

Sunday, December 15, 2013
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**The Catholic
Communities of
St. John the Evangelist**

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St. Brigid

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THE CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION

Over and over again, we hear of men and women, and sometimes children, doing what we all thought could never be done. Our readings today are filled, not with what men and women can do, but with what God can and does do in our world.

God makes the wilderness into a garden, opens blind eyes, cures the deaf ears, gives courage to the cowardly, sets the oppressed free, makes the lame walk, cleanses the lepers and even raises the dead. God can make all things new. This is what we celebrate today. Now the trick is to take that wonderful hopeful idea and allow it to enter our communal and individual world.

The saints were not afraid to imagine a world that was different from the world in which they lived. When we simply sit back and accept what is because that is all we know, and are not able to imagine how things could be any different, then nothing much is going to happen. If a community has no vision of how to move into the future, it seems highly doubtful that God is going to use that community to bring about any needed changes.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. John

Sunday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m.
Soul of Catharina Broeren, by Ted Broeren and family

Thurs., December 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Special Intention, by Pat McEvoy

Friday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. John & St. Brigid

Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.
Souls of Stephen Herbert and Maurice St. Jean, by Len and Denise Herbert

St. Brigid

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:00 p.m.
Soul of Jessie LaPage, by Their daughters

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m.
Living and deceased members of the Van Delst family, by John and Toni Berkers

Saturday, Dec. 21 at 5:00 p.m.
Souls of Greg & Stephanie Barrett and deceased members of the Rousell family

Sunday, Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Souls of Bob, Gertrude and Michael Doyle, by Tom & Angela Doyle

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession):**

- Saturday at **St. Brigid** from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m.
- Sundays at **St. John** from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Parish News and Community Life

FIRST COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION MEETING

We will be having a parent and child meeting **Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**, at St. John's church in the meeting room.

CONFIRMATION MEETING with parent and child will meet **Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 2:45 p.m.**, at St. John's church in the meeting room.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Help decorate our church for Christmas with a floral donation in memory of a loved one. If you wish to give please bring your plant to the church by **Dec. 22.**

TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR MISSIONS

Every year Kelly Funeral Homes and Capital Memorial Gardens have helped the Ottawa Mission and Shepherds of Good Hope collect items like tooth paste, soap, shampoo, razors, etc for those less fortunate. To donate please bring to the nearest Kelly Funeral Homes or to Capital Memorial.

RISE UP 2013 IN OTTAWA

A conference for young adults (age 18-35) that exists and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. It is hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach and will conclude their 25th anniversary year celebrations. At Delta Ottawa City Centre, **Dec 28 – Jan 1.** (Info: (www.cco.ca/riseup) or Kate (613-736-1999).

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Mass daily, staying in monasteries for a prayerful experience. **May 11-22, 2014.** Fr. Lawrence Hyginus, CC as a guide. Cost: \$2300/double, \$2150/single, all inclusive. Info: (ottawapoland2014@gmail.com).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Held at Resurrection of Our Lord parish on the weekend of Feb 21, 22 & 23, 2014. To register, please call Carole (613-733-4661).

THE ADVENT WREATH

Four weeks before Christmas, Rev. Johnson of Christ Lutheran was leading a children's service featuring an Advent wreath. He had told them what the three purple candles represented, then asked, "Does any one know what the pink one means?" Little Sara's hand went up. "Are they expecting a girl?"

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 1,286.10

St. John: \$ 1,420.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN: **Tuesday, December 24 (Children's Mass) 6:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

ST. BRIGID: **Tuesday, December 24 8:00 p.m.**
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10:00 am at St. John the Evangelist

Clothing Depot

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.
Coordinator: Wilda Corcoran at 613-821-3730. **CLOSED UNTIL JAN. 3, 2014**

Food Bank

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.
Coordinators: Len or Denise Herbert at 613-821-1481.

Hospitality

St. Brigid – if you know of a parishioner who is ill, or has suffered a loss, and would appreciate receiving a card, please call Sharon Van Schyndel at 613-489-0247.

Baptisms

Upon Request. A baptism preparation course is required.

Marriage

Please notify the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Our St. Brigid Community

St. Brigid Parish Council*

Deanna Kelly, Chair
Maureen Goodspeed
John Kelly

St. Brigid Cemetery

Mike Kelly 613-692-4293

Our St. John Community

St. John Parish Council*

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