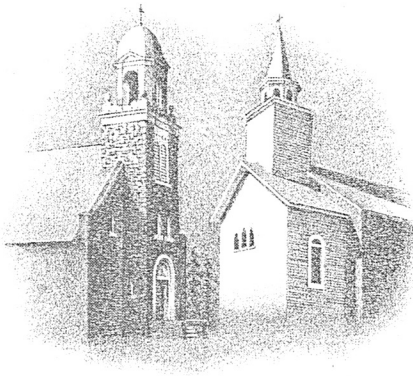

Sunday, December 29, 2013

HOLY FAMILY



The Catholic Communities of St. John the Evangelist

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THE PATHWAY TO GOD

It is the cradle of the family where a child learns the meaning of love. He or she experiences in a physical and emotional way the feeling of being loved, protected, cared for, treasured. This is the first step that the child takes in his or her discovery of God, because God is love. The love of the father and mother prepares the child to meet the God of love. In the gentle voice and tender touch of the parents, the child is touched by God.

The way you interact with one another in your family will be the model you set for all human relationships. As you show respect, forgiveness, kindness, gentleness and encouragement to one another, you will be fulfilling your role as a teacher of what it means to be human. What a great calling ever parent has! You are the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith and love. Every parent has the beautiful and awesome responsibility of setting their children on the pathway to the experience and knowledge of God.

But as your children grow in their experience of being loved, you then need to help them come to know what it means to love others. They will observe how you interact with other people. What you say to your children about love is important, but what you do with your love is even more important. If you as a family cultivate a spirit of welcome towards others, your children will come to know that it is a good thing to open your home and your heart to others.

Reminder: Sunday, January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. John

Sunday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m.
Soul of Braiden Searle, by Leighton
and Callista Kelly

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 9:00 am

Deceased members of the
McEvoy and Shields families, by
Dennis and Frances McEvoy

Friday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. John & St. Brigid

Sunday, January 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Bernadette Lebine, by Len
and Denise Herbert

St. Brigid

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

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1, 10:30 am

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

Saturday, January 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Brigid & St. John

Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Soul of Terri Antochi, by Terry
Brambles

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

PARISHIONERS OF ST. BRIGID'S AND ST. JOHN'S

I would like to thank you all for your kindness shown me this Christmas season. To all of you who gave me a card or a gift and to all who have prayed for me – thank you! I really appreciate your goodness towards me and I will remember you all in my Masses. May God bless you all.

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.

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.

MARIAN 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.

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).

BIBLE STORIES THE KIDS WAY

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the children a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task. But, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. On the day the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23, in front of the congregation, Bobby was very nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd and that's all I need to know!"

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 1,031.50

St. John: \$ 1,039.00

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

ST. JOHN:	Wednesday, January 1,	9:00 a.m.
ST. BRIGID:	Wednesday, January 1,	10:30 a.m.

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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Dave Sandre, Co-Chair
Sean Blanchfield
Susan Phillips, Finance
Al Hawco, Maintenance
Len Herbert, Maintenance

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