ST. PATRICK PARISH,



FALLOWFIELD

We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



FIRST READING

Baruch 5.1-9

SECOND READING

Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

GOSPEL

Luke 3.1-6

Psalms 126

THE LORD HAS DONE **GREAT THINGS FOR US:** WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the stirring call of John light the second candle on the Advent wreath, the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make symbolizing faith, we are reminded that Christ's his paths straight." This Advent, John invites us to coming brings the promise of salvation for all reflect on what it means to prepare our hearts for flesh. This promise requires a response: the coming of Christ.

The imagery of valleys being filled and mountains with God's will. made low is powerful. It challenges us to identify the obstacles that hinder our relationship with God. These could be pride, distractions, grudges, or fears-anything that keeps us from fully embracing the transformative power of Christ. John's message is not just about physical preparation but spiritual readiness.

Advent is a season of hope and renewal. As we

repentance and a commitment to align our lives

In our daily lives, preparing the way of the Lord might look like reconciling with someone we've wronged, spending time in prayer, or serving those in need. By doing so, we make straight the paths of our hearts and open ourselves to the joy of Christ's presence.

Let us take John's call to heart this Advent, actively preparing a straight path for the Lord.

December 8th Second Sunday in Advent

Preparing in faith

trust in God's plan.

The second week of Advent focuses on faith and preparation. As we light the Bethlehem Candle. remember Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their

This week invites us to reflect on our own faith and how we can prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. It's a time for prayer, reconciliation, making space for God's light to shine in our lives.

December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Divine Grace

The Solemnity the Immaculate Conception honors the Blessed Virgin Mary's conception without original sin, a grace given to her by God to be the Mother of Jesus. This feast highlights Mary's purity and her total openness to God's will.

As we reflect on this mystery, are reminded the importance of and humility in our own lives.

Mass Intentions

5:00 p.m. • † Parish All Souls Intention Saturday • Paul Rouleau (Get Well/Health) by Vlado Sigel

> 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

† Brian Ling by Frank & Pat Power

• † Roberta Fernandes by Ralph Fernandes

† Sheila Berrea by Angela, Janet, and Carmel

† Parish All Souls Intention 11:00 a.m. • Mary Bergin Emery (Intentions of) by Jane Molino

> and Ann Burnett • For good health and blessings received.

• Shawn and Evan (Birthday Blessings) by the Moore

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (Intentions of) by the Monteiro family Living and deceased members Legion of Mary Wednesday 9:00 a.m. (Intentions of) by St. Patrick Legion of Mary

Thursday 9:00 a.m. family **Friday** • † Bronislaw Bienasz by the Beaudette family

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment



prepare His path in your life.



Events

favourites

Sunday

Sunday

Christmas from the Pontiac

9:00 a.m.

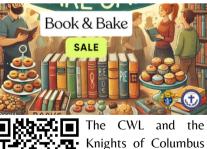


Ready for some Christmas Cheer? Join Gail Gavan and friends and sing along to Christmas Classics Valley toe-tappin'

with stories from the

Dec 14th and 15th after Masses Book & Bake

Bake & Book Sale



will be hosting Christmas Bake and

Book sale after all during December 14 and 15. Please join us dancing,

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Dec 31st, 7:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Dance



Year's Eve party, hosted the

moments of 2024! Tickets are \$50,

available online or in the office.

Columbus! Enjoy the weekend of delicious food, lively entertainment, and plus a special slideshow memorable

Knights

of

Pontiac. Manotick United Church. 5567 Main St. Manotick. Tickets are \$25 and are available at gailgavan.com.

for some delicious Christmas Goodies highlighting the and Reading material. Donations of baked goodies would be appreciated.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8th, 2024

Parish Penitential Service Dec 12th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



by joining us for the Parish Penitential Service. The evening will begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by opportunity for individual the confessions.

Additionally, the Pastoral Care team will be available in the church hall for special one-on-one prayers. This is a unique opportunity to unburden your

heart, share your worries, and invite

Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by Don't miss

Confessions are also available every

God's healing presence into your life.

appointment. this opportunity to renew your spirit, embrace God's mercy, and find peace in the midst of the Advent season. We encourage everyone to come. lay down their burdens, and leave refreshed in faith and hope.



As we prepare for the coming of the Lord

Reconciliation During Advent

in Advent, we remember that Jesus calls us to newness of life by the forgiveness of sins. We receive that new life through baptism and reconciliation, as well as in

communion. Confession, like all other sacraments, is a gift through which God has made his saving love and mercy real and present to us. In his desire to set all people free and draw them into the authentic peace that is communion with God, Christ entrusted his ministry of reconciliation to the apostles. It is through the sacrament of confession that

Christ offers us the opportunity of

opening our hearts to him, seeking his

help as we strive towards a life of

holiness, and ultimately, guiding us to eternal life with him. Please consider

Missal for Young Catholics for the 2024

Missals can be purchased from the

ushers after weekend Masses and from

the parish office, during office hours

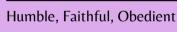
2025 (year C) cost is \$10 per book.

celebrating reconciliation this advent.

News & Announcements

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

December 9th



St. Juan Diego, a humble Mexican layman, received apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1531.

Through his faith, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was miraculously created. His devotion reminds us to listen to and act

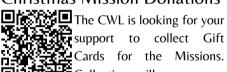
December 11th St. Damasus I, Pope

upon God's call in our lives.

Devout, Influential, Reforming.

St. Damasus I was a pope known for his devotion to the faith, his efforts to promote the reverence of martyrs, and his role in confirming the canon of Scripture. leadership helped strengthen the early Church during a time of great challenge.

Christmas Mission Donations



Collections will

Local Shelters for Christmas.

start the weekend of Nov. 16 and will end Dec. 15. These donations will be delivered to the various Missions and

You may also make a cash donation, and cheques can be made out to St. Patrick's CWL. Please put the Gift Card/Cheque/Cash in an envelope clearly marked CWL and place in the collection

New Liturgical Year Sunday Missals

basket.

The new Liturgical Year begins on December 1, the First Sunday in Advent. Sunday Missals for the 2024 - 2025

(Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.).

New Donation Envelopes Available Next Weekend

Starting next weekend. donation envelopes for the upcoming year will be available for pickup. Visit the parish hall after any Mass to collect yours and enjoy some refreshments while supporting the CWL and Knights of Columbus Bake &

Book Sale! In the weeks following, envelopes will also be available at the front of the church. Thank you for your continued

generosity and support!

(year C) cost is \$5 per book, and Sunday

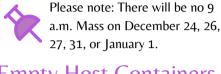
Christmas & New Year

Mass Schedule

5, 7, and 10 p.m. December 24 December 25 9 and 11 a.m.

December 31 5 p.m.

January 1 11 a.m.



Empty Host Containers

Throughout the year, we go through a significant number of hosts, reflecting our vibrant and active community. As a result, we have accumulated many empty host containers, which are now available at the front of the church for anyone who would like to take and repurpose one.

Join our team

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Choirs



joining, visit our website for details.

Sacramental Prep Team

parents for the sacraments. If you

are interested in joining, visit our

We are forming a

Sacramental

Preparation Team

children and their

to help prepare

■ The Children's

Children's Liturgy

who feels called to

Liturgy ministry is inviting anyone

share the joy of the Gospel with children. See our website for details.

Pastoral Care Registration



Through home visits, hospital outreach, and phone calls, our team brings comfort, encouragement, and a sense of community to those we serve. If you or someone you know would like to receive pastoral care, we invite you to register.

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Parish Life

Anita MacNeil

- The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.
- Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



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Get Involved