



THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Diocesan Theme "The Word of God grew and multiplied."

Parish Theme "Though Many We Are One Body in Christ."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 23rd

4:30 pm For all Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers by the James Family

Sunday, June 24th

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Adam Berard Beaupre by his Family

10:45 am For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, June 26th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of David Versteeg by Bep Versteeg

Wednesday, June 27th **Mass at Parish**

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Msgr. Andre Drouin by the Parish

Thursday, June 28th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Donatilde DeMelo by the James Family

Friday, June 29th

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Bob Urlocker by the Urlocker/ Lalonde Family

Saturday, June 30th

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Sunday, July 1st

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Fr. Paul by the Berard Beaupre Family

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Mason Bekkers by Leo & Cherry Bekkers

IN OUR PRAYER



Hillary Anne Haist, Isaac Berkers, Matthew Holmes, Maddy Nichol, Arthur Durocher, Douglas Beaudoin, Judy Johnston, Monica Baker, Jack Clarke, Julie Lefebvre, Pat Gates, Ken Poirier, Shawn English and Justin McKenna.

If you would like your name added to the list please phone the office 613-445-3054

~PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: *Inquiries call Joyce 613-445-0536 or Faith 613-445-5691*

HOUSE BLESSING

In keeping with the old Christian Tradition of house blessing, Fr. Paul will be available to visit your home to bless it. Please call the office to set a date and time.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Church invites us to meditate on the life and vocation of John the Baptist whose birthday we celebrate today.

"He must increase and I must decrease"

Around this time every year, usually the 21st of June, we have what we call the summer solstice – the longest day of the year. Gradually from June to December the days begin to be shorter particularly for those in the northern hemisphere! From around Christmas time back until June again the light is gradually increasing. So the birth of John the Baptist brings the decrease of light! And at the birth of Christ, six months from now, the light begins to gain its strength again! St. Augustine put it beautifully thus: "Christ is born, and the days start increasing; John is born, and the days start diminishing. So let man's honor diminish, God's honor increase, so that the honor of man may be found in the honor of God."

Doing God's Will

In the "Our Father", we pray: "Thy will be done on earth..." As we live, our desire is to do the will of God. John the Baptist, Zachariah and Elizabeth are perfect examples of people who allowed the will of God to prevail in their lives. They learned to listen to God and to seek His will. So must we! God's will was revealed to them and they embraced it. So must we! John had a vocation, so do we! He pointed to Jesus: "Here is the Lamb of God..." We are called to point to Jesus by our lives and by our own witness that God's will is more important than our own!

Summer is here!

Thanks be to God we have come to that time of the year when we take time off our work related routine to refresh and unwind! The beautiful sunny weather that we have enjoyed these past few days is a sure sign that it promises to be a great summer. Wishing everyone a happy, safe and relaxing summer!

May God bless!

Fr. Paul

June 24, 2012

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YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

June 17th, 2012 - \$2700.00

(Average weekly collection needed to cover all expenses: \$3,000.00)

Thank you for your generosity & support.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 29th the Office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 9:00 am – 12 noon. Regular office hours will resume September 5th.

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

*Join us on **Wed. June 27** at 7:00 pm for our parish general meeting. There will be a brief report from the pastor and the chairpersons of the Temporal Affairs Committee and Parish Pastoral Council. Refreshments will conclude the evening.*

from 9:00 am – 12 noon. Regular office hours will resume September 5th.

CWL 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Pictures from the CWL's 35th anniversary have been put on the bulletin board in the church hall downstairs. Members can use the sign-up sheet that is on the board to order copies for themselves. The pictures will be available until the end of June.

ALMS BOX

Donations for the months of April, May & June will be to The Emergency Assistance Fund, helping our Parishioners through rough times. Thank you for your generosity!

THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH

are invited to spend an exciting weekend with up to 500 other high school students. Journey to the Father is for you. Held July 13 to 15th in St. Raphael's, it's an exciting weekend filled with youth talks, upbeat Christian music and special times spent with God and friends. For Youth entering high school to grade 12. More information is available in the foyer or call Brenda Sliva at 613-894-0835.

VBS 2012

A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments from CAT CHAT- July 9-13 9:00-11:30am. Ages 4-12 Cost: \$15.00 child or \$30.00 family. Register before Fri. June 22 and avoid the \$10.00 late fee!

Registration papers can be obtained in the foyer. We welcome all volunteers to assist with this wonderful program. Contact Karen Urlocker 613-445-2962

Dear fellow Parishioners,

As I complete my final weeks as Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas, I wanted to share how God has truly blessed me to be the Principal of such a dynamic Catholic High School these last eight years.

I am so thankful for the tremendous support from our school community during my time as Principal. Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish has been a true partner in supporting myself and my staff in delivering Catholic Education to our students.

Our school community at St. Thomas Aquinas has established a strong vision of a 'Commitment to Excellence in a Catholic Learning Environment' that has been embraced by staff, students and our many positive community partners. I will miss working with the STA students, staff and our Parish community. I will pray for their continued success with St. Thomas Aquinas' new Principal, Donna Koekkoek.

I do look forward to serving as the Principal of St. Michael's Catholic High School in Kemptville this September.

*Yours in Catholic Education,
Richard James*

LOST & FOUND

All lost & found items are on a table in the hall by the kitchen. Please see if anything belongs to you, as they will be donated by the end of June.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

As there is no server schedule, please try to volunteer over the summer if you see that there are no servers at Mass. Father Paul needs your help. Thank you so much for all your efforts this year - have a good summer!

OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

St. Catherine of Siena Parish – Metcalfe

*Mass Times: Sunday's 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Weekday Mass: Mon – Wed 8:00 am & Friday 8:00 am
Public Rosary – before all weekday Masses at 7:30 am*

AA Meetings

*Mondays at 8 p.m. Location: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Saturdays 8 p.m. at Russell United Church, Mill St
For Information with confidentiality call 613-443-5988 or 613-821-3017*

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