

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)

Pastor: Rev. Emeka Onyeogubalu
 Deacon: Deacon Victor Mesta
 Office Administrator: Veronika Jakelic
 Bookkeeping: Joanne Bazdell
 Maintenance: Steve Short

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

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

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office 613-829-1760 to make arrangements.

FUNERAL ENQUIRIES: Please contact the Parish Office 613-829-1760.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Ray Kostuch (Chair) John Schembri
 Chris Pereira Marie Weerasooriya-Epps

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Gino Brancatelli (Chair) Paul Gillis
 John Schembri Don Percy/Adel
 Iskandar

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Mary Jean Thompson (Chair)
 Rosemary Fikis Heather Petti Nancy Simon
 Fred Adibe Deacon Victor Mesta Jeff Alguire
 Christine Buccione Richard Abakah-Akumah

Sunday Eucharist

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

Weekday Liturgy

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

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: prayed before weekday Mass 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday of the Month, following 9am Mass
 until 10:30am

CONFESSIONS:

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

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Rosemary Fikis	fikism@proton.me	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra		613-721-8111
COUNTERS	Kerri Courville	courvillek3@gmail.com	
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 10470	Frederick Adibe	fredadibe7@gmail.com	613-410-8017
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Mary Jean Thompson	r.thompson1@rogers.com	613-226-7219
MUSIC MINISTRY 5:00pm	Joanne Parenteau	joanneparenteau@gmail.com	
8:00am	Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-447-0489
10:30am	Lisa-Marie Flynn	lisamarielynn13@gmail.com	613-614-5566
PRO-LIFE MINISTRY	James Lariviere	jmlariviere@gmail.com	613-883-8670
	Family Support Center		1-800-665-0570
READERS/COMMENTATORS	Laura Recoskie	irecoskie@gmail.com	613 596-0905
RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY	Parish Office		613-829-1760
SACRISTANS/ENVIRONMENT	Angela Beimers		613-829-0320
SENIORS MINISTRY	Claudette Joseph	claudette43@rogers.com	613-829-6013
USHERS	Gerry Fikis	fikisgw@pm.me	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 XXIII	613-226-6223
St. John the Apostle	613-828-0644	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

	Lectors	Ministers of Holy Communion
April 25th/26th Fourth Sunday of Easter		
5:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
	#1 Cynthia Thornley #2 Peter Stoop	Deacon Victor Mesta Yoli Mesta Gina Madrigano
8:00 am	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
	#1 Malachy Okafor #2 Alphonsa Fernandes	Angela Beimers Mary Jean Thompson Jeff Hill
10:30 am	Presider: Bishop Yvan Mathieu	
	#1 Chris Pereira #2 Jessica Doyle	Ron Mahoney Ray Kostuch Janet Snider-Belot

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled,
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*



FIRST COMMUNION

Special blessings to all who are receiving their sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend in our parish.

Vocations Works Special Collection
April 25-26, 2026 (Good Shepherd Sunday)

For many years, our archdiocese has prayed for vocations to the priesthood. We give thanks that God has answered those prayers.

Just a few years ago, we had no seminarians in formation. **Today, six men are preparing for the priesthood, and next year, we expect up to twelve.** These vocations are a gift from God and a great sign of hope for our Church.

Each of these men has answered the call of the Good Shepherd with courage and faith. **Now we are invited to respond**, to walk with them and support their formation, especially their studies at the seminary, which costs around **\$65,000 per seminarian, per year.**

The Good Shepherd Sunday special collection will support the **Vocations Appeal**. Our goal this year is to raise **\$500,000** to ensure that every seminarian receives the education and formation needed to serve God's people well and lead a Church that goes out, goes deep, and goes together.

God has called.
They have answered.
Now the call comes to us.

Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers for our future priests.

Dates to Remember

- April 25th – Cor Gathering**
- April 25th – Hike for Life**
- April 26th – Confirmation**
- May 2nd - Blood donation drive**
- June 15th – 20th – Photo sessions for Parish Directory**

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the CWL for their generous donation of \$1500 to the Church's Building Fund. Many thanks to all who support the CWL initiatives.

HIKE FOR LIFE – SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

Join Action Life's 35th Annual Hike for Life on **Saturday, April 25th** - a fun 5 km walk for all ages, with refreshments and prizes. Rain or shine, registration runs from 8-10 am at St Theresa's Parish Hall, 95 Somerset St West. Pledge forms are available at the church entrances.

If you cannot participate, please consider sponsoring James Lariviere, our parish's Pro-life representative and designated hiker. For more information, visit www.actionlife.org or contact jmlariviere@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 26th at 10:30am Mass. Bishop Yvan Mathieu presiding.

Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers as they journey in faith together.

The National March for Life Week May 12th – 15th

We are all made in the image and likeness of God and are deserving of life from conception to natural death. So please join us for the biggest pro-life demonstration in Canada, the National March for Life in Ottawa on Parliament Hill, Thursday, May 14th at 12:30pm. For a full schedule of all events visit marchforlife.ca



SUNDAY SMILE

Things have changed since the days of Christopher Columbus. Columbus headed for India and wound up in San Domingo. Today, you head for India, you get to India. It's the luggage that winds up in San Domingo.

Knights of Columbus - Cor Invitation

The Knight of Columbus are inviting all Catholic men of the parish to join us for **Breakfast, prayer, faith formation, and fellowship**. Feel free to invite men in your family, friends and neighbors. Suggested donation of **\$10.00 to help offset the cost of food**. Please advise if you have any food allergies or diet restrictions.

What Cor Looks Like:

- Open to **all men of the parish**
- Meets **once a month** (Saturday mornings)
- Sessions **60 -90 minutes**
- Please bring your rosary, pen and notebook.

Upcoming Dates: Saturday April 25th
Saturday May 30th, Saturday June 27th

Time: 9:30am to 11:00 am at St John the Apostle Church Hall. Wheelchair Accessible - Elevator service available on request.

If you will be attending, please contact:
Mike Leeder 613-726-0538 leeder1203@rogers.com
by Monday April 20th

NEW Dates for Photo sessions for the Parish Directory for our 60th Anniversary

Photo session dates will be held from **June 15th – 20th** (Monday through Saturday) in the church hall.

Each household who gets photographed will receive a free copy. Photography sessions are FREE. All households (singles, couples, families, multi-generational families) are invited to participate. **You do not have to be using envelopes to participate.** We want to include as many people as possible. Signup sheets are at both church entrances.

Blood Donation Drive

St. John the Apostle Parish is hosting a Blood Drive with Canadian Blood Services on **Saturday, May 2nd** after the 9am Mass. We need 15 donors! One donation can help save up to three lives. Please consider giving the gift of life.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Apr. 18th – 5:00pm

✠Luigi and Dina Minatel by Sandra

Sun. Apr. 19th – 8:00am

✠Matilde Brunetti by Adriano and family
Intentions of Jean Barton on her 102nd birthday by Rosemary and Jerry Fikis

Sun. Apr. 19th – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners

Tues. Apr. 21st – 9:00am

Wed. Apr. 22nd – 9:00am

Thurs. Apr. 23rd – 9:0am

✠Andrzej Bielanski
Intentions of Fara Alcindor

Fri. Apr. 24th – 9:00am

Sat. Apr. 25th – 5:00pm

✠Adele White by Peter White
✠Arlene Noonan by Robert Noonan
✠Rita Nash by the family

Sun. Apr. 26th – 8:00am

Sun. Apr. 26th – 10:30am

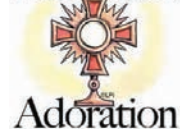
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✠ indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Joanne Margeson, Maureen McBain, Bill Roblin and Cecilia D'Amico. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away, remembering Bill Beales.

Eucharistic



Adoration

EVERY **FIRST FRIDAY**

OF THE MONTH

After 9am Mass until
10:30am.

Come spend some time with our Lord.

St. John the Apostle's Youth & Young

Adult Group launches **Friday, May 1st!** Open to youth (12–17) and young adults (18–35). **Join us every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 7–9 p.m.,** for fun, fellowship, snacks, and growing in our Catholic faith.

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