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Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—December 30th, 2018

From the Pastors Desk...

Every year the Church gives us this celebration of the Holy Family on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year. Advent, the season of hope, has given way to Christmas, the season of joy and blessing. We are called not only to rejoice at Jesus' birth 2000 years ago, but also to rejoice at his coming into our hearts, offering us new life yet again. God challenges me to find Jesus born in weakness and humble surroundings—both in the crib at Bethlehem and in each of our lives. Those words from this weekend's second reading from the First Letter of John, are so powerful and yet so difficult to grasp: "Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now...."

This feast is such an appropriate way to end the calendar year. I am deeply grateful to and for each and every one of you, who have truly become family for me. Even though my weaknesses and sin cause me to forget from time to time, John reminds us that we are all God's children—which makes us family, sisters and brothers to one another. And you, my sisters and brothers, have been my teachers yet again over these past 12 months, challenging me to grow in love and compassion, in grace and humility.

And as we go from the season of hope to the season of joy and blessing I want to thank Paul Mullins for the work he has done and continues to do to make the restoration of Assumption church a reality. What began as a distant and unlikely hope is quickly turning into joy for many of us! Although we have not yet "arrived", it seems more and more likely that at one point in the future our parish ministry will be based out of the historic church. As a parish, I think any of us who have been here for a few years have experienced the entire liturgical year, but beginning with Lent: We have each experienced the death that comes with the closing of a church home and a parish. Holy Name of Mary parishioners experienced new life (albeit under the name of Assumption Parish) when we moved to McEwan Ave. We have all been living in hope, and now we experience joy and blessing.

Know that each of you are in my prayer; I thank God for you and ask the newborn Christ Child to fill you each with joy and blessing.

In. Maurice

Join us for the **Catholic Life Group** on Monday, January 7th, from 6:30-8:00pm in Rosary Hall. This is a very informal conversation group that benefits from sharing the application of the Gospel to our everyday lives. It's a great way to gain support for living our faith in the modern culture. **All adults are welcome!**

Reflection for the Week

"As God's chosen one, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience" (Col.3:12)

May the peace of Christ rule in your heart.



With a New Year approaching it is a good time to consider new ways that we can live discipleship in our actions.

Might you be called to serve as a minister of Holy Communion, or a lector, or perhaps in one of the hospitality ministries of greeter, usher or food and fellowship ministry?

If any of these liturgical ministries appeal to you please come forward by contacting Jean Beneteau at the parish office.

For Eucharistic ministers there will be a formational training session on February 2^{nd} ,2019 so that both new and experienced Eucharistic Ministers will have opportunity to learn of any new procedures, and to reflect on their experience of Christ through this ministry. May God bless you as you discern what you are called to do in fulfillment of his mission.

The Young Adult Café — will begin on Sunday January 13th following the 7:30 mass in Rooney Lounge. Please come and join in food, fellowship, friendship, fun and faith.

The Café will be offered the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Sundays of the month, with a social evening only on the 5^{th} Sundays.

All are welcome.

Jesus Youth is a recognized movement for young adults originating in India that is now present in over 25 countries. Assumption Parish will also host gatherings of Jesus Youth, beginning on Sunday January 20th after the 7:30pm mass in Rooney lounge. Jesus Youth will occur at Assumption Parish on the first and third Sundays of the month.

All are welcome to attend.



Assumption Parish Parking Lot Canned Food Drive

A huge thank you to the University of Windsor Students and Staff who gave so generously to our Canned Food Drive on December 10th & 11th.

We collected over 1,000 food items as well as over \$2,400, in which was all donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter!!!



May the Holy Family
bless you and yours
throughout the year ahead.
The Assumption Parish Staff



THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
AND WILL REOPEN
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2019.

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 31st-NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00pm NEW YEAR'S EVE Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Tuesday, January 1st-NEW YEAR'S DAY 10:00am New Year's Day Mass (McEwan Campus-Church) 12:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Meeting (McEwan Campus-Rooney

Lounge)

2:00pm New Year's Day Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Wednesday, January 2nd

Thursday, January 3rd

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge) 5:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Hour (Rosary Chapel) Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Church) 6:30pm

7:30pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Rosary Hall)

Friday, January 4th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)

3:00pm

Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel) High School Youth Ministry (Rosary Hall) 5:00pm

6:30pm Confession (Rosary Chapel)

Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel) 7:00pm 7:30pm Sisters in Sobriety Meeting (McEwan Campus-Rooney Lounge)

9:00pm Alliance of the Two Hearts Vigil Mass (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, January 5th

Alliance of the Two Hearts Morning Mass (Rosary Chapel) 7:00am 9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)

3:45pm Confession (McEwan Campus-Church)

5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

7:00pm All Are Welcome-AA Meeting (Rosary Hall)

Sunday, January 6th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church) 11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church) 2:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church) 7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

L'il Saints & God's Mighty Minions Sunday School will resume on January 13, 2019.



ROSARY CHAPEL NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

Closed Tuesday, January 1st. Chapel will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd with mass at 8:00am.

Adoration resumes from 8:30am to 8:00pm, Monday thru Friday.

The 12:10pm Masses will resume on Thursday, January 3rd, 2018.

Just to remind all those who minister in any way in our parish community how much the giving of yourself is appreciated, we are once again inviting you to attend an Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday, January 26th. So, save the date, and look for more details in future bulletins.

Let us say "Thank You" to you by attending this event!



Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, January 15th & 22nd 7:00pm in Rosary Hall

Facilitator: Marilyn Morrison Bereavement Minister

Sunday Collection

December 16th, 2018

Regular \$4,474.71 Miscellaneous \$2,786.80 275.00 Giving Tree Total \$7,536.51



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 31st-NEW YEAR'S EVE

NO MASS OR ADORATION

Tuesday, January 1st-NEW YEAR'S DAY 8:00am No MASS OR ADORATION

Wednesday, January 2nd

†Georgina (Jean) Keane by Wayne Churchill

†Dale Cloutier by Dennis Malette †Bernie Allen by Dennis Malette

Thursday, January 3rd

†Gerardo Tullio by Santa Lepera †Florence Raisbeck by Dennis Malette 8:00am

†Hani Sarweh by Dennis Malette

12:10pm For the Intentions of Anthony Lobo by Bob & Charlotte Carr For the Intentions of Erika Rebello by Bob & Charlotte Carr

Friday, January 4th 8:00am †Vicky Car †Vicky Carino by her husband Avel

†Elezovic Mrija by the Family

†Antonio & Maria Perrotta by the Family

Saturday, January 5th-McEwan Campus 5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sunday, January 6th-McEwan Campus
9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners
11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners 7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of December 30th

Rosary Chapel

[†]Tony Macri by Mr. & Mrs. N. DiGioia

Assumption Church-McEwan Campus

†Don Evans by Irene & Helen



The 2019 Offertory Envelopes are located at the front entrance of the church. Please pick yours up today!

ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE ENVELOPES WILL BE REASSIGNED A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER.

- THE ENVELOPES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, LOOK FOR YOUR NAME NOT YOUR OLD ENVELOPE NUMBER.
- PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH YOUR NAME ON THE BOX.
- PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW ENVELOPES YOU USE IN 2019 THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT
- DO NOT USE YOUR 2018 ENVELOPES RECYCLE THEM!
- IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.



A heartfelt Thank you to all you wonderful people who either volunteered your time to go shopping, donated money to the Giving tree campaign, or lent a helping hand.

A special thanks goes out to Corpus Christi & Good Shepard Parishes for their time shopping and donations!

This year we were able help 120 children under the age of 18!



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