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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, December 1st, 2019

Confirmation will be at all the masses the weekend of December 7th and 8th. Please note that the 5:15pm and the 11am mass will be very busy with candidates and their families. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation.



AFTER MASS SOCIAL
NEXT WEEKEND - December 7th / 8th
Everyone is invited to join us in the Narthex following mass for refreshments. Hosted by our Catholic Women's League

St John the Divine Youth Council 2020 Calendars are here! The Youth Council has created a beautiful calendar highlighting the beauty of St. John the Divine Church. They will be available for purchase after the masses in the Narthex or through the Parish Office. This is a fundraiser to support our young people going to Steubenville Toronto 2020.

Sunday Mass
Saturday 5:15 pm; Sunday
9:00 & 11 am

Weekday Mass
7 pm—Tuesday
12 noon—Wednesday
8:30 am—Thursday
8:30 am—Friday (at 7pm
during Lent)

Parish Rosary
half hour before each
weekday mass

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament: 11 am - 12
noon—Wednesday**

Children's Liturgy
11 am mass—September to
June

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 6:15 - 6:50 pm
Wednesday 11:15 - 11:50 am
Saturday 4 - 5 pm
or by appointment

**Baptism - Please make
arrangements at least 12
weeks in advance with
Fr. Don**

**Marriage - Arrangements to
be made one year in advance**

Daily Mass
Tuesday, December 3rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am - please join us at Jean Vanier School for mass with the staff and students
Wednesday, December 4th 11 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie McIsaac - The Bissonnette Family • Martina Marie Ricci - Mafalda Brochu • Cecilia O'Malley - The Family
Thursday, December 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am - please join us at St. Jude School for mass with the staff and students
Friday, December 6th - 8:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delores Howley - Pat, Jason & Justin • Forgotten Souls in Purgatory • Int. Fr. James DeVita - His Family

Brothers & Sisters:
On the **first Wednesday of every month, at the noon mass**, we will be having the reception of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Those who need to receive the sacrament, who are suffering, will be called forward by me. *Fr. Don*

Rheo Thompson Mint Smoothies are back!!! They will be for sale after weekend Masses, in the Narthex, and are 2 for \$5.00. All proceeds will be going to support family and youth events here at the parish.

Meat Pies are available
- Chicken, beef & turkey
- \$4 each. Call Mary Anne 519-472-6049.



St. John the Divine Prayer Line 519-281-9580

Advent Booklets – The 1st Sunday of Advent, the start of a new Liturgical Year, is November 30 - December 1. Once again we are providing you with the opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Lord by having Advent booklets available for you to purchase. This is yet another opportunity for you to prepare for the coming of Our Lord. The booklets cost \$3.00.



Lost & Found – Our lost and found is located at the bottom of the North stairwell. Please check to see if you can find your scarf, umbrellas, gloves, car keys, jewelry, books and many other treasures. Please take the time to look for your lost treasures. Any items not picked up by December 9th will be disposed of.



Enviro Tip: Grow spider plants. These plants absorb formaldehyde, making them a "pollution absorber", plus they are very easy to grow.

Offertory Collections from November 23rd/24th, 2019		
Envelopes	206	\$3,836.00
Loose Collection		\$253.51
Renovation Fund	6	\$610.00
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish community!</i>		

For the Month of <u>November 2019</u>	Offertory	Renovation Fund
# of Contributions for the month from envelopes & pre-authorized donations	901	96
Total \$ Envelopes, pre-authorized & loose money	\$25,892.93	\$3,398.00
Target (Budget) this month	\$24,847.90	\$3,300.00
Target (Budget) for next month	\$24,847.90	\$3,300.00

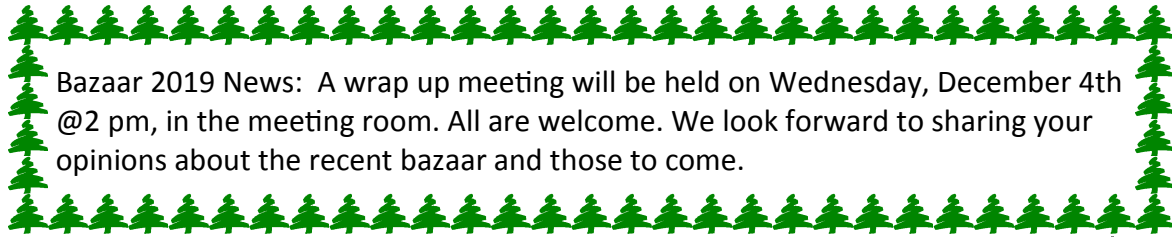
Save the Date for our Breakfast for Dinner with Santa on Friday December 6th at 5:30 pm. - Preregistration is required as we only have a limited amount of space available. This will be a free will offering event. If you would like to register your family please email Bridget Corneil at bcorneil@dol.ca with the family name, contact information and number of attendees.



Your Recycle Team is Back
Recycle your gently used sleeping bags.
They will be donated to our St Vincent de Paul.
Collection bins will be in the Narthex
December 7th & 8th weekend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Mass for the Unborn will be held on Friday, December 27th, 2019 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7 pm, and followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Bishop Ronald Fabbro will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Bazaar 2019 News: A wrap up meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th @2 pm, in the meeting room. All are welcome. We look forward to sharing your opinions about the recent bazaar and those to come.

Did you see the St Vincent de Paul **GIVING TREE** in the Narthex? It is decorated with stars, each marked with a request for pajamas or gift cards It would be great if you could pick a star and return it along with the gift, unwrapped, by December 7th at the latest. These gifts become part of the Christmas Hampers that will be given to the more than 150 families in need in this area.



The **WINTER COAT** drive is still on. If you have any “no longer needed”, winter coats, we would gladly accept these, any size. These are to be distributed to the city’s homeless later this winter during the St Vincent de Paul ‘**Cover Me With Love**’ campaign. There are collection boxes at the back of the church.

STUFF IT The St Vincent de Paul **STUFF IT!** food drive is here! Last weekend, St Vincent de Paul members distributed Paper Bags that you were asked to return “stuffed” with non-perishable food. Your contributions will be used to fill the Christmas Hampers for the many families in need in the area surrounding St John the Divine. Please bring in your bag by December 8th. Thank you!



All men & young men are being invited to the 8th Annual Men of Faith Conference - -- Saturday January 18th,2020 @St Michael’s Church in London. NFL Superbowl Champion Quarterback , Elvis Grbac ; and the Director of The Faith Explained , Cale Clarke will challenge us to grow in our faith in the world today. “ 2020 Vision – Courage & Fortitude To Do His Will”. Sign up on line: www.famfi.ca/ More info: Mike 519-518-2025 ext. 22 / Mike@LegacyPartners.ca

If your marriage has lost the sense of closeness it once had, if you are living more like roommates, Retrouvaille can help you recapture that closeness. To learn more about Retrouvaille, or to register for the up-coming weekend January 17-19, 2020 at the Michaelite Centre, email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com. Visit us on the web at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Everyone is welcome to St. Peter's Cemetery to attend our **CHRISTMAS CANDLE SERVICE**

Monday, December 16th, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

in the Holy Family Mausoleum Chapel. Fr. John Jasica, Celebrant

Candles will be provided for the Lighting Ceremony

You are invited to bring a photograph of your deceased loved one to be placed on a Memorial Table. (Seating will be provided).

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted for distribution to families in need.

“**Keep Christ in Christmas**” magnets will be available for purchase during the season of Advent, in the Narthex. Your goodwill offering helps to support our Knights of Columbus in their endeavours throughout the year.

Looking for healing? Closure? If you are divorced, separated, or civilly remarried, consider applying for a declaration of nullity (an “annulment”). The Roman Catholic Diocese of London would like to help you. If you are interested in a Declaration of Nullity or if you simply have questions, please give us a call at 519-439-1553. There is no obligation in calling, and the process is free of charge.

Charitable Donations for 2019 must be received by December 31, 2019. Donations received after that time, will be considered a 2020 Charitable Donation.

Please consider ST. JOHN THE DIVINE PARISH when preparing your Will

Advent Spiritual Practices – Here are a few spiritual practices you can observe during Advent:

- ⇒ Spend five minutes daily in silence before God.
- ⇒ Memorize Scripture Passages connected with Jesus birth and focus on them in prayer.
- ⇒ Feed your mind by finding out the background of some of our Christmas Symbols.
- ⇒ Reflect on your daily blessings and thank God for these blessings.
- ⇒ Light a prayer candle at home every day and pray for someone who is sick, hurting or struggling.
- ⇒ You can purchase Advent Booklets found in the Narthex for your preparation; there are ones specifically for families, teens, young adults, adults and seniors