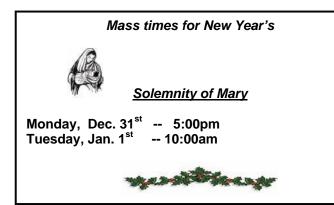
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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Feast of the Holy Family









Please take note of the paper chain on our beautiful Christmas tree at the front of the church. The kids at Children's Liturgy have been writing down on a link the good deeds that they do, in Jesus' honour as a gift for his birthday, and have created a Chain of Good Deeds. The circles of the chain represent God's unending love. We have some wonderful kids around here!



Under the CWL's national theme of "Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call", the SJA CWL members voted to support the Youville Centre. Members donated 3 packing boxes of clothing, toiletries and children's books plus \$135 in gift cards to the Youville Centre last month.

During our visit, we witnessed the marvellous work the Centre does with the young mothers and their babies! Many of these young women (ages 13-25) come from abusive situations and are referred to the Centre because they are pregnant and have nowhere else to go. Founded by Sister Betty Ann Kinsella in 1985, the Centre provides counselling services, education, housing support, medical and dental care, parenting skills and financial management to these very vulnerable young girls to help create a brighter future for themselves and their children. Volunteers and staff care for the babies (ages 0-3 years) while the mothers continue their education. Many of the young mothers graduate with their high school diploma and have gone on to college or university because of the support they received at the Youville Centre.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| <u>Tuesdays</u> : <u>Wednesdays</u> : | Legion of Mary - 9:30 am Small Assembly Room Euchre – 12:30 pm in Small Assembly Room Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 1:30 pm | | |
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| <u>Fridays</u> : Sundays: | Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:15 pm Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am | | |
| Mon. to Fri. | After School Group: 3 – 6 pm Small Assembly Room | | |
| Sat. Jan. 5 th | Cursillo | 9:30am SAR | |

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10th – Parish Memorial Mass

January 15th – Alpha Reunion

January 17th – Bible Study Resumes

Parish Memorial Mass The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday**, **January 10th**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away **in 2018**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2018 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased <u>and</u> the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass on their behalf.

SJA ALPHA REUNION: A friendly reminder to the volunteers and guests of the 2018 SJA Alpha Program to reunite on Tuesday, January 15th (evening) in the Main Hall. Feel free to bring your family and friends! It's a great opportunity to reconnect with each other, talk about what's been happening with each of us since the Program concluded, and what to look forward to in 2019!

Notice for Parents – Re: Sacraments

Parents of children in the Public School System and children who are homeschooled are asked to please call the parish office to register for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. 613-829-1760.

> The Parish Office will be closed until January 2nd.

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CHRISTMAS SMILE

How many reindeer does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Eight! One to screw in the light bulb and seven to hold Rudolph down!

Auxiliary Bishop Appointed for Alexandria-

Cornwall: Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. He will work closely with Archbishop Prendergast, S.J., who is the Bishop of both the Cornwall and Ottawa dioceses.

Women of Grace: Discussion and prayer on what it means to be a Catholic woman today. Video presentations, Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, etc. and small group discussion. 12-week course. St. Patrick's Basilica, Conference Rm., Scavi. Info meeting: **Thurs., Jan**. **10th**, 9:30am. Cost: \$60 for materials; financial assistance available. Facilitator: Mimi Wilson. All women welcome. Info: <u>mimiwilson613@gmail.com</u>

Kindergarten Registration: If your child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2018, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program. Kindergarten Registration Week is **January 14-18, 2019** at your local Catholic elementary school, or anytime throughout the year. For more information, visit: http://ocsb.ca/register/



Follow our new SJA Facebook site

<u>www.facebook.com/sja.parish.79</u> and you'll receive info about activities, events, and evangelization tools to help in your faith journey. Share it with your family and friends! It's easy and free!

| COLLEC | TIONS Sept./Oct./No | ov. 2018 vs 2017 |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Sept. Regular | \$ 20,329.85 | \$ 22,098.40 |
| Bldg./Mrtg. | \$ 5,492.05 | \$ 4,252.90 |
| Down by \$529.40 | \$ 25,821.90 | \$ 26,351.30 |
| Oct. Regular | \$ 28,957.35 | \$ 31,115.30 |
| Bldg./Mrtg. | \$ 8,513.10 | \$ 6,161.80 |
| Up by \$193.35 | \$ 37,470.45 | \$ 37,277.10 |
| Nov. Regular | \$ 21,237.90 | \$ 22,973.55 |
| Bldg./Mrtg. | \$ 5,534.00 | \$ 5,094.50 |
| Down by \$1,296.15 | \$ 26,771.90 | \$ 28,068.05 |

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 30th – 8:00am [↑]Wendy Harrington by Ann, Ray and Fran, Steve and Bev, Ron and Marilyn, Alem and Tsegenet [↑]Margaret Yurack by the McGann family Deceased members of the Grace family by Pat Berdnikoff

<u>Sun. Dec. 30th – 10:30am</u> For the intentions of our parishioners.

<u>Sun. Dec. 30th – 11:00am – Valley Stream</u> **†**Hilary Reid by Douglas and Ray Reid

<u>Mon. Dec. 31st – 5:00pm</u> [⊕]Norman Martin by his wife Tina Intentions of Kathleen Jordan by Anne and Roydon Kealey

<u>Tues. Jan. 1st – 10:00am</u> †Eleanor Dineen by the family †Edwin Kennedy by Barbara and family Deceased members of the Dawson and Randall families by Betty Randall

<u>Wed. Jan. 2nd – 9:00am</u> **⊕**Rosalie Ash by the Pro-Life Ministry

<u>Fri. Jan. 4th – 9:00am</u> Intentions of Father Geoff by the family

<u>Sat. Jan.5th – 9:00am</u> For the protection of all human life.

<u>Sat. Jan. 5th – 5:00pm</u> ✿Eleanor Dineen by the Watters family ♥Wendy Harrington by Bill, Del, Connie, Peter and Kati, The Kitts ♥Rosalie Ash by Connie, Del, Ella, Doreen, Teresa

<u>Sun. Jan. 6th – 8:00am</u> For the intentions of our parishioners.

Sun. Jan. 6th – 10:30am thelen Coyle by Maureen Murray thelen Coyle by Michael and Joan Proctor Blessings on Michel and Karen Lavoie and family, by Nilo and Heidi, Bob and Liliane, Ron and Marilyn, Bryan and Laura, Patrick and Helen

indicates deceased

Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!



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