



BAPTISM OF THE LORD –13 JANUARY 2008

“...when Jesus was baptized...

the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God...

‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’”

(Today’s Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17)
(Next weeks Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34)

Announced Mass intentions...

Sat., Jan. 12 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioner
Sun., Jan. 13 **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
8:00AM Mass – Dominic O’Hara+
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+
Tony Costanza+
11:15AM Mass – Philomena Goveas+
7:30PM Mass
Mon., Jan. 14 12:15PM **NO** Mass
Tues., Jan. 15 9:30AM Mass with Holy Cross School
Jim & Julia Murray+
Wed., Jan. 16 12:15PM Mass – Tom Graham+
Thurs., Jan. 17 9:00AM Mass held at Billings Lodge
12:15PM Mass – Pro Life
Fri., Jan. 18 12:15PM Mass – Blanche Joyce+
Sat., Jan. 19 5:00PM Mass – Joe Baicer+
Sun., Jan. 20 **2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00AM Mass – Dominic O’Hara+
9:30AM Mass – Theresa Sowinski+
11:15AM Mass – Tanya Henney+
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

Sat., Jan. 12 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Jan. 13 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Enrolment for Sacraments at the 9:30 & 11:15 Masses
Coffee served after all morning Masses in the parish hall
Tues., Jan. 15 7:00PM Finance – Rm. A
8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Jan. 16 7:30PM K of C general meeting – hall
7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church
Thurs., Jan. 17 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Sat., Jan. 19 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Jan 20 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
Knights of Columbus speaking at all the Masses
Enrolment for Sacraments at the 9:30 & 11:15 Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Francis & Barbara Cullinan, David Doherty, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Reg MacDonald, Odette MacKinnon, Romeo Maione, Margaret McClory, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron, Margaret Ross, Dalacy Tukkiapik, Ray & Betty Valin, Sherri Vallee
-relatives- Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy

Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Monica Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Dan Greenwood (son-in-law of Peggy Soutar), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Margaret Kent (mother of Madonna Ozorio), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Fr. Dan Sedlar (brother-in-law of Santa), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry Vullings)
-the deceased- Yvette Murphy+ (mother of Jim Murphy), Marcel Berry+ (brother-in-law of Claude & Geneva Thibault)

COLLECTION REPORT

~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~

06 January - \$6,232.70 (env.) / \$709.69 (loose)

Pastor’s Column...

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus is baptized and sees the Spirit of God come down to rest upon him. And he hears the voice confirming who he is: “This is my Son, the Beloved; he is my Chosen One.”

Today we remember our baptisms and are reconfirmed in who we are called to be. Our Father says to each of us: “This is my Son, my Daughter, the Beloved; you are my Chosen Ones.”

By baptism each of us is given the same relationship to God our Father, in the power of the Spirit that Jesus himself knew with God. We stand together as brothers and sisters with Jesus and as the beloved children of God.

Now our God depends on us, and looks to us to be the presence of truth and love in the world.

God bless,
Fr. James Raphael CMF
Pastor

Parish News and Community Life...

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our appreciation to the Pastoral Care Team members and to our Holy Cross Parishioners for all your prayers, care and support as we journey along our way. We also extend our thanks to Fr. James and Fr. Lukose. God bless all of you....Mike and Theresa Fitzgerald.

IMPORTANT DATE—REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS whose children are registered for the sacraments of

Confirmation and First Communion. **ENROLMENT** will be on **Sunday, January 20 at either the 9:30 or 11:15 a.m. Mass.** Please attend one of these Masses and sign-in your child's name at the entrance of the Church 10 minutes before Mass begins. We would also ask the parents to bring a small picture of their child with their name written on the back. **ALSO SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE:** We invite you and your child's sponsor, to participate in a six-part program entitled "Come Join Us at The Table". The dates of the six sessions at the parish are January 10 & 24; February 07 & 21; March 06 and April 03 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall

BREAKFAST CLUB AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL: We are looking for a volunteer to run the school 'Breakfast Club' in the morning between 8:30 to 10 a.m. This person would be responsible for purchasing the food and preparing it for the students that attend. If you are interested and would like to know more, please call Susan Thibault (Principal at Holy Cross School at 613-733-5887.

WE ARE STILL MISSING NAMES—2007 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: If you have the following 2007 envelopes: **#141, 270, 428 & 507** and wish to have a tax receipt for your 2007 donations, please call the office at 613-731-7834 with your envelope number, name, address and phone number.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are reminded of the general meeting on Wednesday, January 16 in the parish hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. Following the meeting, Brother David Bellusci, of the Dominican University College, will speak on the topic, "A shortage of Priests-the Dutch Experience". All Parishioners are welcomed to hear his talk at 8:30 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care volunteers are available to visit or administer the Eucharist to our housebound and hospitalized parishioners. Please call Simonne Larouche at 613-738-7590.

YOUTH CORNER



Tired of slaving over a hot stove just to make that perfect authentic home-made Italian spaghetti dish? Well mark your calendars and slave no more! Throw away those pots and pans. Forget about cleaning those

messy dishes and join with your fellow parishioners on **Saturday, January 26 at 6 p.m.** (after the 5 p.m. Mass) as the Youth Group of Holy Cross host a **SPAGHETTI DINNER.** This event is open to spaghetti lovers of all ages. In addition to all-you-can-eat spaghetti, there will also be salad, rolls and dessert served. Tickets sales by the youth group continue this weekend and next after all masses at the Walkley Rd. entrance. Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 6-12 and children ages 5 and under eat for free! All proceeds from this event will go towards NET Australia and World Youth Day pilgrimage fund.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We thank parishioners for recent donations of wired ribbon for the AIDS Angels project. Our Angel Makers will be starting again on February 01.

We also accept good quality children's shoes for the Dominican Republic. The shoes are transported to the DR in March by students at St. Mark High School. We send only children's shoes for two reasons: the children are required to have shoes to be able to attend school, and the weight of adult shoes makes them not cost effective. Adult shoes can go directly to the St. Vincent de Paul bin. Soon we will be collecting used postage stamps either foreign or Canadian for Development and Peace. The children's shoes, ribbon etc. can be placed at the MPD table at the back.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP – Tip of the Week

New Year's Resolutions...We need them. As Mother Mary Angelica, P.C.P.A. wrote humorously in her Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality, "*We're all imperfect. We're all sinners and many of us would be much worse than we are given the opportunity.*" But Mother Angelica goes on to say, "*God from all eternity chose you to be where you are, at this time in history to change the world.*" The world needs changing so that we respect Creation and live in peace. For 2008 convert to a lifestyle that supports all life on this planet. You are chosen to change the world.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. ANTONY THE ABBOT Feast Day – January 17

Imagine for a moment what it would be like to have the most famous person of your time write directly to you, asking for your advice and suggestions.

The fourth-century monks who lived under the rule of St. Antony the Abbot in the Egyptian desert were undoubtedly stunned when a letter bearing the mark of the Emperor arrived at their monastery. The letter from Constantine the Great and his sons asked the abbot Antony for his prayers. While the monks marvelled, Antony told them: "Do not wonder that the Emperor writes to us, a man even as I am, rather be astonished that God should have written to us, and that He has spoken to us by His Son." Nonetheless, Antony was apparently a little surprised himself, since he said he didn't know how to respond and it was only after being nagged by his monks that he finally got around to answering.

Antony's discomfiture is understandable. When we are asked to do something for someone successful—even if they aren't an emperor—we often feel inadequate. Yet what was asked of Antony is something we can all give—our prayers. When we pray for someone else, we recognize our mutual dependence on God. As John Donne says, "no man is an island, entire of itself." We all have need of God...and of each other.

*How do I feel when people ask me to pray for them?
How do I feel when I ask someone to pray for me?*

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.