

Sunday, January 1, 2017
Mary, Holy Mother of God

READINGS: Numbers 6.22-27 Psalm:67
 Galatians 4.4-7 Gospel: Luke 2.16-21

Saturday, December 31 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Lawrence Terrance – 36th Anniversary, and Phillip Terrance – 48th Anniversary
 Requested by Sharon Thompson
 AND O'Donald Oddie Laffin – 1st Anniversary
 Requested by his mother, Debbie Cree, and his brother Lawrence Jock and Family
 Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Ryle and Kenia
 Lectors: Caroline Peters and Harold Caldwell

Saturday, December 31 – 6:30 pm

Community Mass at Tri-District Elders Lodge

Offered for: James Thompso – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
 Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan

Sunday, January 1 – 10:00 am

Children's Mass

Offered for: John & Theresa Peters, Sarah Mitchell, Levi & Joe Peters, Zachary Adams, Jeffrey Peters and Robert Mitchell – Memorial Mass. Requested by the brothers & sisters
 Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
 Lectors: Children and Youth

Tuesday, January 3 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: Peter Lafrance – 32nd Anniversary
 Requested by Cecelia Lafrance

Wednesday, January 4 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Joseph Benedict – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Thursday, January 5 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Reginald Mitchell – Memorial Birthday
 From the funeral collection

Friday, January 6 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Margaret M. Jacobs – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Saturday, January 7 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Wallace Roundpoint – 10th Anniversary and Memorial Birthday
 Requested by Grace Roundpoint & Family
 Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
 Lectors: Amanda Rourke and Janine Rourke

Sunday, January 8 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Father George Maroun – Memorial Mass
 Requested by Mr & Mrs Camil Maroun
 Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylee and Kenia
 Lectors: Jamie Ross and Valerie Garrow

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.

How blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for you carried within you the Lord, the Creator of the world. Mother of your Maker, you remain a Virgin forever! Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Marv, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

JANUARY 1, 2017 -- WORLD DAY OF PEACE.

In designating January 1, 2017 as WORLD DAY OF PEACE, Pope Francis promises: "I pledge the assistance of the Church in every effort to build peace through active and creative nonviolence." Pray for peace in our families, our parish, our community, our country, our whole world. Only praying for peace is not enough. Each one of us must actively promote peace. How can I make a difference in the world? What creative act might I do to promote more peace in my family, my Church, my neighborhood, my workplace. "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

SPECIAL INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MORNING OFFERING IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY CHRISTIAN UNITY

We pray that all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by colla borating to meet the challenges facing humanity. Amen.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK, JANUARY 8-14, 2017.

This week is an opportunity to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, and children, as well as victims and survivors of human trafficking. Pope Francis calls us "...to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. Too often in our contemporary culture, we fail to encounter migrants as persons, and remain aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions." How might we be a welcoming presence this year to the strangers in our midst?

DAILY MORNING OFFERING.

As we begin a new year, let us develop the habit of offering each day to God by praying the Morning Offering.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month: Christian Unity.

The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.
 NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

"GOD SENT HIS Son, born of a woman." This mysterious encounter, where a vulnerable girl finds the strength to say yes, brings about our adoption into the family of God. That fragile young woman becomes our holy mother, to whom we turn in our own moments of fragility. And God becomes our "Abba," to whom we cry out like a small child calling for their daddy. From that "born of a woman" miracle, we are welcomed into an economy of grace that turns the power structures of this world on their heads. You want to see tough? Meet this unmarried girl face to face with a terrifying angel. You want to see a powerful king? Here is Christ crucified. The encounter with the living God turns this broken world, full of oppression and abuses of power, onto its head. Mary embraced the encounter, and through that embrace Christ enters our world to "bring good news to the poor." The world-transformation we long for isn't subtle. Jesus promises captives released, blindness reversed, the oppressed going free: no half measures. The encounter with the face of God is an encounter with a terrifying, purifying light. That light transforms with burning heat and renders the darkness unrecognizable. From vulnerability, strength. From the darkness, light. May the Lord make his face to shine upon us. *Kate McGee, Toronto, ON.*

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND SORROWFUL

O Virgin Mother, Health of the Sick, intercede with your Son Jesus to comfort all those who are suffering in our nursing homes, hospitals, or in their own homes. We pray especially for our parishioners - Charlotte Lazore, Nancy Phillips, Edward Terrance, Clyde Cree, Larry Pyke, Laurie Connors, and Sheila Ransom.

Comfort the families of our recently deceased Mae Thompson and Alex Arquette, whom we commend to God's mercy.

In Gratitude – NIAWENKO:WA

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PASTOR, FATHER JEROME PASTORES ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD!

We thank God that you have come from the Philippines to St. Regis Church, so that we might have the graces of your presence and priestly service, especially Holy Mass, the Sacraments, and the comfort of the sick and sorrowing. *Father, we thank you for being a faithful, dedicated priest of God!*

To all our parishioners for helping to celebrate the 30th anniversary of priesthood to Father Jerome. Thank you for your wishes, and donations to the dinner.

To the family of Alex Arquette for your generous donation of \$450.00. Thank you and God Bless you all.

COLLECTIONS AND OFFERINGS

Triduum Masses, Dec. 21-23:

\$101.85 CDN \$86.87 US

Christmas Masses, Dec. 24 & 25:

\$971.44 CDN \$1,510.00 US

Sacrament of Baptism: Next Baptism Seminar: Tues., January 10 at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. The child(ren) must be pre-registered with a copy of their Birth Certificate.

Religious Education:

Confirmation: next class is on Jan. 4 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center.

First Communion: next class is Jan. 5 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. AMS school next class is Tuesday, Jan. 10, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

Funeral Mass Preparation Workshop – if you are interested in learning how to prepare for a funeral mass, and would have the time to visit with the family, please contact the rectory office to sign up, or contact Father Jerome.

Sunday Missals – only a few copies remain for a small donation of \$5.00. Obtain your copy soon.

NOTE: The Rectory Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. For pastoral needs please call 613-575-2753, and leave a message.

Parish Ministry Meetings
 @ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	(to be determined)
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Jan. 9 – 5:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Jan. 14 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Jan. 8 – 12:30 pm

*With God as our Leader,
 may we be prepared to live
 another year under His guidance.
 Happy New Year!*