

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	Lectors
Oct. 3rd/4th - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
5:00 pm	#1 Mary Ellen Agnel #2 Evan Paulson
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
8:00am	#1 Mary Jean Thompson #2 Henry Maduka
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu
10:30am	#1 Laura Recoskie #2 Keithly Jimenez

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

Flood Intervention Fund

As you may be aware, like many of us in this area, the Church Hall was flooded twice this summer. Much of the restoration cost is covered by our insurance, but there is still a substantial amount that is not covered by the insurance. These expenses relate to the costs of fixing the cause of the water getting into the Hall, such as through leaks, valves, vents, windows, window wells, ground slope issues, and other access points. These items must be corrected before we can do the restoration, so that in the case of another flood, water will hopefully not enter the hall. The costs of doing this are still being assessed.

We are now trying to raise the funds to cover these flood remediation expenses. There are Flood Intervention envelopes in the pews, and we ask that you consider contributing, if you can do so. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelopes so that we can issue you a tax receipt.** If we raise more money than is required, any excess funds will be used for our reserve fund.

Thank you for considering a donation to the Flood Intervention Fund and may God bless us all.

Father Emeka

PRO-LIFE - LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 4TH

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event taking place across North America. Please join us this **year in front of our church on Baseline Road for one hour on Sunday October 4th, immediately following the 10:30 mass for one hour (11:30-12:30)**, to pray and provide a prophetic witness to the community.

You'll be provided a sign to hold during the hour proclaiming, "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women," "Jesus Forgives & Heals," etc. When much of the rest of our society is content to ignore the youngest members of our human family, we must "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves," as per Proverbs 31:8.

For more information, please visit lifechain.ca.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 3rd/4th – CWL Autumn Bake Sale

Oct. 4th – Life Chain

Oct. 10th – Rosary Rally

Oct. 16th – 40 Days for Life – SJA Vigil Day

Oct. 24th/25th – Anniversary Coffee Sunday



The Catholic Women's League (CWL) will be holding their Autumn Bake Sale on the weekend of **October 3rd and 4th** at all masses.

Think Pumpkin Spice! Parishioners are invited to offer their support by donating home-baked goods, jams, preserves, etc. and/or purchasing home-made goodies. Proceeds will be donated to local charities and/or our parish. **Please bring your donated goods prior to Mass and leave them at the back of the Church.** Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our CWL activities.

Make A Difference



Annual call for Volunteers!!

You will find at both entrances descriptions of various ministries in our church. Without them our church could not function. All these ministries are served by volunteers. Please consider bringing your gifts, talents and presence to St. John the Apostle to continue to build-up our parish together. The time commitment for many ministries is minimal, but invaluable to our parish life. If you want more information, please contact the parish office.

*Your talent is God's Gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift to God.*



Anniversary Coffee Sunday on the weekend of October 24th/25th in the glasshouse after all masses

Save the Date:

60th Anniversary Dinner **Saturday, April 10th, 2027** after the 5 pm Mass

60th Anniversary Coffee and Reception, **Sunday, April 11th, 2027** after the 10:30 am Mass



SUNDAY SMILE

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Cor Program Invitation for all Catholic men

Refreshments, prayer, faith, formation, and fellowship.

Dates: Saturday, 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 613-726-0 538 leeder1203@rogers.com

COLLECTIONS: June to August: 2026 vs 2025

	2026	2025
June Regular	\$ 21,718	\$ 18,711
Building Fund	\$ 3,522	\$ 1,522
Up by \$5,007	\$ 25,240	\$ 20,233
July Regular	\$ 22,785	\$ 20,608
Building Fund	\$ 2,594	\$ 1,866
Up by \$2,905	\$ 25,379	\$ 22,474
August Regular	\$ 25,588	\$ 23,404
Building Fund	\$ 2,305	\$ 1,901
Up by \$2,588	\$ 27,893	\$ 25,305

Back in June, we let you know that our collections were not covering operating costs and we asked that those that could afford it, to please consider increasing your donations. As you can see the collections in July and August are up over last year! The is great news and hopefully soon we will be able to have enough to cover our operating expenses. Thank you so much for your help!
Father Emeka.

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

Starting again in September. Next dates are:
Friday, Oct. 2nd and Oct. 16th. 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.

Mass Intentions

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.

Tues. Sept. 29th – No Mass

Wed. Sept. 30th – No Mass

Thurs. Oct. 1st – No Mass

Fri. Oct. 2nd – No Mass

Sat. Oct. 3rd – No Mass

Sat. Oct. 3rd – 5:00pm

✠Adele White by Peter White

Sun. Oct. 4th – 8:0:00am

✠Peter N. Campbell by Shane Campbell and family

Sun. Oct. 4th – 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, remembering Bosco Huang.

Rosary Rally: All parishioners, family and friends are invited: **on Saturday, October 10th at 10am** at **St. John the Apostle Church parking lot** facing Baseline Ave. For questions, contact: Josette Nyvlt at nyvltjos@gmail.com

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.



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