

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 3

1st Reading: Sirach 27.4 – 7
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54 – 58
Gospel: Luke 6.39 - 45

MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY: *Scented products such as perfume and cologne can aggravate health problems for some people. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

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 Brendan White; Special Intention (1).

NO MASS: Noon Mass Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26 will be cancelled. Fr. Keith and Fr. Martin will be attending the Clergy Days at the Retreat Centre.

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: The next monthly meeting of the St. Dunstan's St. Vincent de Paul group will be held on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 pm in the church basement in the Knights of Columbus room. Please use Dorchester side entrance.

FIRST SATURDAY GATHERING for Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) Invitation: On March 2, after the 5 pm Mass in the K of C room. We will share our experience and information about BVM as our Spiritual Mother. We will have light lunch, presentation on OUR LADY OF KNOCK, fellowship and Rosary. Please enter via the Adoration Chapel, Dorchester St. entrance or downstairs after the mass. For more information, please contact Ray or Marilyn Yu 902-628-2397, raymaryu@hotmail.com, docmarilyn2013@eastlink.ca

FOOD SUNDAY - 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6, the beginning of Lent. It is one of two days of fast and abstinence in the Church's year. Mass, with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated at 12:05 pm and again at 5:30 pm.

LIGHTHOUSE CDs are powerful talks by solid Catholic speakers on the life and faith of the Church. Available at the entrance of the church for a suggested donation of \$6.

CENTENARY: As a way of marking the 100th Anniversary of our Basilica, Confirmation and other catechetics classes from across the Diocese will be invited for tours of our Diocesan Cathedral. Our thanks to the organizers, Charlene Peters and Fr. Art O'Shea.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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? We will meet individually or in group sessions to learn about and discuss the meaning of the Catholic Sacrament of Matrimony. More info at dioceseofcharlottetown.com/diocesan-ministries/marriage-preparation, or Pat Wiedemer: patricia.wiedemer@outlook.com or 902-393-6047.

ST. STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC is happening July 5-7, 2019. Join hundreds of other youth from across Atlantic Canada for a weekend of friendship, fun, and faith. Registration is now open. The early bird cost is \$200, and only available until February 28. For more information or to register, contact Lauren at youth@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

A WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held at St. James Presbyterian Church (The Kirk) on the corner of Pownal and Fitzroy Streets Friday, March 1, at 2 pm. (Storm date: March 3, 2:30 pm) Members from eight churches will be participating in the service, which has been prepared by the women of Slovenia. The theme, *Come – Everything is Ready*, is an invitation for all to come to the table. All are welcome to attend this ecumenical service.

ST. PIUS X Knights of Columbus will be hosting a roast beef dinner at the Jack Blanchard Centre in Charlottetown March 3 from 4 - 6 pm. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$8 for children. Take outs will be available. For tickets, please contact Lowell at 902-566-3800.

SENIORS ROAST TURKEY DINNER: Tuesday, March 5, at the Jack Blanchard Family Centre, and the meal will be served 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, March 3.

MARTHA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (902-367-3103 or rgemma@eastlink.ca) **March 9 Lenten Retreat** with Bishop Grecco on Saturday, March 9 from 10 am - 3 pm. Need to register no later than March 7. Space is limited.

LENTE JOURNEY: Charlene Peters will offer practical instruction (no previous instruction necessary) on how to live with increased awareness of God's presence, praying with Scripture, and finding God in daily life. Call Jennifer Scott at 902-368-8005 and leave a message to register (required). **Three consecutive sessions will take place Wednesdays, March 13, 20 & 27 from 7 – 8:30 pm at the Diocesan Catholic Center** (350 North River Road).

FR. BRENDAN "BUD" GALLANT is putting on a retreat for married couples at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre from March 15 to 17. This retreat will be a special time for sharing and praying together. Cost is \$275 per couple. Phone 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952 to register.

NO COST FRENCH NET RETREAT: Wednesday, April 10 from 10 am - 6 pm in the basement of St Philippe and St Jacques church in Egmont Bay. For more information and to register your child contact Michelle D'aoust at the Bureau of Christian Education, Tel: 902-854-2143 or by email: ccc@dioceseofcharlottetown.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Enrich your relationship for a lifetime of love, May 3 - 5, at Between The Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS. Open to husbands and wives throughout Atlantic Canada. For more information, or to sign up email renewmarriage@gmail.com or call 902-314-8541.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A FOURTH-YEAR UPEI HONOURS STUDENT is conducting research into parenting practices this month with seminars available for all dads and moms, grandparents and anyone who cares for children aged 2-12. Seminars will take place at the Murphy's Community Centre. These sessions are **free**, and childcare is provided on the following Wednesday's, 7--8:30 pm: February 27 – **Raising Resilient Children**; March 6 - **Raising Resilient Children**. **For info:** www.triplep-parenting.ca/can-en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-prince-edward-island/

LECTURE BY DR. EVELYN FORGET, Canada's leading advocate for a basic income. Dr. Forget is an economist at the school of medicine, University of Manitoba and author of "A Town With No Poverty" and "Basic income for Canadians." Her lecture is entitled "The Basic Income Path to a Healthier, Happier, More Secure Life for All." It will take place at Steel Recital Hall on the UPEI campus March 13 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for Admission. *Sponsored by the St. Dunstan's Institute of Christianity and Culture at UPEI.*

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE: Anyone in a low-income bracket whose tax situation is straight forward, trained volunteers are ready to help you complete your return. Phone 902-566-9602.

ST. DUNSTAN'S—100 YEARS

As a way of marking the centennial of our Basilica, our historical sketches continue. Thanks to Fr. Art O'Shea for these.

Great news arrived here in 1829, announcing from the Vatican that the new Diocese of Charlottetown was being separated from the far-flung Diocese of Quebec and that the faithful missionary Angus MacEachern would be its first bishop. He was not 70 years of age, having served here as a priest for over thirty years and for the previous eight years as auxiliary bishop within the Diocese of Quebec. He was by this new appointment not only the bishop for Prince Edward Island, but also for the Magdalene Islands and the whole of New Brunswick as well. Our new and first bishop had a brief and well-attended installation ceremony in that first St. Dunstan's church, which became the Cathedral for our new Diocese.

Bishop MacEachern made his official residence at St. Andrew's where he had earlier built a house. After a busy six years as our first bishop, he died at home in 1835 at the age of 76. His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's, where two of our Island's three priests were present, along with a great attendance of many lay people, sad but grateful for the great missionary zeal of their late priest and bishop.

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MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Clara Louise Giddings (A)
Mon.: 12:05 p.m. NO MASS
Tue.: 12:05 a.m. NO MASS
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Joseph McAvinn (A)
Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. Patrick McMonagle
Fri.: 9:30 a.m. Geneva Villa
Fri. 12:05 p.m. Huub Peters
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Winnifred Trainor (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.*

FEBRUARY 10TH OFFERING: \$ 4,819.00

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY