

January 07, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord Mass Schedule

Saturday	06 Jan
5:15 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	07 Jan.
9:00 am	Intentions of Marcello Brun del Re – <i>Renato & Lucie Brun del Re</i>
11:00 am	Walter Fenik – <i>Nadia Fenik</i>
Monday	08 Jan. <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
8:30-50 am	Intercessory Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday	09 Jan.
4:30 pm	Bev. Regan – <i>Helene Cooper</i>
Wednesday	10 Jan.
9:00 am	Rita Moore – <i>Elaine Cavalier & Fam.</i>
10:00 am	Lorraine Murphy – <i>Cathy Mahusky</i> <i>@ Lanark Lodge</i>
Thursday	11 Jan.
12:05pm	Gord Mallin – <i>Ken & Lucille Crawford</i>
Friday	12 Jan. <i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>
8:30-50 am	Intercessory Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
9:00 am	Garrett, Theresa & Sharon Nagle – <i>Pat Nagle</i>
9:30 am	Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction
Saturday	13 Jan.
5:15 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	14 Jan.
9:00 am	Robert Tromblay – <i>Margaret Tromblay</i>
11:00 am	Dr. Greg Walsh – <i>Arlene Walsh & Fam.</i>

Sunday Offering, Dec. 17: \$4,940

Sunday Offering, Dec. 23: \$5,266

Christmas Offering: \$11,893

Dec. 30: \$3,828

Solemnity of Mary: \$2,680

Thank you for being so generous.

Please remember the sick in your prayers.

Please remember the deceased in your prayers, including Elizabeth “Liz” Carroll and Leona Bathurst, both of the parish; Kathy Finner of Almonte, sister-in-law of Maureen Cotten; and Michelle Morris of Smiths Falls, sister-in-law of Grace Armstrong.

WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM FATHER BRIAN

I wish to thank all of you who helped make the celebrations of Advent and Christmas at St. John’s such a beautiful and enriching experience. Our parish is blessed with a wonderful spirit of generosity and zeal in serving, and in finding joy in the Lord and in

one another. I also want to thank you personally for your expressions of kindness to me at Christmas and throughout the year. *Fr. Brian*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Most meetings are at 15 Church Street

Tues., 09 Jan.	6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council
Wed., 10 Jan.	4-5:30 pm - RCIA (Convert Class) 6:30 pm St. John’s <i>trueLIGHT</i> Youth Group, Gr. 7-12, SJCHS 7:00 pm K of C Meeting Farrell Hall
Thurs., 11 Jan.	10:30 am Legion of Mary 7:00 pm Choir practice in the Church. New members welcome

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

“**The Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs,” and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (are made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”). ***Catechism of Catholic Church* #528**

BLESSING OF HOMES FOR EPIPHANY

Since the Middle Ages, people have been marking doorposts and lintels with a special blessing during Epiphany. **Please pick up your blessed chalk** (instructions are included in the packet) **after Mass this weekend and bless your home for the New Year** in this time-honoured tradition.

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Hosted by St. James Anglican Church.

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian feast day, following the tradition handed down from the apostolic times for this day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

An **Information Meeting** for parents and guardians of candidates for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held in **St. John's School Gym on Wed., Jan. 17, 6-6:45 pm**. Info, 613-267-1043.

Enrolment Sunday for the children (accompanied by their parents and family) will take place on **Sunday, January 21** during the **9 am & 11 am** Masses.

St. John Catholic Schools Reunion

St. John Reunion: May 18-20, 2018. Calling on all former students who have attended either St. John Catholic Elementary or SJC High School! We are celebrating **200 years of Catholic Education in Perth** on May 18, 19 and 20. This weekend will be jam-packed with lots of spirit and memories. For more information on events and registration, visit the reunion website at www.stjohnsreunionperth.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Income Tax Receipts are ready for pick-up in the narthex.

St. Francis Xavier Relic Visit: A famous relic of St. Francis Xavier - his right forearm and hand, with which it is thought he baptized over 100,000 people - has arrived in Canada. This is an extraordinary opportunity, as the relic rarely leaves Rome. Everyone is welcome to come and venerate this great saint. There will be events in 14 cities across Canada, including at **St. Mary's Cathedral** in Kingston on **Wednesday, January 10**. Info, cco.ca/relic.

Next Community Dinner: Sat., Jan.13, 4:30-6 pm,

Men's Cursillo Weekend: Thurs. evening to Sun., March 8-11, Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston. The Cursillo Weekend offers a short and profound opportunity to encounter Jesus. Info, Lionel Ryan (613.634.9588) or RyanLionel07@gmail.com.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

I invite you to take a moment to pray and commit yourself to two minutes per day to go deeper into your Catholic Faith. *Catechism in a Year* (flocknote.com/catechism) makes it easy and convenient for you. All you have to do is CLICK (i.e. open the daily email) and spend a couple of minutes reading, contemplating and praying. Commit to reading each daily Catechism email and make 2018 the year you grow closer to God than you've ever been before. **There is still time to invite your friends and family to join us**. Just send them to the above website where they can sign up for free without missing a thing! Praying for our journey.

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WONDERFUL NEW RESOURCE FROM EWTN

EWTN launches on-demand free computer access to 12,000 programs at www.ewtn.com/ondemand. Mother Angelica's Eternal Word Television Network is the largest religious media network in the world.

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Chilawee Trails has overnight week long camps in August. For girls ages 9-14. Located in Barry's Bay it offers sports, daily Mass, swimming, rosary, crafts, confessions, canoe, and drama - a week of fun, friendship and faith awaits! Registration opens in March. Consider helping campers from low-income families. For more info: chilaweetrails.ca.