

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 31, 2017

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Bishop Richard, Fr. Floyd, Fr. Martin and all the staff at St. Dunstan's wish each of you a happy and holy Christmas time filled with the wonder and joy of Christ's birth among us.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING: \$ 5,713.00
DIRECT DEPOSIT: \$ 865.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2 – 6
2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12 – 21
Gospel: Luke 2.16 – 21

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1 – 6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2 – 3a, 5 - 6
Gospel: Matthew 2.1 – 12

ST. DUNSTAN'S PARISH OFFICE AND THE CATHOLIC CENTRE (350 NORTH RIVER ROAD) WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S:

December 24	Christmas Eve	6:00 PM
December 24	Midnight Mass	12 Midnight
December 25	Christmas Day	10:30 AM
December 26	Boxing Day	NO MASS
December 30	Holy Family	5:00 PM
December 31	Holy Family	10:30 AM
December 31	New Year's Eve	5:00 PM
January 1	New Year's Day	10:30 AM

OUR FATHER'S ADORATION CHAPEL is open daily from 6 am - 11 pm except for cleaning on Sunday, 9 am - 1 pm. You may request to have a candle burn in the Adoration Chapel during this time. The stipend is \$7. Please contact the Parish Office. This week the candles in the Chapel burn for: In Memory of John & Georgie Dillon & DFM, Brian Kelly, Janice Critchley; Private Intention (2); Special Intention (1). Week of December 31 – In Memory of Brighton & Audrey MacDougald, Jamie A. Knockwood & DFM; Private Intention (1); Special Intention (1). There are several hours available at the Adoration Chapel. Please contact Sharon Kelly or Cathy McCann at sharonkelly_03@hotmail.com or phone, [902-892-2494](tel:902-892-2494).

PARISH MINISTRIES: If you would like to serve in one of these ministries, please contact Martha at the parish office. We will conduct training sessions for the new ministers in the new year.

PARISH ENVELOPES: 2018 envelopes are now available for pick up at the Parish office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, IN MEMORY OF: Joseph Bourque, Jennifer Luddington, Caroline MacLean, Jack & Ida Ostridge, John & Georgie Dilllon & DFM, Alfred Crawford, Deceased Members of Savidant Family, Deceased Members of Laverly Family, Edith & Joe MacPherson, Roy & Viola Hood, Hubert & Anne Murphy, DM of Campbell Family, Richard H. & Mary C. Quinn, Merlin M. & William J. Quinn, Edwin L. Hughes, Walter M. Hughes, Wendy H. Hughes, Dr. Eileen Fulton, Brian Kelly, & DFM, Connolly & Zimmermann Families, Albin Kovacic, Michael Kovacic, Marian MacAulay, Gerald Shephard & DFM, Emery & Hilda Richard, Sister Aileen Richard, Edgar & Sofie Richard, Helaire & Lena Gallant, Mary McCabe Jr., Mary McCabe Sr., Roy McCabe Sr., Ann McCabe, Stephen McCabe, Lillian Duffy, Moira Duffy, Brian Gough, Mary Ives, Catherine McCormack, Janice Critchley, Brighton & Audrey MacDougald, Winnie & Henry Trainor, Mike & Kay Robison, Bernadine Kelly, Owen & Mary Kelly, Mercier J. Mullin, Bill & Elsie Aylward, Bernie & Joe Kelly, Pat & Mike Blanchard, Pat & Bill Clarke, Frank & Martha Kelly, Joseph & Aldona O'Hanley, Ron O'Hanley, Gayle O'Hanley, Patrick McMonagle, Joan Hickey, May & Walter Reid & DFM, Helen Reid Ash, Reid McKenna, Fred Doyle, Gerry Sullivan & DFM, Michael J. Campbell & DFM, Geraldine Bowes, Andrew Coady, Gerald & Mary MacDonald, Paul MacDonald, Gabriel Katok, Moses Evaglok, Moses & Minnie Katiak, Katok Ivarluk, Emma Ivarluk, Alfie Ivarluk, Martha Ivarluk, Louis & Florence Flynn, Edna & Clarence Doucette, Earl J. Dillon, Harold Gaudet, Patricia (Lady) Gaudet, Raymond MacLeod, Mary MacLeod Sr., Mary MacLeod Jr., DFM of MacDonald, Gallant & Knockwood Families, Bill & Stella Chapman & DFM, Marguerite McCarville, Claire Nishimura, Kevin, Joel & Billy Brown, Helen Chandler, Elmer Power, Dayne Lunn, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Peters & Family.

FOOD SUNDAY: Parishioners who are able to donate non perishable food items, please bring them to the weekend masses for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Donations may be left near the angel holy water fonts at the entrance to the church. We hope that you can continue to give generously to support the needy in our parish community.

2018 CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA CALENDARS: Knights of Columbus Council #824 are once again pleased to offer these beautiful calendars. They are available at the parish office for a suggested donation of \$15. All proceeds are returned to Catholic Missions to support their work with First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP CONSIDERATION: We are living in an era where there are an inordinate number of displaced persons and refugees throughout the world. Clearly the need is great for asylum and refuge. As we enter the New Year, we invite your parish community to give consideration to sponsoring a family. By doing so you can make a difference and change their lives. - *Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Advisory Committee.*

THE LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK is fully loaded with new stock!! New to the kiosk are Catholic Truth Society booklets. Check them out! Available at the entrance of the Basilica. Suggested donation amounts as posted on kiosk.

THANK YOU from the Priests' Benevolent Fund would like to express a *sincere thank you* to all those who make contributions to the Priest's Benevolent Fund pledge campaign. If you require a tax receipt for 2017 contributions, cheques must be dated by Dec 31, 2017. Questions, please contact Mary Roche at (902) 892-5510.

PAST BEQUESTS continue to provide funding to assist our seminarians with their education as they prepare to become priests for our Diocese. If you would like to help future Seminarian education and formation please consider providing a Gift to your Parish or Diocese now or at estate planning time. Visit us at www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RETREAT: January 19 - 21, 2018 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. Theme: **"How to Become a Saint"** with Father Brian MacDougall. If you are serious about pursuing authentic Christian holiness in Christ then this is the retreat for you. For more information, call the Retreat Centre, 902-621-2385 or email ourladyofhope@gmail.com

CHARLOTTETOWN AREA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL: Plan to attend World Wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Saturday, January 20, at 8 am. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Parish office. The concluding Service will be held Sunday, January 28 at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 7 pm.

APRIL 25 – MAY 6: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and KRK Island, Croatia with Fr. Zlatko Sudac, the renowned stigmatist: Cost of \$2980. includes taxes, airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, and professional local guide. Info: Marie Desjardins at mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com or 207-868-5027.

OWEN CONNOLLY: The Making of a Legacy, 1820-2016 is a book about Owen Connolly and his estate. Coming to PEI in 1839 as a poor Irish immigrant, Owen rose from a dirt poor farmer to one of the wealthiest men on the Island. When he died in 1887, he left the profits from his estate to provide bursaries to poor, Irish Catholic students. Managed by trustees, his estate has paid out over \$3 million to assist students and continues providing bursaries today. Books are available at local book stores and from the author, Leonard Cusack at 902-675-2452.

MARRIAGES CAN go the distance, and the annual recognition of **Canada's Longest Married Couple** proves it. Nominate your loved ones by submitting the names of husband & wife, wedding date, current home address and the contact info of the person submitting the nomination to: Ernesto and Analillan Ayala 113-7471 Blundel Rd, Richmond, BC, V6Y-1J6, or canada@wwme.org, or 604-337-5845 Deadline Feb 28, 2018. All nominations will be recognized.

ST. JEROME'S BOOKSTORE (St. Francis of Assisi, Cornwall Location) is now selling a variety of religious items, Phone 902-566-3876 to ensure someone is present.

MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

Sun.: 6:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Gallant & DFM
Sun.: 12 Midnight: Parishioners of St. Dunstan's
Mon.: 10:30 a.m. Special Intention
Tue.: Boxing Day – No Mass
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Freeman Whitty
Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. Patti Murphy
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Pierina Ross & Son
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Carolina Bautista
Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Mike Robison (A)

MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory
Mon.: 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Dunstan's
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. Mary Theresa Gill
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Daryll Munn (A)
Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. Patrick McMonagle (A)
Fri.: 9:30 a.m. Geneva Villa – Special Intention
Fri. 12:05 p.m. Louise Bateman (A)
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Kathleen FitzGerald (A)
Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Michael "Mike" Duffy (A)

Please Note: The 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday is cancelled when there is a funeral. The Mass Intention scheduled for that day will then be offered at a later date.