

St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities

Monday, March 12, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Antonio DiPronio by the DiPronio Family
† Matteo Cristofaro (London) by Ninetta Sauro & Family
Living Rebecca by Clarissa Wolf-Menna
10:45pm Historical Committee Meeting Fr. Ware Room
1:30-3:30pm Parish Nurse is available at the Parish Center
7pm Bible Study the Book of Exodus —Fr. Ware Room
9:30am - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Assembly room

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

† Assunta Zaccagnini by Dr. Christopher & Mrs Mary Lopez
† Alex Wade by the Eberhardt Family
Living Dianne Fox by Roseanne & Garnet Berthiaume
1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering—Fr. Ware Room
7pm Social Justice committee—Fr. Martin Room

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Rosalina DiBartolomeo by Donato Iacovone
† Steve Vuk by Pauline & Skip Bump
Confirmation Candidates & Family by the Confirmation Team
9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room
1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room
7pm Unveil—K of C Hall Amherstburg
7pm Baptismal Preparation—Fr. Martin Room
7pm Choir Practice—Church
1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

Thursday, March 15, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Barb Deneau by Carmel Ravello
† Joe Hered by Mary & Paul Whittal
† Amedina Simone by Janet Tocco
7pm Mass
† Anna DiGiovanni by Nicoletta Mancini
† Jean-Marc Bezaire by Denise & Marcel LeClerc
† Alex Wade by the COR Family
7:30 Bible Study “The Gospel of Mark” Fr. Ware Room

Friday, March 16, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Amedina Simone by Filomena & Guido DiBiase
† Patricia Beaudry by Claire Beaudry
† Jeanette McCann by Mary Jane & Doug Jenner
† Francesco D’Alimonte
9:30am—10:30am—Adoration in the Adoration chapel
3pm Divine Mercy Hour
7pm Stations of the Cross presented by the CWL
4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

† Christopher Pajot by Mom & Dad
† Mario Rosso (1st Ann.) by the Rosso Family
† Angela Arnsby (5th Ann.) by Elaine Arnsby
† Mike Murphy by Mary Jane Murphy

4-4:45pm—Reconciliation

5pm—Mass

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8am Mass

10am Mass—Children’s Liturgy

7pm COR Meeting—Fr. Martin Room

March 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”

- JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

Readings for March 18 , 2018

First Reading : Jeremiah 31.31-34++

I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and remember their sin no more.

Psalm : 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Second Reading : Hebrews 5.7-9

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all.

Gospel : Joh 12.20-33

If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit.

Financial Report March 4, 2018

Regular Offertory

Envelopes \$ 7,097.65

Pre Authorized Payment (PAP) \$ 1,587.50

Assessment Total 2018 \$65,850.96

Payment -5,487.58

Assessment balance \$60,363.38

Loan for New Roof \$50,000.00

Payment made for Jan/Feb 10,000.00

Loan balance \$40,000.00

Gift Card Report

Profit last week \$ 297.50

Total Profits for 2018 \$2,290.00

Profits from 2006-2017 \$276,575.96

Ongoing Profit to Date \$278,865.96

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

“The replacement of adoration of the living God by worship of created things falsifies the relationship between individuals and kings with it various kinds of oppression. . .sexual license, injustice and murder.”
Instruction on Christian Freedom and Liberation, CDF. 1986, no. 39

Parish Giving





Easter Memorial Flowers

At this very special time of the celebration of the Lord's death and rising, the community remembers in a very special way all those friends and family members who have died in the hope of sharing in the Lord's Exodus. Our parish has the custom of remembering these loved ones in a special Easter honor roll and many give a donation to be used for the decoration of our church at this time. If you are interested in such a memorial, place the names of the deceased in an envelope and return it to the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory office.

You may also include a donation if you wish. Make sure your name, address and envelope number is included for tax purposes.

Fr. Brian will offer the Holy Saturday Vigil, first Mass of Easter, for all those on our parish Honor Roll.

FREE LENTEN CD: "Holy Week" is now available as a free download. This CD contains 16 songs designed to inspire you during this season of Lent. Professionally produced and recorded, it features many from our Saturday evening music team.



Go to mailloux.yolasite.com for details.

St. John the Baptist Church is offering **COR 56**. If you are in grade 11 and up into your twenties, then a COR Weekend is for you. COR is a three-day retreat with talks, sharing, games and great food. COR means Christ in others renewed and if you are looking to have a Joy filled time, then please sign up for COR 56. The weekend begins Friday, April 20 at 7pm and will end on Sunday, April 22 at 6pm. The cost for this weekend is \$50. Application forms are available at St. John the Baptist Church Office. We invite you to take some time out of your busy schedules for this wonderful experience centred around God, Family, and Friendship.

Pasta/Salad Fundraiser for Hope of St. Joseph Shelter Inc. (Fr. Donato's) at Columbus Community Hall (K of C) next Sunday March 18. 4:30pm doors open. Cost \$10.00 at the door. All Welcome.

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 21, enabling us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Frances reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times in our parish are: 9:30am through to 9pm. Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent, Day of Confessions, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Any image that leads a person to use another person for their own sexual pleasure is considered pornography. It is devoid of relationship, love, and intimacy. But consumers eventually come to believe that what they are viewing is an example of love and how love should be.



Casual pornography consumption has the power to change ideas and attitudes. When that happens, changes to behavior aren't far behind. But spreading the truth about the harmful effects of porn helps limit its influence. Porn can corrupt our deepest, most basic instincts, but deep down at that same instinctive level, we know and want what's healthy. We crave happiness and love. And every individual decision to focus on real love and real relationships moves us back toward the robust, natural lives we're wired to pursue.

A lot of people are convinced that there's no such thing as an addiction to porn. But science disproved the old belief that in order to have an addiction to something it has to involve a substance that is physically put into the body; like with cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs. Excessive consumption of internet porn bears all of the signs, and dangers, of a true addiction.

When porn enters the brain, it triggers the reward center to start pumping out dopamine, which sets off a cascade of chemicals that build new nerve pathways to mentally connect what someone is doing (like consuming porn) to the pleasure he or she feels. Those strong new memories out compete other connections in the brain, making it easier and easier to return to porn. These chemicals also cause lasting changes in the brain that leave the user more vulnerable to addiction. For teens, this risk is especially high because a teen's reward center in the brain responds two to four times more powerfully than an adult's brain. Overloaded with these chemicals, the brain will try to defend itself by releasing another chemical to put the brakes on a runaway reward center; it slows the pleasure response. Then, porn that once excited a person does not have the same effect so consumers need to keep increasing their intake to satisfy their need.

Porn promises immediate satisfaction, endless excitement, and easy intimacy, but in the end, it robs the consumer of all three. The more pornography an individual consumes, the more he or she tends to withdraw emotionally from real people and rely on porn. Eventually, it becomes more difficult to be aroused by a real person or to form a real relationship, and the resulting isolation and loneliness fuel the need for even more porn.

Research has also found that watching pornography affects attitudes and beliefs toward sex, women, and relationships. Porn consumers are more likely to express attitudes supporting violence against women, and studies have shown a strong correlation between men's porn consumption and their likelihood to victimize women. Rose



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