

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Penitential Service With Visiting Priests:

Monday, Dec. 10 7 PM (Church)

Regular Reconciliation Times before Christmas:

Tuesdays, Dec. 11 & 18 11 AM (Basement)
Thursday, Dec. 13 & 20 11 AM (Basement)
Saturdays, Dec. 15 & 22 3:30 - 4:30 PM (Church)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS:

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

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: In Memory of Theresa Beaulac, Colman O'Hare, Mrs. M. Genevieve MacDonald & DFM, Mrs. Joni Sungailaite; Special Intention (1).

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. Fr. Martin Carter will remain at St. Dunstan's as Associate.

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.

ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will take place on Friday, December 21 at 7 pm. 55 choristers will be accompanied by the PEI Pops, all under the direction of Leo Marchildon in a performance of Bach's "Magnificat", as well as "Fantasia Noel 2", the sequel to the popular cantata introduced a few years ago. Due to fire regulations, seating is limited, and doors will close once 1,000 attendees have been admitted, so please plan to arrive early.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A short monthly meeting of Council #824 of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Thursday, December 13, at 7 pm. Following this, all brother Knights (and a guest) are invited to a Christmas gathering. Food and refreshments will be served!

CHRISTMAS TIDINGS WITH TIDAL 3: Christmas concert and pageant, Saturday, December 15, at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Basilica. Tidal 3, a band composed of young adults from our parish will be the featured entertainment and the children from the St Dunstan's catechism will conduct a Christmas pageant at intermission. Everyone welcome! Free Will Offering. Sponsored by the Knights Of Columbus.

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 during Sunday morning catechism or at the entrance of the Basilica this weekend. 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

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.

NATIVITY EXHIBITION: 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.**

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS: A night of Christmas stories and music Sunday, December 16, 6:30 pm at Vernon River Hall (St. Joachim's Church). Admission is by cash donation at the door and proceeds will be donated to the Montague Food Bank.

HOLY REDEEMER CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE: Sunday, December 16 at 7:30 pm in the church on Pond Street. The Carol Service will continue, with Travis Boudreau as director, as in the past with inspirational Christmas readings and a number of Carols – most traditional and a few new ones. Come and use this service to continue your preparation for Christmas. Admission will be by donation.

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.

HALIFAX is set to host a Level 1 **Formation Course for those desiring to be formed as Catechists with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS).** The Level 1 training relates to forming children aged 3-6 years in the Faith and is the foundation of further training with CGS. This course will be offered in two parts, the first of which will take place February 5-10 at St. Agnes Church in Halifax. The second part, Level 1B, will be held April 29-May 4. For information, go to www.cgsac.ca and scroll down to "Upcoming Formation Courses."

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. Donations accepted will go toward maintaining the 1936 Cassavant organ. Information: 902-892-1691, stpauls@pei.aibn.com, www.stpaulschurch.ca

STRATFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR will present "A Night of Christmas Music" with special guests Ava and Lily Rashed. The choir will present Carols of Western Europe, Carols of Eastern Europe and Carols of the British Isles from International Carol Suites arranged by Mark Hayes. 7:30pm on Sunday, December 9 at Park Royal United Church. Admission is \$20 for family, or \$5 for children, \$10 for adults. Tickets are available at the door.

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

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. **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.

PASTORAL TEAM:

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MASS INTENTIONS -WEEK OF DECEMBER 9

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
Mon.: 12:05 p.m. Eugene Clarkin (A)
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. Theresa Beaulac
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Mary Nantes
Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. Hazel Fernyhough
Fri.: 10:00 a.m. Park West Lodge
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Souls in Purgatory
Sat.: 9:00 a.m.
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 TOTAL OFFERING: \$ 5,527.00

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!!!

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 2018

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14 - 18a
2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4 – 7
Gospel: Luke 3.10 – 18