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## PARISH EVENTS

### 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

**ASSEMBLY:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**

### ST BERNARD KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

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

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** 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, January 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>.** 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. Welcome to **Franco Pagani** and **Bill Van Kralingen** who have recently joined the financial council.

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

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### 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.



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### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

remember in your prayers all those in our parish community who are sick and in need of encouragement:  
**Gerard Tessier, Joseph MacDonald and Tami Thompson.**



## MASS INTENTIONS



### **Tuesday 15, December**

10:15 am Advent Mass at St. Marguerite d'Youville School  
12:45 am Advent Mass at St. Thomas More School

### **Wednesday 16, December**

9:15 am For Annabel Legault by Earl & Mary Alguire

### **Thursday 17, December**

6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm For Our Parish Community

### **Friday 18, December**

9:15 am For Annabel Legault by Friends from the Columban's Advent Mass for St. Bernard School

### **Saturday 19, December**

5:00 pm For Vincent Saldanha by Gemma Saldanha Dorothy Smit by St. Bernard Seniors Lucy Marks by Maureen & Ronald Plante

### **Sunday 20, December**

9:00 am For All Priests by Elisabeth Nejedly  
11:00 am For Frank Conklin by Conklin Family

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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### **Saturday 19, December**

5:00 pm Craig Azar

### **Sunday 20, December**

9:00 am Carmen Cambereri  
11:00 am Maureen Wainwright

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## LECTORS

### **Saturday 19, December**

5:00 pm Jane O'Leary

### **Sunday 20, December**

9:00 am Lindsay Hinds  
11:00 am Doug Randall

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## CASH COUNTERS

### **Sunday 20, December**

Doug Randall and Janet Perry

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## COLLECTION REPORT

**December 6, 2009: \$ 2612**

## 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

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** Choir practices will take place from 12 to 1:30 on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. **Come out, sign up and get involved!** For more information contact Maureen Wainwright at 613-526-4390 or [Maureen.Wainwright@ottawacatholicschools.ca](mailto:Maureen.Wainwright@ottawacatholicschools.ca).

**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.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** Our list of requests for hampers continues to grow and may reach 15. Our parish schools have also received many requests for help this year. **Donations of the following are needed for our parish hampers: butter, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, cans of gravy, canned juice, boxes of chocolates, canned corn and peas, coffee and tea.** Cash donations will provide food vouchers and turkeys. Thank you to those who have already given. Please bring your donations to the church next weekend, or phone the office 613/738-1943 to deliver at other times.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to the CWL members for hosting their annual Bake Sale last week. The winners of the raffle prizes are: Mary Lynn Egan, Carol Salvatore and Joan Shannon. The total made from this raffle was \$151.00 which has been donated to St. Bernard's C.W.L.

**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](http://www.saintbernardparish.com).

**REST IN PEACE:** Rev. William Lunney, long-time pastor at Our Lady of Visitation, Gloucester, died on December 8. His funeral was held at St Peter's, Pakenham, on Friday Dec 11.

**Rev. Charles Clement** died on December 3. A commemorative Mass will be held on December 21 at St-Isidore Parish, St-Isidore, ON.

*May these and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Joy: The Child of Faith and Love

Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philipians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

*"Sing and shout for joy/ for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."* This is the refrain we use for today's psalm. Life is often a valley of tears and we all too often experience the inadequacy of all that is – including our families our life partners, our own health, our bodies and intellectual capacity. Disappointment is built into the human condition. Nothing is completely satisfying.

But remember that joy is basically not just a feeling, but a way of being in this world. It's true that we can feel joyful at times, but when we don't feel joyful, that doesn't mean that we don't possess the joy that is the gift of God. Joy is much deeper than any passing emotion. It lives deep within our hearts, and when it is strong, it can't be disturbed by the passing feelings and situations in which we find ourselves.

Joy is the child of faith and love. It is the result of believing that God, who is love, is always near, and then living our lives inside of that belief. Joy comes from the conviction that we are totally accepted and loved, no matter what we might have done with our lives. Our own sinfulness, weakness, imperfections do not affect the care that God has for each of us. Joy comes from faith in a God who is totally Love.

But joy also comes from our loving others. Joy comes when we do something, no matter how small, that helps to bring this world to completeness. Joy involves both receiving God's love and giving it away to others. Joy is a "by-product of acting like God acts, strange though that sounds. Simply put, when we act like God, we get to feel like God; and when we act petty, we get to feel petty! When we do big-hearted things, we get to feel big-hearted; and when we do small-hearted things, we get to feel small." (Ron Rolheiser).



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_