

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

Did You Know?

Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 Hannah offers her only child, Samuel, as a gift to the Lord.

Colossians 3: 12-17 Living as a family and a community.

Luke 2: 41-52 Jesus' parents find him in the Temple among the teachers.

Today's readings speak to us about living as a family and a community. They confirm that both require work, generosity, patience and openness to the unexpected. We look to the Holy Family as a model for ourselves, and we learn – with some relief – that Jesus' parents were as challenged and confounded as we often are. We can be like them because they were like us in so many ways.



Our Parish has many activities and groups that may be of interest to you!

For Example:

- Our **Youth Ministry** for young people in Grades 6 – 8 and also High School – see the announcements in this bulletin.
- We have 2 weeks of **Bible Camp** each July for kids in Grades 1 – 6.
- Our **Bible Study Group** that meets each Monday evening.
- Our **Bereavement Support Group** – a group dedicated to serving those who are mourning the death of a love one. The next course will start in February.
- We have a **Children's Liturgy of The Word Programme** for kids from SK to Grade 5 at the Sunday 9:00am mass.
- Our **Caring Ministry** who visits shut-ins and brings Holy Communion to them.
- Our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** which provides food vouchers to families in need, as well as Christmas hampers and helps kids participate in local basketball and soccer leagues, with many more outreach activities.
- The **Legion of Mary** has an apostolate of prayer and visitation to seniors homes as well as providing families an opportunity to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue.
- The **Prayer Group** that meets every Wednesday after the 7:00pm mass.
- Our **Knights of Columbus** for men and our **Catholic Women's League** provides opportunities for men and women to grow in faith, fellowship and service to the community.
- The **Alpha Programme** which provides a forum for both the unchurched as well as Catholics who wish to develop their Christian faith begins on Wednesday February 6th.



New Year 2019 Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st

****Please note: there will be NO 9:30 am Mass****

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

****Please note: there will be NO 7:00 pm Mass****

9:00 am New Year's Day Mass

11:30 am New Year's Day Mass

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for the New Year holiday at 12 noon on Monday 31st December and reopen on Wednesday, 2nd January 2019 at 9:00am.

And we have so much more!

Do join us in worship each weekend.

For more information, please go to

www.myparish.org

Catholic Womens' League

CWL Annual Planning Meeting

Held on Saturday January 19th in the parish hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Refreshments will be served.

2019 Offertory Envelopes

The 2019 Offertory Envelopes are now available in the Church Hall. The envelope boxes are arranged by envelope number. If you do not remember your envelope number, there are binders available listing the names in alphabetical order and the corresponding envelope number. If your envelope box is missing, please check with the parish office to get a new one. We request parishioners to kindly check that the information on the label is current and accurate. If there are any changes, please inform the parish office.

We invite all families who are new to the parish to come and register as parishioners and receive boxed envelopes for next year's offertory donations.

Training Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please join us for a Formation And Training Day to learn more about your role in this ministry.

The event is free but we ask that you please bring your own lunch. Space is limited, so if you plan on attending please register as soon as possible!

The training day will take place on Saturday, 12th January 2019 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at St Philip Neri Catholic Church, 2100 Jane Street, Toronto.

To register, please call 416 934 3400 ext. 525 or online at: <https://emhcarcho.eventbrite.ca>

Nativity's Annual LifeTeen Retreat

Who: All high school students

When: February 1-3, 2019

Where: Valley of the Mother of God, Orangeville

Cost: \$100

(All food, transportation, accommodations, program & t-shirt provided)

Come join us for a fun & faith-filled weekend away. Retreat forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Parish office before January 11th, 2019.

For more information, please contact Courtney Strom.

Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY



Next EDGE: January 18th

Grades 6 – 8

1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays of the month
7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next LifeTeen : January 11th

Grades 9 – 12.

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month
7 – 9:30 pm Upstairs Rm 1

If you would like to get involved or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs, contact Courtney: youthminister@nativityym.com
416-621-2732 Ext 22

YOUTH MASS

Every Sunday 11:30 am

Confirmation Program – Grade 7 Students Parents' Information Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Prior to the meeting, please register online at:
nativityym.com/confirmation

To complete registration, please bring with you to the meeting:

1. A copy of your child's Roman Catholic Baptism Certificate.
2. \$50 for class supplies and gown rental.
(cash/cheque to Nativity of Our Lord Parish)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 at our 5:00 pm Mass.

Bishop John Boissonneau will preside.

New Ushers Needed

We are looking for new ushers particularly during our Saturday 5:00 am and Sunday 9:00 am masses. Please contact the parish office if you can serve in this ministry.

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