

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

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| 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 | 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 |
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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 ___

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dates to Remember

March 13th – Stations of the Cross

March – 40 Cans for Lent

March 1 -13th - CWL Chocolate Fundraiser

March 26 – Lenten Reconciliation Service

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion |
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| Mar. 14th- Mar. 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent | | |
| Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu | | |
| 5:00 pm | Yvonne Munro Dee Simons | Deacon Victor Mary Ellen Agnel Jeff Ladoceur |
| Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu | | |
| 8:00am | Rexita Xavier Mary Jean Thompson | Angela Beimers Mary Jean Thompson Monica Mullane |
| Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu | | |
| 10:30am | Roberta Ranaldi Sissi Mwakabongo | John Schembri Janet Snider-Belot Dan Murawsky |

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



**St. John the Apostle
Online Purdys Chocolates
Easter Fundraiser**

We're teaming up again with Purdys Chocolatier this EASTER season to fundraise LOCAL Charities.

Stock up on your favourite Easter Purdys treats (Did I say Easter Bunnies?) **AND** support a great cause at the same time—it's the best of both worlds. All fundraising profit raised will directly support the St. John the Apostle Catholic Woman's League's local charity initiatives, so every order makes a great difference to us.

From now until MARCH 13, 2026, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop for gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.

Pickup will be at St. John the Apostle on Wednesday April 1, 2026. **(11am-1pm, 4pm-6pm (back of church, small assembly room))**

What you'll need to order:

Campaign Sharing Link:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000026795>

Campaign ID: 000026795



THANK YOU



**KOC and CWL - Shrove Pancake Dinner
Tuesday February 17th, 2026**

The KOC and CWL would like to thank all parishioners and volunteers who were able to come out and support this annual fundraising dinner. Your presence made this a successful and memorable parish community event. Net proceeds will be distributed to our community charities.

Thank you all

KOC Coordinator Mike Leeder

CWL Coordinator Karen Leeder



**Stations of the Cross in the
Church every Friday during Lent**

This is a beautiful devotion that can help us better understand Jesus' journey. Everyone is welcome to join us as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Christ's sacred mystery. This week's Stations will be hosted by the CWL. (Mar. 13th)

Parish Food &

Cash Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual "40 cans for Lent" donations drive again this year **beginning as usual on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th through Holy Saturday, April 4th**. Your support through food and monetary donations will be very much appreciated.

Monetary donations can be made using the special "40 cans for Lent" envelopes available on the church tables or by e-transfer

to bookkeeper@stjohntheapostleparish.com

Please indicate in your transfer that this is for the **40 cans for Lent** drive. Posters in the glass house and at the side entrance contain further details.



SUNDAY SMILE

A man goes to the doctor and says, 'Doctor, you've got to help me. My memory is terrible. I can't remember anything. I can't remember how I got here today. I can't remember my way home. I can't remember if I am married or what I do for a living. Is there anything you can do to help me?' 'Yes, there is,' says the doctor, 'but I am going to require payment in advance.'

Parish Directory for our 60th Anniversary

We gathered enough interest to go ahead with a parish directory to commemorate our 60th Anniversary. Each household who gets photographed will receive a free copy. Photography sessions are FREE and will take place at the Church in May 2026. More information to come, stay tuned.

St. John the Apostle School Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration Is Now Open!

New Kindergarten Registrations: **Open House** – If you have a new kinder starting in September, please join us on **Thursday, March 12th, 4-5 pm**

You and your child will have the opportunity to visit the school, meet the Kindergarten team, and ask any questions you may have.



Donations for Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers: Envelopes are available at both entrances to the church for those who wish to make a donation for our Easter flowers.

Around the Diocese:

St. Basil's Parish invites you to an on-line "Conversation" with Carol Off on Sunday afternoon, **March 22nd, 2:30 - 4:00.** A well-known CBC broadcaster formerly with "As It Happens", Carol will engage with us about her recent book *At a Loss for Words*, and the problems that arise when words like 'truth', 'democracy' or 'freedom' are distorted intentionally to obscure and misrepresent their original meanings. This will definitely be a "Conversation for Our Times". See posters please.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar. 7th – 9:00am
Intentions of Fara Alcindor

Sat. Mar. 7th – 5:00pm
✠Adele White by Peter White
✠Hassa Mirchandani by the family

Sun. Mar. 8th – 8:00am
For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Mar. 8th – 10:30am
✠Mary Charlena Proctor by Mike Proctor
Intentions of the Montejo family

Tues. Mar.10th – 9:00am
For the family tree of Matiwas and Tesfamichel families by Elsa

Wednesday. Mar. 11th – 9:00am

Thurs. Mar. 12th – 9:00am
✠Marcelle Guitté by a friend
✠Moe Watters by friends

Fri. Mar. 13th – 9:00am

Sat. Mar. 14th – 5:00pm

Sun. Mar. 15th – 8:00am
For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Mar. 15th – 10:30am
✠Ellis McVeigh by Elaine
In thanksgiving for the life and spiritual legacy of Chiara Lubich, and for the continued growth of unity in the Church.

✠ 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 Rita Nash.



RECONCILIATION

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service Thursday, March 26th at 7:00pm in the Church.

Income Tax Receipts for 2025 are ready for pick up in the Glass house. If you wish your receipt emailed to you, please send an email to the parish office: office@stjohntheapostleparish.com
Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support!



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