

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 24, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF MARCH 24

Sun.:	5:00 p.m.	Mary Kathleen Snow (A)
Mon.:	12:05 p.m.	Private Intention
Tue.:	12:05 a.m.	Henry Einstein
Wed.:	12:05 p.m.	Private Intention
Thurs.:	12:05 p.m.	Margee Stanley
Fri.:	10:00 a.m.	Parkwest Lodge – Cornelius MacCormac
Fri.:	12:05 p.m.	Private Intention
Sat.:	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Sat.:	5:00 p.m.	Private Intention

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.

MARCH 17TH OFFERING: \$ 4,459.00

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31

1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10 - 12
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17 – 21
Gospel: Luke 15.1 – 3, 11 - 32

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).

LENTEN SUNDAYS: To mark the Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate sung Evening Prayer at 6:30 in the lower church chapel, where weekday Mass is celebrated until April 7. This will be followed each evening by a gathering of 45 - 60 minutes, led by Fr. Keith, on a Lenten theme. Everyone welcome to any or all! March 24: *Reflections on Forgiveness--Part 2* (Matthew 18: 21-35); March 31: *Our Ways and God's Ways* (Matthew 20: 1-16); April 7: *Exodus: Then and Now*.

THE GRADE 6 CLASS IS DOING A FOOD DRIVE for three needy food banks as part of their Lenten preparation. They will be collecting foods for St Vincent de Paul Society, Anderson House and the UPEI Food Bank. Please help them in being generous. We will be collecting food during Religious Education classes or before Mass on Sundays. Please look for the signs. The youth thank you!

ROAD MAPS FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: Exploring connections between the beatitudes, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Join Fr. Martin Carter for this Lenten study on Thursday evenings (7 – 8:15 pm, March 28 & April 4) in the Knights of Columbus Room at the Basilica.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Monday, April 1, 7 pm at St. Dunstan's Basilica. Additional priests will be available.

FIRST SATURDAY GATHERING FOR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (BVM) Invitation: On April 6, there will be a gathering after the 5 pm mass in the Knight of Columbus room, at St. Dunstan's Basilica. We will share our experience and information about BVM as our Spiritual Mother. We will have light lunch, presentation on OUR LADY OF SIMALA (Cebu, Philippines), 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 or docmarilyn2013@eastlink.ca

ST. DUNSTAN'S 100 YEARS: Reserve these Dates -**Thursday, May 23, 7 pm**, Centennial Music Concert; **Sunday, September 25, 10:30 am**, Centennial Mass. More info to follow.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners are invited to make a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one. Please indicate your loved one's name, your name (Env. number if applicable) and place it in the collection basket or by dropping them off to the office. To be printed in the bulletin, names and donations must be received by noon on March 27. Special remembrance of your loved one will be included in the Easter Masses.

HEALING MASS: Wednesday March 27, 7:00 pm in the basement of St. Dunstan's Basilica, Dorchester St. entrance. Fr. Brian MacDougall is the celebrant. All are welcome.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

STEPS TO JUSTICE SOLIDARITY WALK: Sunday, March 24. Hosted by the UPEI Chaplaincy Centre and Diocesan Youth Office, we will walk in solidarity and pray for migrant people around the world. 4:30 pm at the Chaplaincy Centre, UPEI Campus. Walk concludes 5:30; Sunday Mass at 6 pm. All welcome.

EARTH HOUR CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE: Saturday, March 30 from 8-9pm at the Martha Spirituality Centre (use the entry door at the back of the building). While the whole world is asked to power down on electricity, we will power up on prayer, readings and song for the health of our common home, planet Earth. All are welcome and are invited to be seated before 8pm when the lights will go out. Please call 902-367-3103 or message srgemma@eastlink.ca to reserve a seat as space is limited.

THE PEI RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY: "Celebrate Life Week" begins with a Prayer Vigil on Sunday, April 7 at 7pm at the Christian Reformed Church, 153 Mt Edward Rd, Charlottetown. The vigil is for peace and healing for all those who have suffered the loss of a child be it through illness, accident, abortion or miscarriage. Please join us in prayer.

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: April 7 is the day the Share Lent collection is taken up. You are invited as well that day to the annual Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday Workshop from 2 – 4 pm in the MacKenzie Room, St. Pius X. Sharing Table.

FOLLOWING THE FATHER: Exploring Vocation. What is 'vocation'? Do I have one? On Sunday, April 7 at 7 pm, come learn about how we can follow the father by answering questions about vocation with Fr. Augustine, the Diocesan Vocations Director. This event is open to high school students and young adults, and will be hosted at the UPEI Chaplaincy Centre.

ANNUAL CWL & K OF C Spring Fish Bake, Friday, April 12 at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Centre, Stratford. Serving from: 4:30 - 6 pm. Take-Outs available. Cost: \$12 per plate. Tickets available in advance only, at Assumption Church office at 902-569-4769, before and after weekend Masses or by calling Joseph Hébert at 902-569-2762 or Mary MacLean at 902-569-4308. Proceeds in aid of LOCAL CHARITIES.

CALLED TO LOVE: The Sacred Heart Sisters will be having a retreat April 27, 9 am – 4 pm for young women aged 18 to 30. To register, email sacredheartpei@gmail.com or call 902-436-5386.

ST. DUNSTAN'S UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP: Students graduating from high school this June and planning to attend UPEI are reminded that the deadline to apply for the scholarship is APRIL 15. This scholarship has a value of \$5,000 per year renewable for an additional three years for a total value of \$20,000. Application form and criteria can be found on the SDU website. For further information email: sdu@eastlink.ca or call 393-3441.

CHAIR YOGA AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PROGRAM at Martha Spirituality Centre begins on Monday April 1 from 10:00-11:30am and continues every Monday until May 13. Fee is \$60. To register call 902-367-3103 or message srgemma@eastlink.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

A WONDERFUL WORLD: A variety concert to celebrate our rich diversity of talent. Featuring Phase II & Friends with lots of vocal/instrumental and other acts. To be held at St. Paul's Church, downtown Charlottetown, Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 pm (Storm-date Friday, March 29). Admission: what-you-will donation. Refreshments. Info: robthomson@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-628-6778.

SPRING BOOK SALE: at the Confederation Centre Public Library. March 29 – 10 am – 5 pm, March 30 – 9:30 am – 5 pm and March 31 – 12:30 pm – 3 pm. Wide variety of books available, buy one – get one free. For more information, call 902-368-4642.

WINSLOE PLAYERS PRESENTS "Who's Who?", a comedy directed by Ivan Proude and Gordon Aten. All proceeds to support the QEJ/Eastlink Telethon. The play will be presented on April 10, 11, 12 and 13, at 7:30pm at the Carrefour Theatre. Tickets are \$20 (Children 12 and under - \$10) and are available at: Winsloe Irving (902-569-0166), the QEJ Foundation (902-894-2425) and Proude's Shoes (902-894-3504).

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.

Two years after the opening of St. Dunstan's College in 1855 within the cathedral parish, Bishop MacDonald gave leadership to the beginning of a school for girls on Sydney Street. For this pioneer project he was able to secure the services of four sisters from the Congregation of Notre Dame in Montreal. In the fall of 1857 they opened a school in the east end of Charlottetown with fifteen day students. This was the beginning of the great Notre Dame Academy which would enlighten the city's landscape for over a century.

Bishop Bernard MacDonald died in December, 1859, young in years but worn out physically at the age of 62, having served admirably as bishop here for 22 years. His grand funeral took place in that second St. Dunstan's Cathedral here. For his entire life as bishop he made his home in Rustico. Our next bishop was Peter MacIntyre, pastor at Tignish and missions. A native of St. Peter's Bay, he had been ordained for eighteen years and had just turned 42.

