

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
Bob Williamson 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	
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

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 ___

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Jan. 31st- Feb. 1st Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5:00 pm	Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
	#1 Mary Ellen Agnel #2 Ian Moffat	Deacon Victor Mary Ellen Agnel Cynthia Thornley
8:00am	Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
	#1 Alphonsa Fernandes #2 Mary Jean Thompson	Angela Beimers Monica Mullane Mary Jean Thompson
10:30am	Presider: Fr. Patrick Chongo	
	#1 Alejandra Guidi #2 Chris Pereira	Karen Leeder Ray Kostuch John Schembri

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

Dates to Remember

February 4th – Senior's Gathering
February 17th – Pancake Dinner
February 18th – Ash Wednesday
February 19th – Parish Memorial Mass



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 17th 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.



MONTHLY SENIORS MASS

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE **NO SENIORS MASS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY**

Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, February 4, 2026.**

We will start at 1pm. Please bring a friend, bring a mug, bring goodies and bring games. Do not forget to bring your smiling faces and enthusiasm.



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*

Kindergarten Registration with the Ottawa Catholic School Board:

If your child turns 4 by **December 31, 2026**, it's time to register them for Kindergarten at the Ottawa Catholic School Board. More info, 3D tours, registration help available at:
<https://www.ocsb.ca/our-schools/kindergarten/>.
 Info: (613) 224-2222

Parish Memorial Mass

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are organizing the annual Parish Memorial Mass for **Thursday, February 19th**, 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.



SUNDAY SMILE

There are two snowmen in a field. One says to the other, "Hey, do you smell carrots?"

I've decided to quit my job as a personal trainer because the weights are too heavy. I just handed in my too weak notice.

Suggested guidelines from our Archdiocese

As we are in flu season, we want to ensure that our parishes remain safe and welcoming places for worship.

1. Stay Home if sick: Encourage anyone feeling unwell, especially with flu-like symptoms, to refrain from attending Mass or parish events until they are fully recovered. Being sick is a valid reason for missing Mass.
2. Pastoral Care: If someone cannot attend Mass due to illness, encourage them to participate via livestream if available and arrange for Communion to be brought to them if appropriate.
3. Hand Hygiene: Provide hand sanitizer at church entrances and encourage frequent handwashing.
4. Sign of Peace: Remind parishioners that a simple bow or verbal greeting is an acceptable alternative to a handshake during the Sign of Peace.

Reception of Holy Communion: Parishioners who are concerned about illness may receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue. Ministers are sanitizing their hands before and after distributing Communion.

Going away for the Winter?

You can continue your monthly donations while you are away by registering for PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit). The parish is pleased to offer this opportunity for making your contributions on a regular basis. Forms are available at both entrances, from the Parish Office, or on our website.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 24th – 5:00pm

†Adele White by Peter White

†Henry Kaeslin by John and Patricia Dunphy

Sun. Jan. 25th – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Jan. 25th – 10:30am

†Charles and Jeanette Boyle by Mona Boyle

Sat. Jan. 31st – 5:00pm

Sun. Feb. 1st – 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Feb. 1st – 10:30am

†Pearl Beausoleil by Franca and Charles Morrison

† indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Maureen McBain. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away, remembering Carmela Scapillati.

Father Emeka Away

Fr. Emeka will be on vacation from **January 7th to February 13th**. During this time there will be NO weekday or First Saturday 9:00am masses. Weekday masses will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 9:00am. **Weekend masses will proceed as regularly scheduled**, with Saturday confessions at 4:00pm. Fr. Patrick Chongo will be presiding at all weekend masses.

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

In order to keep our records up to date, please notify the Parish Office of any address or phone number changes.



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