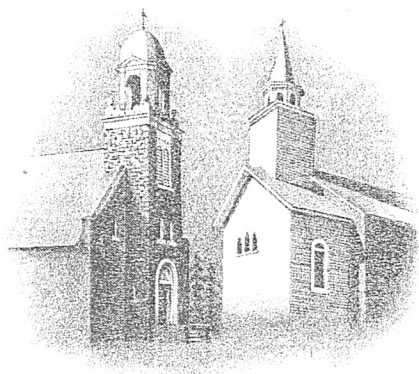

Sunday, December 22, 2013
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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St. Brigid

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WELCOMING JESUS

We need to know that we still belong to the people who share life with us. It's so easy to grow apart, to take others for granted, and never to express our love in words or gestures. At times the pace of life with all of its worries, problems and tasks pushed us right by the ones we belong to. If this can happen so easily with those whom we can see, then the danger exists that we will eventually take for granted the one whom we can't see – Jesus, Our Saviour. We need to extend our welcome daily to Our Lord.

Christmas is a time to gently ask ourselves if we are still extending our welcome to Jesus. Does he still have a place in all our decisions, plans, and dreams? Or do we invite him into our lives when it seems like the right occasion, like a wedding anniversary or baptism, or an occasion where we are in a good mood and ready to give thanks to God?

If we develop the practice of prayer each day, and many times through each day, we will be welcoming Jesus into our lives. When, through prayer, we open ourselves to having Christ touch our thoughts, our feelings, our decisions, we will know what it means to let another into the deepest part of our lives.

Dear parishioners of St. John the Evangelist and St. Brigid

May Our Saving Lord fill your hearts and homes with His transforming grace this Christmas. God Bless, Fr. John and Fr. Titus

MASS INTENTIONS

St. John

Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Souls of Stephen Herbert and Maurice St. Jean, by Len & Denise Herbert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 6 p.m.

Soul of Gerald McEvoy, by The McEvoy family

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 at 10 a.m.

Souls of Freeman & Jessie LaPage by Their daughters

Thurs., December 26 NO MASS

Friday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.

For Special Intention, by Pat McEvoy

Sunday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Braiden Searle, by Leighton and Callista Kelly

St. Brigid

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 & Michael Doyle, by Tom & Angela Doyle

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 8 p.m.

Soul of Margorie O'Callaghan, by Sharon Van Schyndel

Saturday, Dec. 28 at 5:00 p.m.

Souls of Luis & Elsie Gama-Rose, by Sheila Gama-Rose

Sunday, Dec. 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Brigid & St John

Parish News and Community Life

REMINDER... The parish office will be closed December 24, 25, 26, Jan. 1, and 2. If you need assistance, please call Fr. Fletcher at 613-890-7603.

THANK YOU - RETIREMENT

A sincere thank you to **Patrick McEvoy** for his many years as a volunteer sacristan at St. John the Evangelist, we appreciate the exceptional commitment of time and desire for a special chore well done. To replace this important work as a sacristan we are requesting a volunteer. As a suggestion we are open to one or more volunteers on a monthly basis. If interested, please call the parish office.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS

There will be no Thursday evening mass at St. John the Evangelist for the month of January 2014, Fr. Titus Egbueh will be on holidays.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Brigid and St. John's will have no children's liturgy on **Sunday, Dec. 29** due to the Christmas holidays. Children liturgy will resume **January 5, 2014**.

ST. JOHN'S FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Help us to repair the church steeple. Please visit the website for items that will be in the spring auction. Info: www.enniskerry.ca

MARION PRAYER

Our first 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat held at St. Brigid's was a huge success. Our gatherings were such a blessing that we decided to form a monthly Marian Prayer Group at St. Brigid following the 10:30 mass where we will discuss Scripture and pray in the new year. All are welcome. We also want to set up a prayer line so that parishioners who need prayer can phone in or put their requests in the collection basket. Info: see Peggy Kelly. Fr. Titus has requested that our parishes begin to pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass. This is an excellent practice and will help to prepare our hearts to receive our Eucharistic Lord. Let's be patient as we find the best way to honor Father's request.

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 838.25 St. John: \$ 684.00

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

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