MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9

5:00pm for + Jules Letourneau by Frances & Byron Blaney Sunday, December 10

8:30am for + Lynda Anstett by Mike & Linda Feeney

10:30am for + Pietro DiRidolfi by The Family

Tues. December 12

9:00am for the intentions of the Parishioners

Wednesday, December 13

9:00am for +Gale Lariviere by Eleanor Lister

Thursday, December 14

9:00am for + Jayne Ann Johnson by Marie Graham

Friday, December 15

9:00am for + Adrianus Straathof by The Family

Saturday, December 16

5:00pm for + John Tobin by Dennis & Carol Carr Sunday, December 17

8:30am for + Eugene & Audrey & Eugene Jr Montague by Catherine Montague

10:30am for + Alice Fluet by Yvette & Lionel Gagnon

ALTAR SERVERS: Any child in grade 3 & up are encouraged to altar serve. Please let Fr know if you would like to serve.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children are invited to come forward during mass when called by the teacher to go to the children's liturgy class.

MINISTERS OF THE **HOLY COMMUNION LECTORS**

Sat, Dec 2	5:00pm	Rita Mauro	Bill Klunder
Sun, Dec 3	8:30am	Linda Feeney	Tom Montague
Sun, Dec 3	10:30am	Harry Moretti	Maryanne Moretti
Sat, Dec 9	5:00pm	Pam McQuade	Rosemarie Spataro
Sun, Dec 10	8:30am	Terry Montague	Sue Feeney
Sun, Dec 10	10:30am	Loretta Kyle	Audrey Whitman

Sunday, December 24th, 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30am at St. Ann's & 10:30am at St. Mary's



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday, December 24 5:00pm Vigil Mass & Pageant St. Mary's

Night Mass at St. Ann's Sunday, December 24 10:00pm

Monday, December 25 10:30am Christmas Mass at St. Mary's



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My father, Roy Lougheed, was born in Edmonton Alberta in 1909 and our mother, Margaret Lougheed, nee Prentice, was born in Collingwood Ontario, in 1913. They married in Collingwood in 1939.

Dad was a construction worker and operated heavy equipment. Mom was a teacher. Mom left teaching when my sister Mardi was on the way and stayed in Collingwood until after she was born, while Dad was moved by the company to work in Geraldton, ON, digging out muskeg and moving rocks in the building of the Trans Canada Highway. When Mardi was about 3 months old, she and Mom joined Dad in Geraldton and lived in a little trailer in the work camp.

Dad tried several times to join the armed forces during the war but was always told he was too old and was needed to continue work on roads, etc. They sent him out to Tyee B.C. (about 30 miles from Prince Rupert) in 1942 where they were to build a landing field for military use in the event that we were also invaded by the Japanese. This was to also be made available to the Americans. They again lived in a trailer in the work camp and Dad operated a steam shovel dredging the Skeena River for gravel. There is nothing left there now except rain forest and railway lines.

They were housed in a trailer and there was a cook shack where everyone went for meals, wives and families too. There was a communal ice box for the cook to keep meat, milk etc. Mom taught the 2 older camp kids a bit. There were several families in trailers., with lots socializing, card playing and music on the radio. Mom did laundry by hand. only way into Prince Rupert was by train tracks on hand car. Dad had to go to Prince Rupert to get all his teeth out, plates put in and sent home. He came back alone, on the hand car, singing and pumping and spitting blood. There was limited but unreliable electricity. When the job was done, they came back to Collingwood, where Steven was born and eventually settled in Hagersville, where Greg was born. Dad operated machinery at the Hagersville Army Camp and Mom raised us 3 kids.

The last job Dad had before he passed away was operating the centre of the 3 swing cranes used during the construction of the original Burlington Skyway. ALS invaded his body and weakened him, - but I'm told that his ironworker friends would help him to the crane because he was the operator they wanted at the controls when they were up there connecting the beams. There was a large ball that acted as a weight at the end of the wire rope (cable) of the crane. The hook was attached to the ball. The Skywalkers would "ride the ball" to get up to, down from and around the structure.

My Dad eventually succumbed to ALS. My Mom went back to teaching, first at #8, the one room schoolhouse that stood where the CGC sign is now on the 3rd line, then at Oneida Central and finally at Northview in Hagersville until she retired.

I am very proud of my parents and the role they played in building roads and young minds and making Canada such a great place in which to make a good life.

Part 2 submitted by Greg Lougheed, a parishioner of St. Ann's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: We will have our first rehearsal on Sunday, December 10 after 10:30am mass

Sunday, December 17: Youth Mass at 10:30am, luncheon after mass, visit from Santa, dress rehearsal for pageant.

PARISH EVENTS

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Wed, Dec 13	6:00pm	K of C Christmas dinner	
Thurs, Dec 14	10:30am	Pastoral visit to Anson Place	
Sun, Dec 17	10:30am	Youth mass, luncheon, pageant practice	
Wed, Dec 20	11:15am	School Mass and Christmas lunch	
Thurs, Dec 21	10:30am	Pastoral visit to Parkview Meadows	
Sun, Dec 24	5:00pm	Christmas Mass & Pageant at St. Mary's	
Sun, Dec 24	10:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass at St. Ann's	
Mon, Dec 25	10:30am	Christmas Day Mass at St. Mary's	
Tues, Dec 26—Feb 1		Fr Victor will be away on holidays	

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION: Pregancy Care Centre is having a fundraiser. We have available baby bottles to fill with loonies, toonies and dollars. If you are intested, please contact the office.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S FOREARM set for cross-country tour in Canada: Angèle Regnier is co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach. She lobbied to bring the St. Francis Xavier's arm to Canada, and will be traveling with the severed limb. Regnier will accompany the sacred Catholic relic from Rome to Ottawa before embarking on a 14- city tour of Canada from Jan. 3 to Feb. 2. When and where you can see the relic for yourself: Jan. 3: Quebec City. Jan. 5: St John's, Jan. 7: Halifax, Jan. 8: Antigonish, N.S, Jan. 10: Kingston, Ont., Jan. 12-14: Toronto, Jan. 16: Winnipeg, Jan. 18: Saskatoon, Jan. 20: Regina, Jan. 21-22: Calgary, Jan. 24-25: Vancouver, Jan. 27: Victoria., Jan. 29-30: Montreal, Feb. 2: Ottawa.

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-Tom McGrath

PARISH SUPPORT December 2-3

Weekend collection: \$2,802.50 Building Fund collection: \$ 557.50 Bottle collection total: \$ 520.70

Thank you to all who contributed to the bottle collection, we will end on January 31, 2018.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday: 8:30am St. Ann's; 10:30am St. Mary's Weekend masses: Tues, Wed, Fri, 9:00am at St. Mary's; Thursday 9:00am at St. Ann's Weekday masses:

Confessions: Sat at 4:00pm or upon request

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Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

We pray for our parishioners who are ill especially: Karen King, Lucy DiliulioChiacchia, Hoss Poirier, Heidi Modesti and Dr. Martin Mbamba.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share your priesthood. With our love and prayers, we join you in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out his gifts of holiness, compassion and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an "Ambassador of Christ" bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mother of all priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen.