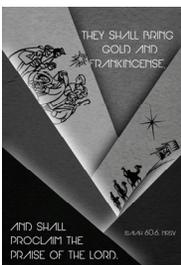


January 7, 2018

Epiphany of the Lord



“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Readings for January 14, 2018

First Reading : 1 Samuel 3.3b-10,19
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Psalm : 40

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20
Your bodies are members of Christ.

Gospel : John 1.35-42

The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him.

Financial Report December 31, 2017

Parish Giving	Regular Offertory	
	Envelopes	\$5,202.90
	Pre Authorized Payment (PAP)	1,892.50
	Christmas Collection	\$14,752.70
	New Years	3,282.50
	Assessment Total 2017	\$68,142.96
	Balance as of December 31, 2017	0.00
	Restoration Fund Savings (to be used for New Roof Loan)	\$98,830.56
	Gift Card Report	
	Profit Last Week	\$ 152.50
Total Profits for 2017	\$ 17,815.99	
Profits from 2006-2016	<u>\$258,759.97</u>	
Ongoing Profit to Date	\$276,575.96	

Eucharistic Adoration—Monday 9.30am—Tuesday, 8.45am.



“When you adore the Blessed Sacrament consider yourself the representative of the whole human race with Jesus. . . That He may give strength to the weak, light to those who live in darkness. That souls may flee from sin, that sinners repent, that those consecrated to God be filled with zeal and holiness.” Blessed Father Giacomo Alberione

St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities

Monday, January 8, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Severino DiPierdomenico by the DiPierdomenico Family
- † Howard Pillon by Roseanne & Garnet Berthiaume
- † Maude Knight by Pat & Marilyn
- Living Cindy Palmer by Anita & Steve Walach
- 1:30-3:30pm Parish Nurse is available at the Parish Center
- 7pm Youth Group Leaders Meetings—Fr. Ware Room

9:30am - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Assembly room

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Amedina Simone by Anna & George DeMarco & Family
- † Tricia Morneau by Deb & Bill Meloche
- † Deceased Family members of Joan Rouble
- 1:30pm Seasons Amherstburg Mass
- 7pm Marriage Preparation Team Meeting—Fr. Ware Room
- 7pm Social Justice Meeting Fr Martin Room

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Dick McLeod by the Sutts Family
- † Judy Labiak by Nancy & Michael MCGrail
- † Lily Edwards by Pat & Marilyn
- 9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room
- 1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room
- 7pm Baptismal Preparation—Fr. Martin Room
- 1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

Thursday, January 11, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Anna DiGiovanni by Maria Parete
- † John D’Amore by Angela D’Amore
- † Patricia Beaudry by Claire Beaudry

7pm Mass

- † Rosalina DiBartolomeo by Maria Rosati
- † Lynda Barban by Pam & Bob Baksi
- 7:30 Bible Study Fr. Ware Room

Friday, January 12, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Al Goggin by Marilyn Goggin
- † Dino DiBiase by Pietro D’Agostini
- † Eleanore Soulliere by Simone & Yvon Girard
- Living Bishop Eugene LaRocque
- 3pm Divine Mercy Hour
- 4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, January 13, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Loreto Capaldi by the Capaldi Family
- † Mary & Bernard Barron by the Barron Family
- † Lucille Berthiaume by Romy & Len Mayea
- Living Dianne Fby Roseanne & Garnet Berthiaume
- 9:30am—5pm—Life In The Spirit Retreat—Church**
- 4-4:45pm—Reconciliation**
- 5pm—Mass**

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8am Mass

10am Mass—Children’s Liturgy

"Do you have a new year resolution to grow closer to God and learn more about your faith? Our parish is hosting 2 wonderful events to begin the New Year and help you do this: a Life in the Spirit Retreat and a new teaching series called Unveil, led by Fr Steve Marsh

First, We will be having a one day spiritual retreat [on Saturday January 13, from 10-4](#) here at the church. It will be presented by the seminarians of the Companions of the Cross. There will be inspiring talks, powerful music, confession and prayer ministry. All are welcome! Lunch is included and there is no cost to attend. Registration is required. Please register by contacting Kim Bornais at 519-816-8154/kimbornais@yahoo.ca or the parish office.

Second, Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Do you have questions that you would like answered? It's time to pull back the veil on your faith. [Beginning on Wednesday Jan 17](#) and running every Wednesday, Fr Stephen Marsh will be presenting a new series, called Unveil. Join him for teaching, community and discussion, as well as snacks and refreshments; Every [Wednesday from 7-8:30](#) at the Columbus Community Hall. Bring a friend. All are welcome! Fr Steve hopes to see you there!"

December 2017

The following donations have been received for the Parish Improvement Fund.

In Memory of: *Jerome Deslippe August 16, 2017* *Lou St. Louis September 12, 2017*
William Sinasac November 10, 2017 *Robert Ferguson November 10, 2017*

Funds to Date \$10,702.40

Memoriam cards are available at the church entrance, Rectory Office, Sutton's Funeral Home; Families First. The Historical Committee continues to be a part of the fundraising, in support of the needs of our parish of St. John the Baptist.

Memoriam donations directed toward the Parish Improvement Fund are acknowledged by an income tax receipt. The names of remembered loved ones appear in the parish bulletin. A memoriam book at the front of the church, holds the names of departed friends and family.

Funds of \$8,000.00 have been donated to the project of the new handicapped entrance to the church. Future donations to the memorial fund will be used to towards a new church project.

Many parishioners light votive candles as an expression of prayer and remembrance. Funds realized from this are shared with the Parish. The balance of funds are used by the Historical Committee to further its donations to special parish undertakings. Two votive light stands have been donated to the church, by the Historical Committee. Candle-lights may be lit for 24 hours. A donation of \$2 is requested. Please place the donation in the designated slot. Memorial candles may be lit for 1 year or 6 months at a donation of \$200 or \$100 respectively.

To reserve a candle or for further information please contact : Bonnie 519 736 5723 or Anne 519 736 0731

ULTREYA The January Ultreya, will be held at Sacred Heart Parish, 1425 Divine St., LaSalle—On Friday, January 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm. All Cursillistas are welcome.



We, human beings, have a curious nature. When a person is first exposed to something that is unknown to him, he wants to learn about it. He cautiously looks it over, touches it, listens to it, smells it, tastes it, and if he likes it, he wants it.

An Eskimo boy who is visiting us from the far north is offered some chocolate to eat (could be any substance or behaviour) for the first time. He likes it. A few days latter he has some more, and really enjoys it. He savors it again another day. And then again, a few days later. Now, he not only enjoys eating the chocolate but the good feeling he gets from eating it. So, whenever he has the opportunity he has some more. Before long he is doing it everyday. Soon, this occasional treat becomes a habit because he wants it to sustain that good feeling. After using it daily for a while, he has become so accustomed to having that ongoing good feeling that he doesn't feel quit right without it. He gets a little out of sorts when he doesn't get any. A couple more days without it, he feels so down in the dumps that he must get some more now, just to feel comfortable. As time goes on, he finds he needs larger amounts to get that feeling and sustain it, and that he can't seem to function without it. That behaviou now controls his life and he can't seem to stop it.

It is so easy to develop an addiction to a substance or behaviour. The 'liking system' is a tiny portion of the reward center in our brain. It provides the enjoyable feelings we get when we win a game, share a kiss, or experience any natural, healthy reward. Unfortunately, it also lights up for the counterfeit rewards that come from things like cigarettes, alcohol, gambling, and porn.

When something activates your reward center and you feel that intense high from the liking system, your brain starts producing a chemical that acts like a set of brakes on the reward system. Normally it makes the pleasure fade and leaves you feeling satiated and ready to get on with your life. However if the liking system is stimulated too much over time, those chemicals levels build up until your pleasure response system fails to function properly. When that happens, there is less enjoyment from it, so more is required to reach the same satisfaction.

The 'wanting system' is a much larger area in the reward center, and it causes the brain to rewire itself in response to intense pleasure. The wanting system builds new brain connections so we can remember the experience and repeat it later. It's those new nerve connections that make us crave the pleasurable experience. The more often the experience is repeated, the stronger those nerve connections become, and the stronger the cravings grow.

Try re-reading my little story replacing my simplistic example of eating chocolate with any addictive/compulsive behaviour like: smoking, drinking alcohol, using opioids, video gaming, gambling, shopping, social networking, watching pornography.

Rose