



Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are ill. For our parishioners, their families and caregivers, including: Theresa Rock, Ann Leduc, Avery Belanger, Andrea DeMeo, Allen Benoit, Richard Cathcart, Neil McCarthy, Sheila Gasnick, Emily Miller, Andrea Redway, Lorraine Leduc, Patrick and Alice Cornwall.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 14th

9:30AM – For Jack and Helen Hutton
Requested by their extended family

11:30AM – For the Intentions of Our Parish

January 21st

9:30AM – For John, Albert and Hilda Kennedy
Requested by Alma Kennedy

11:30AM – For the Intentions of Our Parish

Readings Next Sunday

First Reading: **Jonah 3.1-5,10**
Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 25**
Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 7.29-31**
Gospel: **Mark 1.14-20**



FINANCIAL REPORT January 7th Collection

25/42 Envelope Donations \$	844.00
34Pre-Authorized Debit \$	922.50
Loose Collection - \$	80.40
Vigil Lights	89.40
Total - \$	1936.30
Giving Goal \$	2000.00
Variance \$	- 63.70

SUNDAY SUPPER REPORT: Team Three started the New Year off with dinner for 90 guests. They served snacks, salad, beef stew and ice cream and donuts for dessert. The guests were happy to be back after the holidays and everyone enjoyed a relaxing evening.

TAX RECEIPTS: Preparation of tax receipts will begin in January with a projected issue date of the last Sunday in January. If your address has changed in 2016 please advise the office if you have not already done so.

WORKSHOP FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES (COMMENTATORS, LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST): For those who are interested in deepening their understanding of liturgical ministry there will be a workshop facilitated by Saint Paul University professor Klara Kinahan. St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Avenue at Merivale Rd., **Sat., Jan. 27, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.** Cost: \$5. Info: 613-725-2242.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

SUMMIT: Join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization **April 27 - 28, 2018.** At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and more. Fee: \$95. Register online: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>.

INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS AWARENESS

TRAINING: On **January 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** St. Paul University (Room #L120) will offer an introduction to Indigenous awareness training. This training will provide an introduction to culture, history, and contemporary issues impacting Indigenous peoples in an effort to better understand and build respectful relationships moving forward. Facilitator: Ashley Keays, from the Indigenous Awareness Training Unit of the Ontario Provincial Police. Please bring a bag lunch.

THE BIBLE AND THE SACRAMENTS: Journey through scripture to know why we believe what we believe as Catholics. Starting **Wednesday, January 17th, 2018** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, and running 11 sessions. The series is run at St. Patrick's Basilica (Scavi), 281 Nepean Street. Fee: \$25 for participant workbooks. Info: Jim Cairney, j-l-cair53@sympatico.ca, 613-229-9484.

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS : To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa. A reception follows the Mass. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 194 Fourth Ave., **Sat., Jan. 20, 11:00 a.m.** Sponsored by Pro-life Doctors. Info: wandawoi@rogers.com or 613-831-2515.

BILL 163 EFFECTIVE NOTICE: As of Feb. 1, 2018, Bill 163, known as the "bubble zone law", will go into effect in Ottawa. This bill enforces a 50-metre zone (150-metres in certain cases) surrounding abortion clinics (or any access to lawful abortion services) to remain free from protests, acts of disapproval or dissuasion.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES:

January 14, 2018 is the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis reminds us "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Mt 25.35-43). The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future." This year's theme is welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: January 18 to 25

Ecumenism is the principal or aim of promoting unity among the world's Christian churches. Regardless of the Christian tradition we follow – Catholic, Orthodox or Protestant – we follow Christ, our brother and Saviour. Let our ecumenical prayer be the one He taught us: The Lord's Prayer.

LITURGICAL SEASONS

The First Sunday of Advent marked the beginning of our new liturgical year, which continued through four Sundays from December 3 to December 24. Then from the evening of December 24 to the evening of January 8 the Church celebrated the Season of Christmas. But now the white and gold are put away and we return to the green of Ordinary Time for five Sundays. Lent begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday.



MEETING DATES FOR JANUARY:

PARISH COUNCIL – TUESDAY, JAN 16TH

FINANCE COUNCIL – TUESDAY, JAN 23RD