

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Rosemary Fikis	fikisrm@proton.me	
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Lynn Dal Farra		613-721-8111
COUNTERS	Kerri Courville	courvillek3@gmail.com	
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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	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 ___

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Sept. 26th/27th - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
5:00 pm	#1 Cynthia Thornley #2 Peter Stoop	Deacon Victor Mary Ellen Agnel Michael Hammond
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
8:00am	#1 Alphonsa Fernandes #2 Francine Conlin	Deacon Victor Angela Beimers Mary Jean Thompson
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
10:30am	#1 Janet Snider-Belot #2 Myles Bunbury	Deacon Victor Fatima Peiris Harrison Peiris

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

40 Days for Life - Sept. 23rd to Nov. 1st

40 Days for Life, September 23 – November 1. A call to action of silent prayer, fasting, and public vigil for an end to abortion in our community, begins Wednesday, Sept 23, 7 am to 5 pm, at the southwest

corner of Queen Street just off Bank Street and continues daily until Sunday, Nov 1. **Our parish has committed to cover (Friday, October 16th, 7am to 5 pm).** Vigil resources, and sign-ups for individual hours will be available at front and side entrances to the church, or contact James Lariviere, our 40 Days Rep at 613-883-8670 or jmlariviere@gmail.com. For general info. about the local campaign visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/ottawa/>. Former workers say it was the prayer presence outside their facilities that turned them away from abortion.



Our 60th Anniversary Parish Directory will be available for pick up in the Glass House after each Mass this weekends of Sept. 19/20. Any household that was photographed or submitted a family photo will receive a FREE copy.

Others may purchase a copy for \$23.00, (limited quantity available), starting on October 1.

The Parish has purchased the copyright to all of the Parish Ministries and Group photos. Anyone wishing to purchase an 8 x 10 print may do so at the cost of \$10 each by contacting Marie Weerasooriya-Epps at 613-829-8233 or mariewepps7717@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Sept. 19th/20th - Photo Directory pick up

Sept. 26th – Cor Program meeting

Oct. 4th – Life Chain

Oct. 10th – Rosary Rally

Oct. 24th/25th – Anniversary Coffee Sunday

Sept. 23rd – Nov. 1st – 40 Days for Life

Save the Date:

Due to the flooding damage of our church hall basement, we postponed our big 60th Anniversary Dinner celebration to next spring, **Saturday, April 10th, 2027.**

However, we will still commemorate this anniversary in a smaller capacity with an **“Anniversary Coffee Sunday” on the weekend of October 24th/25th** in the glasshouse after all masses

PRO-LIFE - LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 4TH

Life Chain is a peaceful public witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Christians pray for its end and hold signs bearing truths such as “Abortion Kills Children,” “Abortion Hurts Women,” and “Jesus Forgives & Heals” at hundreds of locations from coast to coast. Please set aside just one hour on **Sunday October 4th, immediately following the 10:30 Mass for one hour (11:30am -12:30pm)**

to gather together in front of our church on Baseline Road. This is a special opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed wake-up call. Remember how Our Lord asked His apostles: “Could you not watch one hour with me?” (Mk 14:37). For more information, please visit lifechain.ca.



Children's Liturgy

WELCOME TO THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10:30 AM MASS

It is with great pleasure that we are starting up the Children's Liturgy for this school year again each **Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.** School-aged children, generally up to grade 6, are welcome. Younger children's parents are welcome to attend as well! It is a perfect time for the children to ask questions and learn about the day's gospel.



SUNDAY SMILE

Some guy next to me at the gas station put \$10 worth of gas in his car. Ten dollars? Yeah. Where were they going? To pump four?



Cor Program Invitation for all Catholic men

Refreshments, prayer, faith, formation, and fellowship.

Dates: Saturday Sept. 26th, Oct. 31st, Dec. 5th
9:30am to 11:00am

Location: St John the Apostle Church

Suggested donation of \$5.00 to help offset the cost of food.

Please advise if you have any food allergies or diet restrictions.

For further information please contact:

Mike Leeder 613-726-0538 leeder1203@rogers.com

St. John the Apostle's Youth & Young Adult Group

Starting again in September. Next dates are:

Friday, Sept. 18th and Oct. 2nd. Open to youth (12–17) and young adults (18–35). **Join us every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 7–9 p.m.,** for fun, fellowship, snacks, and growing in our Catholic faith.

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

CALLED: The Song in My Heart - A Catholic Women of Bethany Retreat, to be held on October 16-18, 2026.

We are excited to offer a weekend of refreshment, spiritual renewal, and faithful inspiration! We are also thrilled to announce our speakers are Angèle Regnier, Alana Regnier, and Mylène Moreau!

Details are in the Google Forms / Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/YJhrxLUNJm68CrQV7>

RCIA

Thinking about the Catholic Faith? R.C.I.A. If you are a non-Catholic or simply a curious Catholic interested in learning more about Catholicism, then our R.C.I.A. course is for you. Sessions will begin this fall. For more information pick up a pamphlet at the entrance of the Church. To register please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Sept. 19th – 5:00pm

✠Robert Epstein by Marcella Meehan

✠Adele White by Peter White

For the intentions of the Bourdeau family and Selena by Monique

Sun. Sept. 20th – 8:0:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

Sun. Sept. 20th – 10:30am

✠Rita Nash by family

✠Baby Darren Oudom Stephens by Lunde Huang and Barnaby Smith

Tues. Sept. 22nd – 9:00am

Wed. Sept. 23rd – 9:00am

✠Xavier Jacob by family

Thurs. Sept. 24th – 9:00am

✠Andrzej Bielanski

Fri. Sept. 25th – 9:00am

✠Flavio Gomez by Olivia Gomez

Sat. Sept. 26th – 5:00pm

✠Marjorie Lalonde by Kathy Lalonde

Sun. Sept. 27th – 8:0:00am

✠Joanne Margeson by Deacon Eugene

Sun. Sept. 27th – 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

✠ indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Gretel Gonzalez Portales and Matteo Petosa., Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.

ROSARY RALLY

SJA Divine Mercy, we would like to invite you to participate in the Rosary Rally organized by "Canada Needs Our Lady organization". At the moment, there are 1.500 rallies registered across Canada. If you would like to know more about them, here is their link: [Canada Needs Our Lady - Rosary Rallies & Fatima Message](#).

Join us to pray for our Lady intercession for Canada. All parishioners, family and friends are invited:

DAY: Saturday, October 10th at 10am

PLACE: St. John the Apostle Church parking lot facing Baseline Ave. If you have any questions, you can contact: Josette Nyvlt at nyvltjos@gmail.com or Sonia Yumiceba at syumas@yahoo.com



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