

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

PARISH NEWS

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 (\$7 Sun – Sat.) Please contact the Parish Office. This week the candles in the Chapel burn for: Private Intention of Rose D'Ganigan, Christine D'Ganigan and Logan D'Ganigan; Special Intention (1).

ST. DUNSTAN'S ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday, December 10 at 7 pm. We will have visiting priests to assist.

REVEREND KEITH KENNIFIC presently pastor of St. Bonaventure's Parish, Tracadie Cross, St. Michael's Parish, Corran Ban, and St. Eugene's Parish, Covehead; has been appointed Rector of St. Dunstan's Basilica. He will begin January 8, 2019.

PARISH ENVELOPES: 2019 envelopes are now available. Anyone wishing envelopes for the new year, or have a change of address or phone number, please contact the parish office.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" towards the cost of Christmas flowers by placing their name and your name & envelope number in the collection basket or drop into the Parish office. **Please have names submitted to the office by December 18 to be printed in the Bulletin.** Loved ones will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.

UPPER ROOM PEI: An evening of Adoration and fellowship, Upper Room is a weekly gathering for young adults seeking deeper relationship with Christ. Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in church basement.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: An update on what we have been doing during the past year. We helped over 20 families at Christmas time, we did 208 home visits, we helped 91 families, 277 adults and 196 children. We helped families, seniors, and single persons with such things as groceries, utility payments, clothing/footwear, prescription drugs, fuel oil, medical transportation and rent. We would not be able to support those in need without the generous support of you, our parishioners. We appreciate your donations of food, money, and also your prayers for the success of our ministry.

ADVENT BREAKFAST: Everyone is invited to attend the annual **St Dunstan's Parish Advent Breakfast** Sunday, December 2 in the lower level of the Basilica after the 10:30 Mass. Admission is free. The Knights of Columbus will prepare a delicious meal of pancakes, beans and sausages. Come and celebrate the start of Advent!!

MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY – Day Reflection Saturday Dec. 8, 10 am – 4 pm Presented by Jim Good. Mary is looking to prepare a manger in us for the birth of Jesus. We may be surprised that it is actually our own personal poverty that Jesus is looking to be born in. God is using Mary to show us this truth. No cost, bag lunch, all welcomed. Use Dorchester street side entrance to Knights of Columbus room St. Dunstan's basement.

GAUDETE SUNDAY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PAGEANT: Saturday, December 15, at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Basilica there will be a special parish event on the eve of Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent). The Knights of Columbus will join forces with the band 'Tidal 3' and children from the St Dunstan's catechism program for an evening of music and drama. Everyone welcome! Free Will Offering.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CHALLENGE: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Christmas themed poster contest for the youth of the parish. The contest is open to three age groups: 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14 year olds, with cash prizes in each category. Please pick up a blank poster and an information package from the Knights of Columbus at the Advent Breakfast or during Sunday morning catechism. This is a fun family activity to help us all keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas celebrations. The deadline for posters submissions is Sunday, December 16. Contact Don Chevarie (902)566-4337 for more details.

A BOOK ENTITLED "Understanding The Impact of the Addicted Person": A layperson's guide to recovery has recently been published by Jim Good, retired family addictions counsellor. Available for purchase at the St. Dunstan's parish office for \$20. For more info call Jim at 902 963-2794.

DIOCESAN NEWS

There is now a link on the Diocesan homepage for the online Breviary. As always, parishioners are encouraged to visit our website for news, events, information on various Diocesan ministries and links to other relevant Catholic content.

REVEREND GERARD CHAISSON, presently on sabbatical, appointed pastor of St. Bonaventure's Parish, Tracadie Cross, St. Michael's Parish, Corran Ban, and St. Eugene's Parish, Covehead.

SENIORS HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER: Tuesday, Dec 4 at the Jack Blanchard Family Centre at 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$13, and can be arranged for by calling David at 902 892-1558 by the deadline of 5 pm Sunday, Dec 2.

JOIN THE DOCHERTY FAMILY BAND & Friends for an evening of Christmas stories and songs to put you in the holiday spirit at Assumption Parish Centre (145 Stratford Road) Sunday, December 2, 7 pm. Admission: \$10. Proceeds in support of parish projects. 50/50 draw and fudge sale.

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD": Inner Peace, a Twilight Retreat - Give yourself a gift of quiet contemplative time during this busy Advent season! Join us for a twilight retreat on *Inner Peace* at Holy Redeemer Parish on Thursday, December 6 from 7 – 9 pm. **There is no cost, however, because spaces are limited we ask you to register by December 3 by calling Charlene Peters catechetics@dioceseofcharlottetown.com or by calling the diocesan office at 902-368-8005.**

NATIVITY EXHIBITION: Friday, December 7, from 6 to 9 pm, Saturday, December 8, from 10 am to 8 pm and Sunday, December 9, from 12 to 4 pm, in the basement of St. Philippe and St. Jacques Church in Egmont Bay, *come to admire more than 125 nativity scenes with 35 more on sale!* **From the most realistic to the tiniest! We will have a children's corner, songs, 50/50 tickets and more! Free admission but donations appreciated.**

CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY of the restoration of the Sanctuary at St. Paul's in Sturgeon, Sunday, December 9 after the 9 am Mass. A short video will tell the story of parishioners reconstructing the Altar in Larry Condon's garage, transporting it to the church and placing it in the Sanctuary all in time for Midnight Mass, December 24, 1998. All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

GENERAL RETREAT with Fr. Danny Wilson themed "*The Four Marks of the Catholic Church*," at Our Lady of Hope Retreat centre the weekend of January 18-20, 2019. Book early to avoid disappointment. The cost per person is \$137.50 (HST included). Please call the Centre to reserve your spot – 902-621-2385 / 902-388-1952.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FUNDRAISER FOR SISTER CECILE'S WORK Sunday, December 2 from 11 am - 4 pm at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club. The family and friends of Sister Cecile Buote would like to invite everyone to a fundraiser at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club in Rustico on Sunday, December 2, from 11 am - 4 pm. Please join us for some good food, entertainment and friendship as we share what we have with those less fortunate.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Sunday, December 2, at 2:30 pm on Main Stage, Confederation Centre. Conducted by Donald Fraser. The Confederation Singers and Orchestra will be joined by soloists: Shannon Scales, Hannah O'Donnell, James Smith, and Parker Clements. Reserved admission \$25 and tickets available at the Ticketworks."

DRIVE THRU LIVING NATIVITY will take place at the farm of Chyrs and Doreen Jenkins at **6452 Route 19** in Canoe Cove Friday, December 7 - Sunday, December 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm each evening. Freewill donations will be collected for the Children's Wish Foundation and Santa's Angels.

A DYLAN THOMAS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Charlottetown Legion Choir will combine voices with the Teachers and Friends in Harmony Choir. Familiar songs will be woven together by the words of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas. **Saturday, Dec. 8 at Dr. Steel Recital Hall, UPEI, and Tuesday Dec. 11 at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Stratford. Doors open at 7 for 7:30 concert.** Tickets are \$12 at the door, or \$10 in advance from choir members (\$8 for veterans and spouses). There will be refreshments.

MEMORIAL CAROL SING: Sunday, December 9 – 2 pm St. Paul's church in downtown Charlottetown (Grafton St., opposite DVA building). 1-½ hours of sing-along plus some performed pieces. Put the name of a fondly remembered person on a star for the memorial tree and in the keepsake programme (\$10 donation - deadline Dec 4). And you can choose a carol for the line-up (\$50 donation - deadline Nov 21). The contributions go toward maintaining the 1936 Cassavant organ. Information: 902-892-1691, stpauls@pei.aibn.com, www.stpaulschurch.ca

CHRISTMAS IN BRASS 2018: Great George Street Brass Band Christmas Concert, Monday, December 10 at 7 pm at Zion Presbyterian. Free Will Offering.

PASTORAL TEAM:

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MASS INTENTIONS -WEEK OF DECEMBER 2

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Eddie Power & DFM
Mon.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. Colman O'Hare
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Roy Hood (A) & DFM
Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Fri.: 9:30 a.m. Geneva Villa
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Theresa Beaulac
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Mary Driscoll

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: \$ 4,100.00
CHRISTMAS CHARITY PROGRAM: \$ 560.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING: \$ 4,660.00

REQUIRED WEEKLY TO OPERATE ST. DUNSTAN'S
\$5,600.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!!!

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 9, 2018

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1 - 9
2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3 – 6, 8 – 11
Gospel: Luke 3.1 – 6