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**Altar Servers**  
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**Amor Dei**  
Deltra Van Dongen 489-0124

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Michelle Dixon

**Catholic Women's League (CWL)**  
Carol Dailey 825-6485

**Children's Liturgy**  
Elena & Nadia Wilson 692-1187

**Children's Mass**  
Marc Paradis 323-2397

**Confirmation**  
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**Development & Peace**  
Carroll Woods 489-0852  
**Emergency Food Cupboard** 692-6333

**Finance Council**  
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**First Communion**  
Elizabeth Murphy 491-3334

**Knights of Columbus, Council # 11752**  
Jim Kile 612-3561

**Ladies' Auxiliary and Funeral Hospitality**  
Ann O'Neill 491-1751

**Liturgical Environment**  
Claudia Ressler 255-3221

**Liturgical Music Ministry**  
Bob Russell (Sat.) 692-3233  
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**Maintenance**  
Vince Thomson 425-2713

**Marriage Preparation**  
John & Janice Villeneuve 822-9916

**Mary in the Morning Sat. 7:30 am**  
Don & Daisy Langdon 298-9016

**Mass Ministry Scheduling**  
Scott Wilson 692-1187

**Pastoral Care Team**  
Marc Wood 692-3667

**Pastoral Council**  
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**RCIA and Adult Faith Formation**  
Barry Gauthier 692-0620

**Responsible Ministry** 821-0941  
David D'Angela

**Seniors' Homes Pastoral Visitation**  
Roxy McCarthy 692-3678

**Youth**  
Colleen Menton 692-1839

**Dec. 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



**Celebrations Of The Eucharist (Masses)**

Sat. Dec. 2 4:30 p.m. Repose of the soul of **Santa Sedlar** by Andrew Sedlar  
Intentions of **Mireille Lafontaine** by Paul and Linda Dupré

Sun Dec. 3 9:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Leonard Parish**  
11:00 a.m. Repose of the souls of **Martin & Anna Schouten** by Marietta Massart  
Repose of the soul of **Alwyn (Al) Bates** by Theresa and Oliver Hunt  
7:00 p.m. Repose of the soul of **Allan Foster** by Andrew Brown

Wed. Dec. 6 9:00 a.m. Repose of the soul of **Marcel Carreau** by the family  
Thur. Dec. 7 9:00 a.m.  
Fri. Dec. 8 9:30 a.m. Repose of the soul of **Sister Christina Ali** by Agatha Thissen

Sat. Dec. 9 4:30 p.m. Repose of the soul of **Winston McBane** by Janet McBane  
Repose of the souls of **Richard & Patricia Ramsay** by Susan Killeen Ramsay

Sun Dec. 10 9:00 a.m. Intentions of **HeatherAnn Wilde** by her friends  
11:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Leonard Parish**  
7:00 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Leonard Parish**

<b><u>Collections</u></b>	<b><u>Current Year</u></b>	<b><u>Current Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>Previous Week</u></b>	4,947	4,500	4,467
<b><u>Month - November</u></b>	20,200	18,000	18,400
<b><u>YTD - October</u></b>	226,900	219,500	214,700



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## Season of Advent

### Like The Church's Alarm Clock

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return--this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us--the particular behaviours we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.



## Christmas Schedule

- Dec. 19: 7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service
- Dec. 24 : 3:00 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
10:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25 : 8:00 a.m. (No music at this Mass)  
10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 31 : 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 1 : 10:00 a.m.  
(Feast Day of Mary, Mother of God)

## Children Helping Children In the Spirit of Christmas



The children of St Leonard Parish and elementary schools of St. Jerome and St. Leonard are once again reaching out to the Nigerian orphanage and school through financial support and messages via letters and cards. Father Titus hand-delivers all, making direct payments and purchasing needed supplies. 100% of donations go directly to these children. Students will be at the back of the church after each Mass to collect your donations. The school children also are planning fundraisers. Last weekend for donations is December 10th. Thank you for your generosity.



## CWL Potluck Christmas Meeting Tues. Dec. 12

ALL Ladies of the Parish are warmly welcomed to join in for the CWL Potluck Christmas Meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendar to attend our social meeting and enjoy the friendships. For any questions, please contact Carol Dailey at 613-825-6485. Looking forward to sharing yummy foods and fellowship.

## Amor Dei Christmas Hamper Program

On Dec. 2/3 we will be requesting and accepting donations for our annual Amor Dei Christmas Hamper program. If recommending a local family or individual to receive from this year's program, please call Deltra at 613-489-0124. These donations are tax deductible. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience in the pews. This is a very rewarding project in which to be involved. If anyone would like to assist the committee in the pick-up, preparation and distribution of this year's hampers Dec. 14 and Dec. 15, contact Norm Chapman. At 613-821-5155.

## Christmas Flower Donation

In order to decorate the Church in a festive manner, we will have a special campaign to provide flowers for Christmas. Every parishioner/family of St. Leonard's is invited to have a poinsettia purchased in memory of a loved one. To have "In Memoriam" flowers purchased, fill in the "in memoriam" card in the green envelopes, place a cheque or cash (\$ 20) inside and place it in the collection basket at mass. *Liturgical Environment*