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PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Larry Marcille - Pastor

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Joanna Manturowicz – Youth Minister/Sacramental Prep.

Adam Pantaleo – Seminarian Intern



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Communion Reflection

A fire has been lit

In our time Christmas has become very commercialized and very pagan. Many people are lured into overspending and excessive eating and drinking. However, these abuses must not blind us to the true meaning of Christmas. When thick smoke rises up, catches in your throat, and brings tears to your eyes, it is because a fire has been lit. Ever since the coming of Christ a bright fire has been burning on our earth, a fire that will never die. At this fire we experience the warmth of God's love, and the glow of human fellowship. Let us not be afraid to come in out of the cold and warm ourselves at this fire. So Happy Christmas Season everyone!



*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Olga Furoc*

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
Burns for the intentions of
Rosemarie Chepeskie*

Masses of Intentions

Monday – Joseph Sung + / Anna Ro +

Tuesday –New Years Eve

Wednesday –New Years Day

Thursday – John Wilson + / Vicky Mascardo +

Friday - Ted Ophelders + / John Ophelders + / Joan Mihalek (INT) /

Fr. Guenter Petricek +

Noon – Fr. Guenter Petricek +

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Joe & Rita Di Diodato,
Matteo Di Folco, Marcus Gibbons, Sarah Holroyde,
Brenda McGuire, Mare Olito

Please call the parish office to have a name added to the sick list.

Thank You! *As always Christmas is a busy time at Blessed Sacrament and we want to thank everyone for your many prayers, cards and gifts to us, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you for your stewardship of the parish and your generosity towards those less fortunate. May God continue to Bless our parish community as we move forward into 2020.*

Fr. Larry, Fr. Joseph, Seminarian- Adam, Sr. Mary, Joanna and all the Staff

Also for the first time the pastoral team and staff decorated the church for our Christmas Masses

We thank Ida Puseteri for her generous donation of the poinsettias

2020 ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2020 envelopes at the back of the church. **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF THERE IS AN ERROR WITH YOUR BOX NUMBER.** Please **DO NOT** use any leftover envelopes from 2019 or any other year! **Recycle your outdated envelopes.** If you did not pick up your 2019 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. Your envelopes that you use here at Blessed Sacrament are not valid at other parishes. If you use them there you may not get a tax receipt from that parish. If you would like to be an envelope user, please pick up a new box in the Loretto Room as well. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes used so we can update the parish data for 2019. Thank you for your generosity to our parish. *Also pick up your 2020 parish calendar.*

Childrens' Liturgy–will resume on Sunday, January 12th

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE – in need of Casseroles, recipes and pans are available at the bottom of the south stairs to the parish hall. Community volunteer hours will be given to grade 7 Confirmation students and high school students.

Scripture : Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3.12-21, Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

December 29, 2019

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2.11)

Blessed Sacrament Card Group - Meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, January 2nd. All are welcome; there is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

New Year's MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary

New Years Eve, Tuesday,

December 31st

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Vigil Mass - 4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Wednesday,

January 1st

Masses: 10:00 am & 11:30 am

(NO 8:30 am Mass)

Closed Tuesday, December 31st at noon
Closed Wednesday, January 1st
Thursday, January 2nd - Regular Office hours resume



The **Out of the Cold** dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com. 3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch at annmarieroz@gmail.com.

A Blessed New Year!

Parking - We understand the difficulty of finding parking (especially in the winter) but please do not block our neighbours' driveways, it is illegal as well as a danger to the people in emergency situations. Please make sure when parking on the streets around the church that there is room for emergency vehicles to get by safely. The Toronto Police asked if parishioners would park on streets west of Duplex, on Yonge Street or Lawrence. Also note that there is a parking place for WHEELCHAIR PARKING ONLY on the north side of Cheritan close to Yonge Street. If you park there without a permit you can be fined a minimum of \$250. Thanks, Fr. Larry

First Friday Coffee will be after the 8:30 am Mass this Friday, January 3rd
Adoration/Benediction will be from 9:00 am – 11:45 am and First Friday Mass will be at Noon

In January 2020, Blessed Sacrament Parish will begin Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. This study will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall, starting on January 8, 2020 and will run as follows: Parts 1-6 : January 8 through to February 19 (There will be no study on February 12), Break for Lent, Parts 7-15: April 15 through to June 17 (There will be no study on May 13), Break for Summer, Parts 16-24: October 14 through to December 9. For more information or to register, the parish office at (416) 481-2256 or by e-mailing blessed@bellnet.ca The cost is for student materials only - \$36 tax included. Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student materials should send a request to the above email address.



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