoon in the Philippines. Our parish collected \$3,618. This number will be doubled by the Canadian government. Well done!

<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	Reg. Collection	Valley Stream Manor	Redwoods		* Budget requirement	(Deficit) / Over	Building & Mortgage
	\$4,611.50	+ \$218.55	\$ 50.00	= \$4,880.05	- \$4,800.00	\$80.05	\$3,676.95
Special Collection:		Philippines Typhoon		= \$300.00			

\* Total Weekly requirement \$5.350 = \$4.800 Basket collections + Pre-Authorized Contributions weekly average of \$550 (\$2,400/4.36)



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