

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Dec. 29, 2019

Saturday, Dec. 28	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Sunday, Dec. 29 (<i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Jacob & Margaret Kvas Members of the Parish
Monday, Dec. 30	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Tuesday, Dec. 31 (<i>New Year's Eve Mass</i>)	5:00 pm	St. Edmund's	Joan Cassidy
Wednesday, Jan. 1 (<i>New Year's Day Mass</i>)	10:00 am	St. Carthagh's	Gus Walsh
Thursday, Jan. 2	9:00 am	St. Carthagh's	No Intention
Friday, Jan. 3 (<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>)	9:00 am 6:40 pm 7:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by scheduled adoration. Sacred Heart Prayers and Benediction. Mass
Saturday, Jan. 4	5:00 pm	St. Carthagh's	Members of the Parish
Sunday, Jan. 5 (<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>)	9:00 am 11:00 am	St. Edmund's St. Carthagh's	Joan Cassidy John Edmund Cassidy

Please Remember in Your Prayers: All those who are sick, including: F. Boomhour, Paul Hulsman, Neive Alderson, Norene Ruffilli, Amanda Lake, Ginger Kehoe, Margaret Dupuis-Ives, Leonard Kehoe, Terry Horrigan, Elinor McKenzie, Catherine Liggon, Debbie LaCroix, Presley Noble, Rob Montgomery, Germaine Wannamaker, Margaret-Rose Wood, Jack Tweedy, Janice Tracey, Michelle Fobert, Mary Stafford Cassidy, Ben Paul, Sharon Butler, Irene Newman, Pat Kirkey, and Deacon Peter Kelly.

Please let us know at the office if you would like to add to or remove a name from the list of the sick.

Offertory Collections:

St. Carthagh's	December 21 & 22	Regular Sunday	\$1,022
St. Edmund's	December 22	Regular Sunday	\$1,403

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING TO OUR CHURCHES

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>
St. Carthagh's	W = WELCOME		
Wednesday, Jan. 1 (<i>New Year's Day 10 am</i>)	W – Sharon Eros Bob Eros	Sheila Scott, Greg Donohue, Don Kirkey	
Saturday, Jan. 4	W – Karen LaVallee Sheila Toner	Arthur Allore, Sheila Toner, Carol Genereaux	
Sunday, Jan. 5	W – Shirley Kehoe Emily Morton	Shirley Kehoe, Bob & Sharon Eros, Don Kirkey	Leslie Paranuik
St. Edmund's	LECTORS	USHERS	
Tuesday, Dec. 31 (<i>New Year's Eve 5 pm</i>)	Arthur Allore Bill Nash	Vince Cassidy Jerry Cassidy	
Sunday, Jan. 5	Cecilia Maines Patti Marlin	Bill Marlin Gerard Whalen	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Bible Study will resume after the Christmas Season.

St. Carthagh's Parish annual 'BRUNCH' is planned for **Jan. 19, 2020**. A brief meeting will be held following the 11:00 am Mass on **Dec. 29**. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend.



When last did you thank God for your family members and entrusted them to God's providence? This weekend offers you a great opportunity to do just that as we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This Family, the Holy Family, is the model and exemplar of all families. Thank God, therefore, for the Holy Family, as well as your family. Corporations, political movements, fads; these all come and go, but God designed the family to be a perpetual reminder of his undying, tender love for us. His desire is for family members to love and support each other.

If in the event that you have suffered because of a breakup of family relationship or grieving because of bereavement, remember that you will always belong to the family of God. You are God's beloved child and he wants very much for you to experience healing, consolation and wholeness. If your family is struggling during this Christmas season, remember that you are not alone. Allow the Holy Family to inspire and strengthen you. Keep your eyes on Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and ask them to help you through the storm. Let Jesus the Mighty God and Prince of Peace, be Lord of your family.

Admittedly, in a perfect world, each of us would come from loving, strong, faithful, supportive families. However, in a world broken by sin and evil, many of us do not. Consequently, the missionary zeal to proclaim and live the Gospel message begins in our homes. Sometimes, the most difficult people to love are the ones right under our own roof, yet that is what God calls us to do. Loving and patiently bearing with a grumpy spouse, a mouthy teenager, a disrespectful and naughty adolescent can be distressing. Equally, an adult child's rejection of the Christian Faith can be irritating and heartbreaking to parents who are devout Catholics. Yet unconditional love changes lives, it changes the world, let it change you!

All who plan to get married in 2020 will need to take a course to prepare them for marriage. The course is in the form of a retreat. One such Marriage Preparation Retreat has been scheduled for **March 27 and 28, 2020** at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Belleville. We ask that all registrations be in *not later than March 13th*, so that accommodations can be made for meals and resources. Interested couples please register with Donna at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Frankford at 613-398-6745, or assisi@sympatico.ca.

Cost is \$150 per couple. Payment is welcome at time of registration, or at the door. This fee covers handouts, continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. **Deadline for Registration is March 13, 2020.** For further clarification, please, contact Fr. Aidan or Dan at 613-478-2000

As usual, in both of our parish churches, our sacristans and decorators have done a remarkable job. Without doubt, they have spent hours of work and they have put in much of their ingenuity and love into these decorations. We thank all who contributed by providing funds for the flowers or provided the flowers, and of course we are profoundly thankful to all who organised them so beautifully. Similarly, we thank very sincerely our choirs for their joyful voices, skills and beautiful singing. Their singing helped to amplify the beauty of our Christmas celebration. Thanks to everyone!

The next K of C meeting is **Tues., Jan. 7**, with Mass at 6:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo in Read, followed by the meeting at the home of Ron Durkin - 1149 Read Rd.

St. Carthagh's & St. Edmund's Collection Envelopes for 2020 are available at the back of our churches. Please pick up your box. If you did not get a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact the church office.

New Lector Lists for St. Carthagh's are now available to be picked up at the entrance of the church.

New Lector/Usher Lists for St. Edmund's are now available to be picked up at the entrance of the church.

