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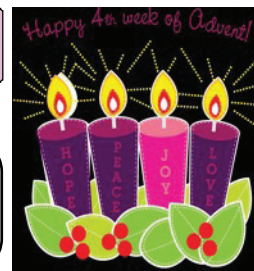
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm



DECEMBER 24, 2017 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday, December 23 **5:00 pm** † Ruth Pritchard
Sunday, December 24 **10:30 am** † Ann Bickerton



DECEMBER 25, 2017 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

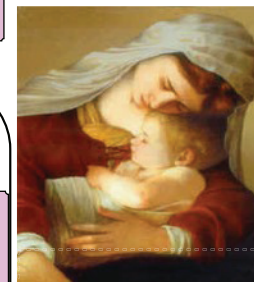
Sunday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve 5:00 pm** For the people of the parish
Sunday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve 10:00 pm** For the people of the parish
Monday, Dec. 25 **Christmas Day 10:00 am** For the people of the parish



Tuesday, Dec. 26 to Friday, December 29, 2017 – No Masses

DECEMBER 31, 2017 – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30 **5:00 pm** † Mary O’Hearn
Sunday, December 31 **10:30 am** † Ioleen Bovey



JANUARY 1, 2017 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Sun., Dec. 31 **5:00 pm** For the people of the parish
Mon., Jan. 1 **10:00 am** For the people of the parish

PLEASE NOTE:
The parish office will be closed Dec. 25 to 27 for Christmas and Jan. 1 & 2 for New Year’s!

ST. PHILOMENA:

Sun., Dec. 24 **8:30 am** † Vincent Donnelly
Sun., Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve 7:30 pm** For the people of the parish
Sun., Dec. 31 **8:30 am** † Brian Dwyre
Sun., Dec. 31 **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 7:30 pm** For the people of the parish

We extend our sympathies to the families of those who died recently including Murray Hockey, Glen Merithew and Pat Yates, and for those whose month’s mind and anniversaries occur about now.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for JANUARY 2018 – Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.



My Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, we gather with joy in our hearts. We once again experience the Light of Christ coming into this world. We also welcome the face of Our Lord to be seen throughout every land. Yet we have a role to play in this as we reflect the night of Christ as well as present the face of God to others.

Each of us should also be thankful for our blessings as we reach out to others who are in need.

I wish to extend to you my best wishes this Christmas for you and your families as we celebrate the birth of the infant Jesus, our Divine Saviour.

Yours in Jesus through Mary, **Fr. Dale**



A Beautiful Tradition

"Twas The Night Before Christmas, when all thro' the house, not a creature was stirring ... you know the rest. Yes, to read this poem can be a favourite at your house, yet another beautiful tradition is to read the Christmas Story from the Bible. The wonderful events are

recorded in Matthew Chapter 1 and 2 and Luke Chapter 1 and 2. This is a fabulous way to review and prepare for the celebration of our Saviour's birth.

OUR BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: One of the most important things we can do for one another is to pray. When you, a family member or close friend is facing a health issue having the support of the parish community can definitely help. Please call the office to include a loved one on our list. May the Lord grant all of our sick healing and strength.

St. Francis Xavier Relic Visit

A famous relic of St. Francis Xavier—his right forearm and hand, with which it is thought he baptized over 100,000 people—is coming to Canada. The relic rarely leaves Rome. Everyone is welcome to come venerate this great saint. Come at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston on Wed., Jan. 10th. cco.ca/relic for details or the poster.



Little Tiny Jesus

It's been forty weeks since the Baby Jesus was conceived. Mary and the world rejoice at the birth of her son! *Please pray for the leaders of our country to respect the life of all human beings from the moment of their conception to their natural death.*

Saturday, December 30 at 5pm

Gifts: Yvon and Dianne Ouellet
Lector: Marlene Sirosky
Greeters: B. & S. Cunningham
Holy Communion: A. Cliffe

Sunday, Dec. 31 at 10:30 am

Greeters A. Mangan/M. Thivierge
Lector: Debbie Donaldson
Gifts: Wood Family
Holy Communion: M. McDonald
Children's Liturgy: Dawn Kirkby Campbell

Sunday, December 31 at 5 pm

Greeters: B. Leech & I. Tozer
Gifts: Tom & Sheila Petch
Lector: Bernadette Egan
Holy Communion: M. Jacobsen

Sunday, January 1 at 10 am

Greeters: G. Brosso & F. Fair
Lector: Kallie Portieous
Gifts: B. & M. Dufffy
Holy Communion: K. Jenkins

ST. PHILOMENA

Sun. Dec. 24 Regular 8:30 am

Reader: volunteer
Holy Communion: volunteer

Sun. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Reader: Linda
Communion: Marg/Marilyn

Sun. Dec. 31 Regular 8:30 am

Reader: volunteer
Holy Communion: volunteer

Sun. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Reader: Dianne

Tickets still available!

Enjoy a VIP experience at a Toronto Maple Leafs game

Purchase a ticket for \$210 which includes ticket, dinner, coach transportation & \$40 tax receipt. Enjoy a private suite, VIP entrance, private elevators and a dedicated bartender to give you that first class experience.

Vancouver Canucks vs Toronto Maple Leafs in Toronto

Saturday, January 6, 2018 Bus leaving Gananoque St. John's Church parking lot at 2 pm; Kingston Toys R Us at 2:30 pm

For Tickets: Mary Elizabeth 613-382-9876 and Lise at the office 613.382.2017.

www.tsn.ca/the-fun-of-calling-your-shot-on-the-leafs-1.720250



Blessing of Expectant Parent(s)

If you are an expectant parent(s) and would like to receive a blessing, please approach Father Dale before or after Mass or you may contact the parish office.



COLLECTION - as the bulletin needed to be printed early due to holidays, the collection totals will be printed in the next bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE: Two (2) Pre-Authorized Withdrawals this month: Dec. 15th for Sundays & Dec. 27th for Christmas.



A glimmer of light!

This was a test. The real set-up will be installed very soon.

Please take a copy of the Journey, the Archdiocesan Newsletter. Nancy Hibbert wrote a beautiful article about St. John's Rose Window. If you donated, please check the list at the entrance of the Church for the proper spellings before plaque is made.

Eric Emmerson, tenant at St. Philomena's rectory, is looking for an occupant/roommate. If you or someone you know love the island, wood stove heat, and time spent on porch, please call the office for information. 613.382.2017.

The annual Campaign Life Coalition Candlelight Vigil on the feast of the Holy Innocents on Thursday, December the 28th will NOT be held at Kingston General Hospital this year. The Ontario Government passed legislation to prevent any pro-life demonstration within 50 meters of hospitals or abortuaries which commit abortions. On the Feast Holy Innocents Thursday, December 28, 2017 there will be Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 7 p.m. Please join us. Info: Campaign Life Coalition at 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084.



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