



Wednesday, December 20 - Volume 10, Issue 11

## A Christmas message

Christmas is a time for giving. The past few weeks have been a time of tremendous outreach by our staff and students. Through our fundraising we have sent baskets to the Cambridge Fire Department for their annual Christmas Support Program, and school supplies for Christmas to missions overseas through St. Mary of the Visitation's Red Stocking Campaign. We have also supported students and their families in our community. Coats, gloves, toys, running shoes, gift certificates and gifts of all types have been gathered and delivered to homes in Cambridge!

In this time when we are preparing for, and celebrating the birth of Jesus, events around the world serve as reminders that we must continue to build God's kingdom of Peace, Joy, and Love for our neighbour. As people of faith, our acts of charity and caring for our neighbours, as well as our daily actions, are how we help each other see the Face of God and put our faith into action. In turn, we bring a message of Peace, Hope and Love to our community. Let us continue to pray for God's grace and God's blessings on the St. Benedict family.

As Christmas approaches, let us give thanks for our many blessings and let us find time to share the fellowship of friends and family as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Peace and God Bless,  
The Admin Team

## Chaplain's Chatter

### By Mr. B. Rempel

Advent is a season of waiting. We eagerly wait for the Christmas holidays. We wait for Jesus. Waiting ended for the Messiah when Mary gave birth to Jesus over 2000 years ago. We wait for Jesus to come into our hearts. We wait for Jesus to enter the world through our words and actions. St Benedict celebrated our annual Advent/Christmas Basket Faith Assembly this past Friday, December 15. The International School of Cambridge joined us in filling Christmas baskets and passing them on to the Cambridge firefighters. The firefighters have been presenting gift baskets and food hampers to people in Cambridge for 94 years. St Benedict has partnered with the firefighters for over 25 years.



The Faith Assembly including praying, Scripture reading, an all-star band, and celebrating our generosity. Surely Jesus is entering the world through generous partnership!



**A bird's eye view from behind Bob: Saints gather to bring together their Christmas Baskets for the Cambridge Firefighters Christmas Basket campaign.**

## Masses throughout the Christmas season

### Christmas at St. Clement Parish

***“O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”***

**Solemnity of Christmas** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Vigil Masses – Sunday, December 24, 2017:

5:00 p.m. Mass with the Children's Christmas Pageant

9:00 p.m. Mass

Solemn Midnight Mass – Sunday, December 24, 2017:

Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.; solemn Midnight Mass begins at 12:00 a.m.

Masses during Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2017:

8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Please note that there is no Children's Liturgy on Christmas morning.  
On Sunday, December 24th, the Children's Liturgy will take place as scheduled.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve – Sunday, December 31, 2017: 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1, 2018: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon

## St. Patrick's Parish

We invite you and your family to join us at St Patrick's Parish as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please note that in Canada, the holy days of obligation are the following: every Sunday, Christmas Day (December 25) and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1).

Additional parking is available in the parking lot at the corner of Wellington and Main Streets, behind City Hall off of Cambridge Street and across from the David Durward Centre (Beverly and Dixon Streets). Please note that there is no street parking on Wellington Street.

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23 – 5 pm

Sunday, December 24 – 10 am only

Please note that these Masses fulfill the Sunday obligation only.

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**Sunday, December 24:**

4:45 pm – Children's Nativity Presentation

5 pm – Mass and Blessing of the Christmas Crib

7 pm – The Proclamation of Christmas followed by Mass in the Holy Night

10 pm – Solemn Mass of the Nativity with Incense

**Monday, December 25:**

10 am – Solemn Mass of Christmas Day with Incense

**Weekdays in the Octave of Christmas:**

December 27 – Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist – Mass at 8 am

December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents – Mass at 5 pm

## St. Mary of the Visitation

*Join us for Christmas in Hespeler!*

**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 23/24, 2017)**

Saturday, December 23, 2017 - 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 9:00am and 11:00am

**Check out details on our Christmas Eve Shuttle**

**Christmas Eve (December 24th)**

(Carols 30 minutes before all Masses)

5:00 p.m. - Family Mass with Pageant

(Special "Jingle Jam" Children's Ministry for JK-Grade 4)

7:00 p.m. - Family Mass with Youth Choir

(Special "Jingle Jam" Children's Ministry for JK-Grade 4)

10:00pm - Solemn Mass of Christmas with Music led by Schola of the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate

Family-Friendly Seating: At all our Masses on Christmas for parents who choose to keep their small children with them at Christmas, we're offering a special seating section. Little ones can move around, and parents can still see and hear everything. Host Ministers can direct you there.

**Christmas Day (December 25th)**

10:00 a.m. - Family Mass of Christmas Day

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (December 30/31, 2017)**

December 30, 2017 - 5:00pm - Vigil Mass for The Holy Family

Sunday, December 31, 2017 - 9:00am and 11:00am

**Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

December 29 – St. Thomas Becket, Martyr –  
Mass at 8 am, adoration at 8:30 am, Benediction  
at 9:30 am

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH**

Saturday, December 30 – 5 pm

Sunday, December 31

8 am – Said Mass at the Lady Altar

9 & 11 am – Sung Mass

Please note that these Masses fulfill the Sunday  
obligation only.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD –  
Octave Day of Christmas**

Sunday, December 31 - 5 pm – Sung Mass

Monday, January 1 - 10 am – Solemn Mass with  
Incense

December 31, 2017 - Vigil Mass for Solemnity of  
Mary the Mother of God at 5:00 p.m.

January 1, 2018 at 10:00am

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - January 6/7, 2018**

Saturday, January 6, 2018 - 5:00pm Vigil Mass for  
the Epiphany

Sunday, January 7, 2018 - 8:00am, 9:30am,  
11:30am - Mass of the Epiphany

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Please take advantage of various Celebrations of  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to be held:

December 13 at 7:00 pm at St. Ambrose Church

December 14 from 8:00am-8:00pm at our Parish

December 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Church  
and at St. Clement Church

Please use one of these opportunities (especially  
the one here at our parish) to celebrate this  
Sacrament of God's merciful love before  
Christmas.



## *St Mary of the Visitation Parish*

Start a New Tradition  
Everyone Will Love

Join us for Christmas in Hespeler

### **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 23/24, 2017)**

Saturday, December 23, 2017 - 5:00 p.m. Mass

\* Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### **Christmas Eve (December 24th)**

*(Carols 30 minutes before all Masses)*

\* 5:00 p.m. - Family Mass with Pageant

\* 7:00 p.m. - Family Mass with Youth Choir

10:00 p.m. - Solemn Mass of Christmas

### **Christmas Day (December 25th)**

10:00 a.m. - Family Mass of Christmas Day

\* Shuttle Service, Extra Parking and Children's Program

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## Getting to church on Christmas Eve just got easier!



### *Christmas Eve Shuttle* Off Site Parking at St Gabriel School Parking Lot (Baldwin Drive & Guelph Avenue)

Shuttle runs from **3:30pm - 8:30 p.m.**, picks you right up at your car, and drops you off at the Church front doors.

Our shuttles will run in between each location **every 7 minutes** picking up directly at the school (look for the yellow pylon) and will bring you to the front door of the Church. You will be dropped off at our main entrance in minutes!

When you use the shuttle you will receive a "Cafe Coupon" to visit the cafe next Sunday for a free item (ask the driver for a cafe coupon).

Shuttles will also pick up right after Mass and return you safely to your car. Shuttles run throughout the Mass, so in the event that you need to leave at any time, they can take you to your vehicle. There is at least one shuttle always looping - so no one is left behind.

- ✓ No More Hunting for a Parking Spot
- ✓ No more Walking a Distance from off-site Parking
- ✓ No more Waiting for the Car in front of you to move
- ✓ Lots time together as a family, to chat with friends

Plus your using the shuttle service will open up several spots for those with accessibility issues and will allow for visitors!

Meet new people and even listen to some nice Christmas tunes on the way to church

**JUMP ON BOARD!**

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## Calendar of Events

Be sure to visit our school website for an updated calendar with detailed information links for most calendar entries.

### **Wednesday, December 20**

**1:00pm:** Swimming: D8 Championships  
**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team  
**2:15pm:** Concert Band  
**3:00pm:** Sr. Boys Basketball vs Rockway MC  
**3:30pm:** Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Rockway MC

### **Tuesday, January 9**

Graduation Photos  
**10:40am:** Reach for the Top  
**10:40am:** DECA Business Club  
**2:00pm:** Boys Hockey vs St. Mary's HS

**3:30pm:** Sr. Girls Volleyball @ Rockway MC

**4:30pm:** Jr. Boys Basketball vs Rockway MC

**Thursday, December 21**

**10:40am:** Anime Club

**10:40am:** Robotics & Engineering Club

**10:40am:** Champions of Change

**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club

**10:40am:** Praise & Worship Music Team practice

**10:40am:** MarioKart club

**10:40am:** DECA Business Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**2:15pm:** Math Club

**2:15pm:** Games Club

**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

**3:00pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs St. David 1

**3:00pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs Resurrection 1

**3:00pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs Monsignor

Doyle

**3:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball @ St. David

CSS

**4:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball vs Resurrection

CSS

**Friday, December 22**

SAC Christmas Assembly

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Star Trek Club

**10:40am:** Finance Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**2:15pm:** Doctor Who Video Club

**Sunday, December 24**

Christmas Eve

**Monday, December 25**

Christmas Day

**Tuesday, December 26**

Boxing Day

**Sunday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

**Monday, January 1**

New Year's Day

**Saturday, January 6**

Epiphany

**Wednesday, January 10**

BENN Newsletter release

Graduation Photos

**10:40am:** Ultimate Frisbee Club

**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club

**10:40am:** Guitar Club

**10:40am:** Cosmo Club

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**10:40am:** Model United Nations

**2:15pm:** Yearbook Team

**2:15pm:** Concert Band

**3:00pm:** Sr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland CHS

**3:00pm:** Sr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection CSS

**3:00pm:** Jr. Girls Volleyball vs Woodland CHS

**4:30pm:** Jr. Boys Basketball @ Resurrection CSS

**Thursday, January 11**

Graduation Photos

**10:40am:** Anime Club

**10:40am:** Robotics & Engineering Club

**10:40am:** Champions of Change

**10:40am:** Accepting Differences Club

**10:40am:** Praise & Worship Music Team practice

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**2:15pm:** Games Club

**2:15pm:** Jazz Band

**2:30pm:** Boys Hockey @ Resurrection CSS

**3:30pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs St. David 1

**4:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's HS

**4:10pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs Pere-Rene

**4:50pm:** Midget Girls Volleyball vs St. Mary's

**5:00pm:** Midget Boys Basketball @ Resurrection

CSS

**Friday, January 12**

Graduation Photos

Saints Invitational Basketball Tournament

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Star Trek Club

**10:40am:** Finance Club

**10:40am:** Lost Club

**2:15pm:** Doctor Who Video Club

**Saturday, January 13**

Saints Invitational Basketball Tournament

**Monday, January 8**

School re-opens, regular classes

**10:40am:** Programmers Club

**10:40am:** Arts Council

**10:40am:** Finance Club

**Follow the Saints**  
**Invitational during the**  
**January 12-13 weekend**  
**at**  
[saintsinvitational.crolinks.com](http://saintsinvitational.crolinks.com)

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