

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 2018

1st Reading: Genesis 22.1 – 2, 9 – 13, 15 - 18
2nd Reading: Romans 8.31b – 35, 37 ++
Gospel: Mark 9.2 - 10

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: Special Intention (2). 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).

SCRIPTURE STUDY FOR LENT: The Apostle John shows us how faith creates charity. Join Fr. Martin Carter for a 3 week survey on the First Letter of John in the Knights of Columbus Room in the basement of St. Dunstan's Basilica. Monday evenings from 7 - 8:15 pm, March 5, 12 & 20. All material supplied and all welcome.

COME AND JOIN UPPER ROOM PEI! An evening of Adoration and fellowship, Upper Room is a weekly gathering for young adults seeking deeper relationship with Christ. "The Upper Room was the refuge and launchpad for Christ's twelve apostles. It was there that they celebrated the first Mass, adored our Lord, took refuge after Calvary, met the risen Christ and awaited the Holy Spirit. Quite a room!" Like the apostles, Upper Room for us is a place to pour our heart out to God in Adoration and receive his direction and strength in Benediction. The Holy Hour includes praise and worship, a brief reflection, silent prayer, benediction, and the opportunity for confession. After this beautiful hour spent with our Lord, we gather to socialize in a nearby room, restaurant or coffee shop, enjoying refreshments and deepening friendship, in community. **Tuesdays at 7 pm, starting Feb. 20 in the Basement of St. Dunstan's Basilica.**

ST. DUNSTAN'S BASILICA Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners and other donors to our mission to assist those individuals living in poverty. During 2017 we received donations totalling \$23,200 and we used \$22,600, meeting the needs of those we helped. Thank you for your support and please continue your support both financial and your donations of non perishable food on the first Sunday of each month. We are always looking for more workers in our vineyard, many hands make light work. Our next meeting will be 7:30 pm Thursday Feb. 22 in the basement of the Basilica.

THIS FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, four people will be inscribed in the Book of the Elect: Carrie Quinn, Bloomfield; Julia McIntyre, Summerside; Binghui Xiu, Charlottetown and Dan Su, Charlottetown. This means they commit themselves to God and will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil on March 31. The Church welcomes them and invites Catholics across the Diocese to pray for them.

2017 TAX RECEIPTS are available for you to pick up at the entrance of the Church. They are in numerical order. There are sheets available in alphabetical order to help you find your envelope number if needed.

DIOCESAN RECEPTIONIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IS RETIRING: Liz MacDonald is retiring from her position at the Diocesan Catholic Centre at the end of May, 2018. This brings to a close a rewarding career of fifteen years in which Liz was the friendly face greeting visitors, liaising with priests, and representatives of parishes and service organizations such as the CWL, Knights of Columbus and Development and Peace. Over these years Liz has also provided administrative support service to the many staff that work in the Diocesan Centre.

LENTEN SUNDAY MASS AT 7 PM: Having in mind that some people work during the weekends and would like an opportunity to go to Sunday Mass, we will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist on Sunday's at 7 pm (during the Season of Lent ONLY) at St Francis of Assisi Parish in Cornwall.

LENTEN FORMATION at the Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit's St Clair School of Faith (To be held at St Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall.)

1) "Exploring Franciscan Spirituality" A Series Presented by the St Francis of Assisi Fraternity. Four Tuesday evening presentations (Feb 27, March 6, 13 & 20 at 7:00 PM), exploring the life and charisma of St Francis and St Clair of Assisi and how it challenges us today. (open to everyone)

2) "Reading of the Letter of Paul to the Galatians" A Seminar directed by Fr. John Molina. Four Wednesday evening Sessions (Feb 28, March 7, 14 & 21 at 7:00 PM), studying, analysing and exploring the history and theology of the document. (10 participants only)

MARTHA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (902-367-3103 or srgemma@eastlink.ca) presents a 4-part series on **Contemplating the Sacred in Everyday Life** on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm on **Feb. 28, March 14 and 28 and April 11**. This is a time to reflect on what is sacred, where God is in my life and how do I pray in my busy everyday life. Need to register by Feb. 26. Cost \$25. Coordinated by Leah Michaud and Sr. Regina McQuaid.

A WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ECUMENICAL SERVICE will be held at St. Dunstan's Basilica, Friday, March 2 at 3:30 pm. The theme "All God's Creation is Very Good" was written by the South American Country of Suriname. This prayer service joins Christians from over 170 countries worldwide. All are welcome. Snow date is Sunday, March 4 at 2:30 pm.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: April 6-8, Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, PEI. For more info contact renewmarriage@gmail.com or 902-314-8541.

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.

THE-HEART-OF-THE-MATTER: A Marriage Preparation Course for Modern Couples in the Catholic Church: Are you planning to get married in the Catholic Church? Got questions? Could you answer why getting married in the Catholic Church will make a difference in your life? Don't settle for uncertainty. Learn why this choice is one of the best you will ever make! Ask YOUR questions, find answers and learn the truth. Get to *The-Heart-of-the-Matter!* We will meet individually to learn about and discuss the meaning of the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony. Contact Pat Wiedemer at [902-393-6047](tel:902-393-6047) or patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com

FATHER O'SHEA still has some of his books relating to various aspects of **Church history in the Diocese of Charlottetown**. Those interested in our diocesan history who would like a free copy of one or other of these books, phone 902-566-1930.

LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK: Let the solid Catholic talks on CDs and Booklets inspire your thoughts and actions. Check out the Kiosk at the entrance of the church. A suggestion donation of \$5 per booklet and \$6 per CD will help support this vital ministry.

PEI PILGRIMAGE LTD. will lead a tour to *Our Lady of the Cape Shrine* at Cap de Madeleine, QC and *St. Joseph's Oratory*, Montreal, the weekend of May 18-21, 2018. To register please call Gary Clow at 902-569-3945, Ken Campbell at 902-566-2914 or Joe Drane at 902-940-5871.

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF ITALY: Join Fr. Andrew Handrahan on a guided pilgrimage to some of Italy's holy sites. From November 6 - 16, 2018, the pilgrimage will travel to Italy and visit such places as Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotonda, and Montecassino. See the relics of St. Benedict, and the place where St. Michael the Archangel appeared; walk through the Catacombs of Rome, and breathe in the air of the picturesque town of St. Francis; experience St. Peter's basilica in Vatican City, and be present for the Holy Father's Wednesday audience. An information session will be held at the CAA travel agency location in Charlottetown on February 20th at 6:30PM. Contact Krisanne Butler at CAA Travel for more information: kbutler@atlantic.caa.ca or at 902-892-0296.

WHO IS JESUS?

**PRINCE STREET CHURCHES LENTEN LUNCHEON SERVICES
"THE SEVEN SIGNS" FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
WEDNESDAYS, 12:10 – 12:50 PM**

Please join the Prince Street Churches this Lenten season for our noontime services, Worship from 12:10 – 12:30 pm followed by a delicious lunch together. There is no cost, and you are encouraged to bring a friend! We conclude with a Holy Week Evening Service at St. Dunstan's, Wednesday, March 28 at 7 pm for Evening Prayer.

**February 21 – First Baptist – Jesus Heals The Official's Son
February 28 – Zion – Jesus Heals At Bethesda
March 7 – Trinity – Jesus Feeds 5000
March 14 – Salvation Army – Jesus Walks On Water
March 21 – Central Christian – Jesus Heals The Man Born Blind
March 28 – 7 pm – St. Dunstan's – Jesus Raises Lazarus**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PASTORAL TEAM:
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MASS INTENTIONS -WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Kenny Foley
Mon.: 12:05 p.m. Helen Lawlor (A)
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. Mary McCabe Sr. & Mary McCabe Jr.
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Rita Doyle
Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Fri.: 10:00 a.m. Parkwest Lodge – Cornelius MacCormac (A)
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Annabel Marchildon (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.

LAST SUNDAY OFFERING: \$ 3,218.00
DIRECT DEPOSIT: \$ 545.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!