

# 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 PercyAdel  
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	
DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:	Doreen Aaron	doreen.aaron@gmail.com	
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	5pm Joanne Parenteau	joanneparenteau@gmail.com	
	8am Jamie Burnett	jamesmichaelburnett@gmail.com	613-224-8081
	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	lrecoskie@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
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FOOD BANKS	Morrison Gardens Food Bank		613-596-6229
	Pinecrest Food Cupboard		613-596-6703
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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 \_\_\_

	Lectors
<b>Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
5:00 pm	#1 Cynthia Thornley #2 Yvonne Munro
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
8:00am	#1 Rexita Xavier #2 Sabrina Pedulla
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
10:30am	#1 Janet Snider Belot #2 Myles Bunbury

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

**This Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>,** the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall invites all parishes to celebrate **Dignity of Human Life Sunday**. This year the focus is on the **sanctity and dignity of human life at the end of life**. For more information see pamphlets and posters at the entrances of the church.



**Old Easter Palms:** Please bring in any of your old palms and place in the boxes provided at both entrances of the Church. These palms are burned to use for Ash Wednesday. *Thank you*

### **Parish Directory for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

SJA is consulting the parishioners to see who is interested in a parish directory to commemorate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. *Each household who gets photographed will receive a free copy. If there is not enough interest, we will not proceed with the photo directory.*

Photography sessions are FREE and will take place at the Church in May 2026. Please see the notices and sign up sheets (until March 1, 2026) at both Church entrances. Volunteers are welcome.

If you require additional information, please call (613-829-8233) Marie Weerasooriya-Epps or Mary Jean Thompson (613-226-7219).

## ***Dates to Remember***

**February 17<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Dinner**  
**February 18<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Parish Memorial Mass**  
**February – Parish Directory Sign Up**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Encounter**



### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER FEBRUARY 17TH**

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Woman's League will be jointly co-hosting a Pancake Dinner on **Shrove Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to our meal of pancakes, sausages, beans, dessert, coffee, tea, juice and water.

We will be collecting a good will donation with all profits donated to our community charities. We request you put your name on the sign-up sheets at both church entrances so we know how many people will be attending.

### **Parish Memorial Mass**

**The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League** are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 pm. This Mass is dedicated to all the deceased members from our parish who passed away in **2025**, as well as parishioner family members who died during this past year.

If you lost a family member in 2025 and would like them remembered at this special Mass, please contact the office, 613-829-1760, with the name of the deceased **and** the representative who will attend the Memorial Mass in their honour.

**Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montral** on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2026, with Fr. John Ogbaje and Queenship of Mary Sisters

To register contact: Stan & Maria  
 mhbielec@icloud.com 613.914.0427. See posters at the church entrances for more details.



## SUNDAY SMILE

Tom drives by a speed camera too quickly and a few days later he receives a letter telling him he is being fined \$100, along with a photograph of his speeding car. Tom decides to be a bit cheeky and sends back a photograph of \$100. A few days later, Tom looks into his letter box and finds the police have sent him a photograph of a pair of handcuffs.



### LENTEN ENCOUNTER OF FORMATION AND PRAYER

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**

**3:00pm**

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***Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi  
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The Sign of the Tau  
The Porziuncola  
Virtual pilgrimage through Assisi

See posters and flyers at the church entrances. All are invited. Bring your family and friends.

### **2025 TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax receipts for 2025 will be available in February. If you wish to have your receipt emailed to you, please email your request to the Parish Office at: [office@stjohntheapostleparish.com](mailto:office@stjohntheapostleparish.com)

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. Feb. 7th – 5:00pm**

†Adele White by Peter White

†Douglas Shouldice by Patricia and John Dunphy

**Sun. Feb. 8th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Feb. 8th – 10:30am**

†Jeffrey Vincent MacMillan by

Heather and Luca Petti

For the Dziemian family by Dorota

**Sat. Feb. 14th – 5:00pm**

Thanksgiving to God, our Lord by Lunde Huang

**Sun. Feb. 15th – 8:00am**

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

**Sun. Feb. 15th – 10:30am**

† indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially for Bill Roblin and Cecilia D'Amico. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away, remembering Dr. Edward O'Brien.

**Weekday Masses will resume on  
Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.**

Weekday masses are: Tues. to Fri. at 9:00am  
Confessions at 8:30am.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEB. 18th**

Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00am Mass on Ash Wednesday and at the special evening 7:00pm Mass that day.

## **February 11<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick**

*The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11<sup>th</sup> (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.*

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