

PARISH EVENTS

4th DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

ASSEMBLY: The next meeting (wine and cheese) is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30 pm.**

3rd DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

COUNCIL: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 14th at 7:30 pm.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The CWL will be hosting the 'first Sunday' coffee on **December 5th.** Please join us.

The CWL is also hosting an Advent Holy Hour at **6pm on December 10th** with a reception following. All parishioners are invited to attend.

A "Santa Bag" will be placed at the entrance to the Church, starting this weekend. This bag is to be filled with socks, underwear, pajamas, mitts, hats, etc. for the less fortunate children of the Children's Aid Society (CAS). Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 pm** following the celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 pm.

SENIOR'S CARD CLUB: The Senior's Card Club meets weekly at **1:00 pm on Wednesdays.** Next meeting: **December 1st.** All are welcome.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Pastoral Council meets every other month. The next meeting will be scheduled in January. The Pastoral Council is looking for new members. If you wish to help, please contact Father John.

FINANCIAL COUNCIL: The next quarterly meeting of the Financial Council will be scheduled in January.

CEMETERY COUNCIL: This council meets quarterly after the Financial Council meetings.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Parishioners who know of someone who wishes to receive communion at home are encouraged to be ministers of communion to the sick. To receive a pix and short instruction, see Fr. John after any mass.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: Please

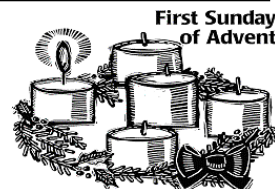
remember in your prayers all those in our parish community who are sick and in need of encouragement:

Gerard Tessier, Joseph MacDonald, Tami Thompson and

Ashley Liboiron.



MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday 2, December

9:15 am For Our Parish Community

Thursday 3, December

6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm For Our Parish Community

Friday 4, December

9:15 am For Sandy Vamosi by Scarlett Vamosi

Saturday 5, December

5:00 pm Intentions of Eileen Quigley

For Celine Pereira by

Gemma Saldanha

Victoria Norlock by Andrew Norlock

Sunday 6, December

9:00 am For Our Parish Community

11:00 am For Duncan Morris by

Gail & John Hopper

Michael Ismail Lim Tjwan Keng by

Trees Gan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5, December

5:00 pm Tony Van Kessel

Sunday 6, December

9:00 am Jeff Corman

11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

LECTORS

Saturday 5, December

5:00 pm Roberto Edjoc

Sunday 6, December

9:00 am Lindsay Hinds

11:00 am Children's Mass

CASH COUNTERS

Sunday 6, December

Rita Kamar and Tom Conklin

COLLECTION REPORT

November 22, 2009: \$ 2094

2010 MISSALS ON SALE: Missals will be available in the foyer for \$5 if parishioners wish to purchase one. Exact change is always appreciated.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24

- 3pm and 5pm - Children's mass
- 8pm - Family mass
- 12am - Midnight mass

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25

- 11am - Christmas day mass

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT: Fr. John will be available for confessions every Thursday evening from 6-7 PM during Advent. Just drop by. No appointment necessary.

PARISH BAKE SALE ON DEC 5&6: There will be baked goods for sale in the basement Dec 5/6 weekend. Parishioners who wish to donate are asked to bring their baking Sat afternoon after 3.

FOOD BANK COORDINATOR NEEDED: We are looking for a volunteer to transport our donations to the Pavilion food bank at 14 Tapiola Crescent. This volunteer would pick up the St. Bernard food items about once a month for delivery to the Tapiola site. If you are available to assist with this charity initiative, please phone the office: 613/738-1943.

NEW WEB SITE!: We are very pleased to announce the launch of our newly designed web site. The address is the same and we invite to 'browse' at your convenience: www.saintbernardparish.com.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Beginning December 6, 2009 The UPS Store will be printing our bulletins. We are making this change to support local businesses in the area and also to allow us more flexibility with our publishing schedules. The advertisements on the back cover make our bulletin possible. **Please help support the bulletin publication and advertise your product or service.** For additional information, contact Father John at 613/738-1943 or Jackie Gorman at 613/737-3940.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Children in our Parish will be making their first confession. Please keep the children in your prayers as they make this important step in their faith journey.

Tues. 8 Dec. at 10:15 am: St. Thomas More

Wed. 9 Dec. at 10 am: St. Bernard School

Thurs. 10, Dec. at 10:15am: St. Marguerite D'Youville

With A Heart That Is Open

Jeremiah 33: 14-16, 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

There's always room to grow – always room for improvement in our lives. The great artist or musician is always looking for ways to improve his or her art or music. If you look closely at the lives of the great musicians you will easily see that they were not content to stay at a certain level of skill. If they were musicians they continued to practice their chosen instrument during their entire lives. And if they were composers, they continued to seek new ways to express themselves through their musical compositions.

The great ones instinctively knew that they had never arrived. They were always seeking to expand their present boundaries – always looking beyond the horizon, always feeding the creative spark within themselves.

Jesus urges us to stay awake to life. He wants us to keep our hearts and minds open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This means, cultivating a sense of our own incompleteness, and, at the same time, remaining open to newness. To be a growing person necessarily means that we are on the lookout for truth and goodness wherever we might find it.

Advent is a season when we are asked to be more attentive to the divine presence in our lives. Start by looking for signs of the divine in the places where you live and work. When you come across a neighbour who is suffering, might not Jesus be found there? As you experience the kindness and love in your own family, is that not a spark and sign of the divine presence? When the morning sun fills your sky, or the gentle rain falls to the ground, is that not the face and voice of God calling out to you? May we all have the grace of a heart that is open to all of God's people and all of God's creation.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves to the pastor or complete the following and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____