



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; & 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

RECONCILIATION

Available before weekday and Saturday Masses as indicated in the weekly calendar and 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.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Kim Baudouin holyspiritcff@gmail.com

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

Louise Beggs, President cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

James MacLean, Grand Knight 613-831-8617

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jan Haubrich, Chair 613-850-3283

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary 613-907-4122

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: _____

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



January 11 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

January 18 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3,5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Parish Calendar

Mon, Jan 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

6:30 pm RCIA

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tue, Jan 13

9:00 am Mass

Wed, Jan 14

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thu, Jan 15

9:00 am Mass

9:00 am Children's Faith Formation

9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests

7:00 pm Youth Night Grades 6-8

Fri, Jan 16

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group

7:00 pm Adoration

Sat, Jan 17 St. Anthony

4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

Sun, Jan 18 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

*Coffee Sunday hosted by the Catholic Women's League after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

*Confession available before morning Mass 8:30-8:50am

The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 3-5. Bring a friend! Check Parish Calendar above. Our ministry is still looking for volunteers, if you feel called to help in any way, please contact Alex for next steps! youth@holyspiritparish.ca

Offering A Mass

Parishioners are invited to have a Mass said for those who have passed away, or for anyone you know who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf. Have a Mass offered in thanksgiving or celebration, in memory of a loved one, or for special intentions for a friend who is suffering. There are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said. Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love! Find a reason to have a Mass offered today. Remember to arrange your Mass requests well in advance as dates fill up quickly. For more information, visit the Parish Office, call 613-836-8881 or email admin@holyspiritparish.ca

Mass Intentions

Tue, Jan 13 – 9:00 am

†Lucette Marcil by Jacques & Jeannie

Wed, Jan 14 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Margaret Mulvihill by Marion & Patricia

Thu, Jan 15 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Nancy O'Brien by Sandra

Fri, Jan 16 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Dolores Bahen by Marion & Patricia

Sat, Jan 17 – 5:00 pm

For living & deceased members of the Catholic Women's League

†Phil Rocco by Grace

†Edward Riordan by James Riordan

Sun, Jan 18 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, Jan 18 – 11:00 am

†Jerry Jaworski by C. Carroll

†Ida Spadafora by Santo & Laura Scarfo

†John Scrim by Des & Sue McGuire

Intentions of Laplante Family

†Stephen Geurts by Parents & Family

Please pray for those who are sick: Dan

Please pray for those who have died: John Young

†Indicates Deceased.



“Return” – A Discussion Series on Bringing Catholics Back to the Church Have you ever wondered how to help friends, children, or other loved ones reconnect with their Catholic faith? Join us for “Return,” a five-part discussion series offering guidance, support, and practical tools for reaching out to those who have drifted away from the faith. The discussion will draw on Brandon Vogt's book *Return: How to draw your child back to the Church*. **When:** Immediately following the 9:00am Mass for one hour in the Conference Room on Sundays, Jan 11 & 25, Feb 8 & 22, and Mar 8. Let's come together as a parish family to learn, pray, and grow in our mission to welcome others home. All are welcome to join any or all of the sessions!

Wedding Anniversary Blessing: We invite all couples who celebrated a wedding anniversary in October, November, December or January to take part in a special Anniversary Blessing during Mass on the weekend of January 24 & 25. If you would like to participate, please register with the parish office by providing your names and the number of years you are celebrating. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you!



Reflection:

Jesus' baptism is not the same as the sacrament of baptism we typically celebrate with our infant children. The Church understands this non-sacramental baptism of Jesus by John in several ways: for example "perhaps [Jesus] comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water." (Gregory of Nazianzus).

Fr. Geoff

Prayer for the New Year: Heavenly Father, as I stand at the threshold of this new year, I come before You with a heart full of hope and trust. Thank You for the gift of another year, for the grace You have given me, and for Your faithful presence in my life. I place this new year into Your hands. Guide my steps, protect my heart, and help me grow closer to You each day. Bless my family, my work, my relationships, and all the intentions I carry in my heart. Give me strength in trials, wisdom in decisions, and peace in uncertainty. Lord, may this year be one of grace, renewal, and deeper faith. I trust in Your providence and surrender all to Your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have You Moved in the past year? Call or email the Parish Office to be sure we have your new mailing address before income tax receipts are printed and distributed. Please help us stay up to date!



Calling all Euchre players Come for a fun afternoon of Euchre on Saturday, January 31, 1pm - 4 pm in the Parish Hall hosted by the Holy Spirit Parish Catholic Women's League. There will be tables for tournament play as well as non-tournament tables. Haven't played in years? We have a table set up for you! Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets will be available after January 24 & 25 Masses and at the door. There will be prizes for the tournament winners, door prizes and a 50/50 draw. For info and tickets, contact Michelle Cole or Louise Beggs at cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com or (613)836-3126. Everyone is welcome.

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Thank you to all parishioners who share with those less fortunate in our community. Monetary donations are best right now but toiletries, toilet paper, tissue, juice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, salmon and tuna, rice, cereal, cookies, crackers, coffee and tea are also needed. Please check expiry dates on donations. Please bring your donations during office hours or when you come to Sunday Mass.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 - 25 The theme for the week is: *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"* (Eph 4.4) This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

Living for Greatness NET Retreat – Grades 6-8

Society tells us that the purpose of life is to get a good job and make a lot of money. However, our greatness isn't measured by what we do, but by who we are. God has a plan for each of us. During this retreat, attendees explore how to hear him and have the strength to follow him. The retreat day includes games, skits, dynamic talks, small-group discussions where kids can share honestly about faith and life, and a time of guided prayer and worship. **The cost is \$25/participant and includes lunch.** For youths in grades 6-8, the retreat runs from 10am-4:30pm on Sat, Jan 17, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. For youths in grades 9-12, the retreat runs from 10am-4:30pm on Sun, Jan 18, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Use QR Code to register:



The bus stop and the breakroom: Catholic witness that works (YA Series) with Speaker Holly Leonard, Catholic Christian Outreach Can I share the Gospel at work without getting cancelled? Let's talk through the practical nuts-and-bolts of witnessing and evangelization in every day settings.

This event is part of the Why Not More Young Adult Series. About Why Not More: Join other young adults in our region for sound teaching from Catholic leaders of our Diocese on topics relevant to your life. Then go deeper by discussing your faith with fellow believers in a place where no questions are out of bounds. Leave feeling equipped, confident and inspired to live out your Catholic faith without shame. Each meeting will feature a talk and roundtable discussions in smaller groups so you can discuss your faith with other young adults. The evening will end with different forms of Catholic prayer. January 21 at 7PM at St. George Parish, N 415 Piccadilly Ave.

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