

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

If you are here for the first time, we hope that you will experience the gift of God's presence, touching and blessing you. If you are searching for a church home, we hope your experience with our worshipping community will help you in your journey.

If you are here as a parishioner, thank you for your faithfulness and your support of our church's ministries.

For everyone, may the love and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, bless you.

Hearing devices (and Scripture readings) are available from the Parish Hosts if you would like to use either.

All who have joined us for worship are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table this morning. Communion will be offered by the common cup or bread alone (no intinction). If you do not wish to receive wine, please indicate this to the chalice bearer by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would find it helpful to have communion brought to you in your pew, please let a parish host know.

**If you would like prayers for healing (for you or someone you care about), please bring a bulletin with you to communion.**

  
 The Rev. Canon  
 Katherine Morgan

### Week of December 9 – December 15, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9</b> 8 am & 10 am Worship 11:15 am Lunch Cafe 11:30 am Strategic Planning Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm AA (UH)	<b>11</b> 6:30 - 8 pm Brownies 7-8:30 pm Sr. Youth	<b>12</b> 6 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Jr. Youth 6:30 – 7:30 pm Sparks (LH) 7 pm Advent Study	<b>13</b> 11 am Pett's Café 5:30 pm Messy Church 6:30 – 8 pm Pathfinders	<b>14</b> Sanctuary occupied from 5:30 – 9:30 pm	<b>15</b> 10 am Cookie Drop off 1:30 – 3:30 pm Cookie Sale

## PRAYERS

This Week We Pray For God's Blessings On:

- **Church Members**

Agnes Critchley, Larry & Suzanne Csordas, Mary Currie, Jim Davis

- **Those who are ill, shut in and/or in need of our prayers**

Mike E., Justin G., Pat L., Evelyn, Chelsea, Lea, Pat, Mary, Owen, Agnes, Barbara P., Pat B., Sarah N., Fern, Brian, Larry, Danny, David, Kristen, Jim, Alan, Evelyn, Cindy, Karen, Sharron H., Gail and Terry.

**If you would like to have the name of a loved one added or taken off the list, please let the office know. Thanks!**

## CHURCH LIFE

**Next week, December 16, we will be welcoming the Rev. Canon Dr. Dawn Davis**, Faith Formation Coordinator for the Greater St. Catharines area and for the Diocese of Niagara, as our guest speaker.

### Stewardship Moment

"Stewardship begins with love – not giving."

– Unknown-

### Christmas Service Schedule

<b>Thursday, December 20</b> <i>Blue Christmas</i>	7 pm	A reflective time - especially for those who experience grief, loss or hardship
<b>Monday, December 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	7 pm	Worship for the Young and the Young at Heart
	10 pm	Traditional Midnight Mass by Candlelight
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	10 am	Christmas Morning Worship

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## CHURCH LIFE *(continued)*

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### **Financial Snapshot as of October 31, 2018**

Total Revenue	\$125,289.97
Total Expenses	<u>\$181,016.21</u>
Net Loss	(\$55,726.24)

**A big THANK YOU** to all who donated towards **the Adopt-A-Family program**. Thanks to your generosity we were able to help make the Christmas festivities of a family extra special.

**Niagara Life Centre** thanks us for our contribution to their Coin Campaign. **We helped raise \$565.77** of the total amount of \$15,991. The monies collected will go towards client counselling services.

**Dawn Davis**, Faith Formation Coordinator, is beginning to develop a **newcomer process for the Greater St. Catharines Area**. The goal is to provide a resource that allows each parish to adapt it to suit their own needs. If you are interested, please be in touch with Rev. Kathy.

**The office will be closed during the Christmas holidays**. Please submit any announcements for the December 23 & 30<sup>th</sup> bulletins by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN** – This enables you to make your regular weekly/monthly donations right from your bank account or from your Visa/MC. Forms are available in the back of the church.

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### **OTHER AREA EVENTS**

*(see bulletin board for details and other events)*

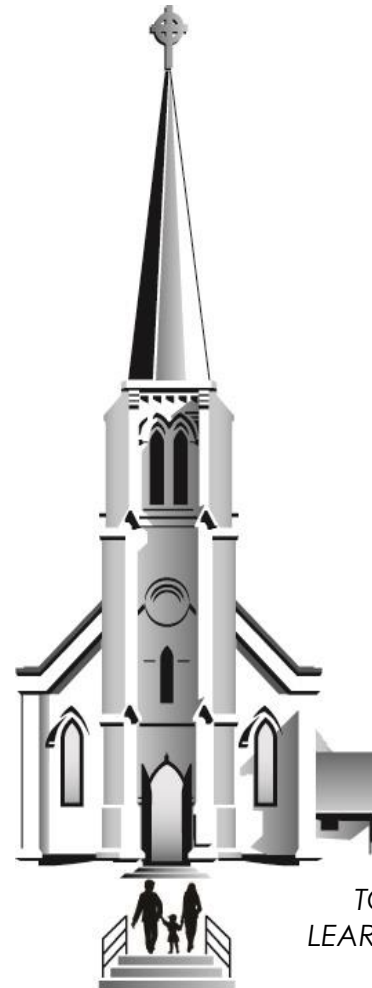
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**Melissa-Marie Shriner sings: The Songs of Christmas!** Sat. **Dec. 22** at 7:30 pm, Cairn's Recital Hall, First Ontario Performing Arts Centre

### **The Readings for next Sunday, December 16**

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 3; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

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People's Warden: Joe Gallop	905.227.5732
Deputy People's Warden: Carey De Wolfe	289.969.3093



**December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of  
Advent**

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**Sunday Services  
8:00 and 10:00 A.M.**

*WE ARE A COMMUNITY  
SEEKING TO FOLLOW JESUS  
TOGETHER THROUGH WORSHIP,  
LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE*

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### **CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

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