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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



December 31st **Feast of the Holy Family**

Here we are, on the cusp of a new year. It's the perfect day to reflect on the past year's blessings and to set our hopes on those yet to come. Imagine all the families that are doing this very thing today – engaging in this “dual vision” of the past and the future. It's not hard to imagine the Holy Family doing the same thing as well. They, too, had much to look back on and much to anticipate! perhaps Mary recalled the angel's words about Jesus at the Annunciation, “He will be called Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32). Joseph must have remembered his dream, when the angel told him to name Mary's son Jesus, “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Remembering these dramatic interventions must have helped this couple to trust in God's faithfulness and to know that their future was safe in his hands.

Joseph and Mary weren't the only ones to engage in this dual vision. Simeon shared his vision with them as well. Holding the infant Jesus, he saw the fulfillment of all God's promises and the hope for the future salvation of Israel. This is a day to be amazed at God's blessings – and to know that even better things have yet to come!

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January 1st **The Solemnity of Mary**

This feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means “God-bearer”. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, “Be it done to me according to thy word”. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the “Prince of Peace”, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the “Queen of Peace”. New Year's Day is also designated as the “World Day of Peace”, further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world. Holy Family Church, USA

Mass Times for New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary
Sunday, December 31st - 5:00 pm.
Monday, January 1st - 10:00 am.

We wish you all a Happy New Year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Tuesdays :</u>	Legion of Mary - 9:30 am Small Assembly Room
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	Euchre - 12.30 pm in Small Assembly Room Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 1:30 pm
<u>Fridays:</u>	Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:15 pm
<u>Sundays:</u>	Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am
<u>Mon. to Fri.</u>	After School Group: 3 – 6 pm Small Assembly Room

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 4th – Parish Memorial Mass

Jan 9th – Bereavement Luncheon

Jan 10th – Alpha Program Reunion

Jan 18th – Bible Study

Parish Memorial Mass The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass this **Thursday, January 4th, at 7:00 pm.** This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away ***in 2017***, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year. If you lost a family member in 2017 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 829-1760, with the name of the deceased and the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass on their behalf.

Bereavement Luncheon, Speaker Ian

Henderson: Ian works with Bereavement and Support Ottawa and is a grief educator and facilitator who has helped many through their grieving journey. He will be speaking at our parish Bereavement Group Luncheon on **Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 11:30am** in the Small Assembly Room (entrance back of parking lot). All are welcome. Bring your own lunch. Info: Mary Ellen (613-224-0030)

Bible Study: Our parish, in collaboration with Sisterhood, will be offering Jeff Cavin's "**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.**" It is open to men and women and runs for 8 weeks every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Main Hall starting **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018**. Cost is \$25 and includes student workbook, coffee and tea. Registration: Karen: 613-806-0377; livesisterhood@gmail.com; or with the parish office.

SJA Alpha Program Reunion

To those who participated in our recent SJA Alpha Program as a guest or volunteer, you are invited to an Alpha Reunion on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Main Hall. It'll be a good time to share fellowship and catch up with each other! Feel free to bring along any of your family and friends. Beverages will be available that evening, but we ask that you bring some snack food to share for our nutrition break together. (Please keep in mind nut and shellfish allergies.) Looking forward to seeing you there!



SUNDAY SMILE

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Counters needed: There is a need for more volunteer counters. Counters are responsible for the counting of the weekend collections. The commitment is on a rotating basis and would be about once a month. If you are interested, please contact our bookkeeper, Pearl Beausoleil at 613-829-4908 or finance.sjap@magma.ca

All are welcome to join the new Divine Mercy Cenacle in our Parish, starting on Jan. 24th and following every third Thursday of the month, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Our focus is on the message of Divine Mercy. Cost is \$20 for the book. For more info, please contact Mary Ellen (613-224-0030) or Sonia syumas@yahoo.com

Kindergarten Registration: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by **Dec. 31, 2018**, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program. Kindergarten Registration Week is **Jan. 15 -19th** at your local Catholic elementary school, or anytime throughout the year. For more info. visit: <http://ocsb.ca/register/>

Clothing for St. Vincent de Paul: When deciding what to do with clothing you no longer wear please remember our **drop-off bin at the rear of the church parking lot**. Clothing donations to charities like St. Vincent's, Ottawa Neighbourhood Services, and the Salvation Army are down due to competition from other drop-off bin operators. Be aware that donation bins are not well regulated and many drop boxes around the city are operated by for-profit companies and even organized crime.

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

New Envelope Holders: If you are a new envelope holder for the upcoming year of 2018, welcome to the parish! Please fill out your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks to help us out with the recording of your contributions. *Thank you*

The Compassionate Community Care (CCC) helpline, 1-855-675-8749 is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help and support regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide prevention, and/or end-of-life treatment issues or concerns.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 30th – 5:00 pm

†Norman Martin by his wife Tina and family
†Eleanor Dineen by the Watters family

Sun. Dec. 31st – 8:00 am

†Thomas Anzai by Ted & Sadie, Paul & Lenora,
Gerry & Rosemary, Bob & Mary Lou, Irene
†Janet Van Duzer by Ted & Sadie Stephen
†Margaret Yurack by Gerry & Rosemary, Joe & Lillian,
Steve & Bev, John, Teresa

Sun. Dec. 31st – 10:30 am

†James Shields by Georgette Shields
†Thomas Anzai by Bob & Liliane, Mike & Joan, Mike &
Karen, Alem & Tsegenet, Nilo & Heidi
†Edwin Kennedy by Barbara and family

Sun. Dec. 31st – 11:00 am Valley Stream

†Hilary Reid by Douglas and Ray Reid

Sun. Dec. 31st – 5:00 pm

For the Intentions of our parishioners

Mon. Jan. 1st – 10:00 am

†Eleanor Dineen by the family
†Dawson and Randall families by Betty Randall
For the Yee family by Divina and Daniel Hogan

Sat. Jan. 6th – 9:00 am

Intentions of Sharon Xavier by John Ware

Sat. Jan. 6th – 5:00 pm

†Marthe Dubroy by Des Dubroy
†Thomas Anzai by Divina and Daniel Hogan

Sun. Jan. 7th – 8:00 am

For the intentions of our parishioners

Sun. Jan 7th - 10:30 am

†Don Brennan by Tillie Brennan
†Marjorie Snow by Patricia and John Dunphy
†Thomas Anzai by Dave and Lynn, Bryan and Laura,
Terry and Debby, Frank and Doreen, Darek and Dorota

† indicates deceased

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

Votive Candle Stand: For quite a few years there have been no votive candles readily available in our church for the faithful to light. But now that we have begun to use the old confessional near the entrance of the church, we plan to place a votive candle stand in front of the statue of Our Lady and the Christ Child, sometime in January. This will be on a trial basis. The stand will hold large paraffin candles in glass containers, and so an offering of \$5 will be asked. I have inquired with our insurance provider and, as long as we take the necessary precautions, they have no problem and it will not impact our insurance rates. Any questions, please contact the office. *Fr. Lindsay*

Office Hours: The office will re-open,
January 2nd at 9:00am.



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