

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 31, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF MARCH 31

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| Sun.: | 5:00 p.m. | Rayné Kenny |
| Mon.: | 12:05 p.m. | Private Intention |
| Tue.: | 12:05 a.m. | Grant MacGillivray |
| Wed.: | 12:05 p.m. | Dianne Hughes |
| Thur.: | 12:05 p.m. | Don McKlintick |
| Fri.: | 9:30 a.m. | Geneva Villa |
| 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 24TH OFFERING: \$ 4,184.00

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

AUTOMATIC DEBIT is an option for those who would like to contribute using that means. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7

1st Reading: Isaiah 43.16 - 21
2nd Reading: Philippians 3.8 - 14
Gospel: John 8.1 - 11

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: Special Intention (2).

2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available at the entrances. You will recall from last week's Property and Finance Committee address that our Sunday Collection amount was down last year by approximately \$25,000.00 from 2017. Your response to this reality in whatever way you are able is appreciated. Further, to help offset rising fuel consumption and costs, it was announced last week, we will be re-instituting an on-going weekly second collection, beginning this weekend, to be used exclusively for heating costs. Thank you for your present financial support. In the midst of the many demands on everyone's pocket-book, your consideration is much appreciated.

LENTEN SUNDAYS: We continue to celebrate our Sunday Sung Evening Prayer at 6:30 in the lower church chapel until April 7. This will be followed by a gathering of 45 - 60 minutes, led by Fr. Keith, on a Lenten theme. Everyone welcome to any or all! 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 Thursday, April 4 (7 - 8:15 pm) in the Knights of Columbus Room at the Basilica.

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

THE CREW - A diocesan-wide youth group, will be presenting the *Stations of the Cross in Silhouette*, with meditations and prayers from the diary of St. Faustina. Please join us at All Saints Parish in Cardigan Friday, April 5 at 7:30 pm or at St. Dunstan's Basilica Good Friday, April 19 at 7:30 pm. These prayerful events are fundraisers for members of The Crew to attend the Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference this summer, as well as for members who will be serving with NET Ministries as missionaries in 2019-20. Admission is by donation - please be generous.

GATHERING - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (BVM): April 6, after the 5 pm mass in the Knights of Columbus room, at St. Dunstan's. 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. 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.

THE MASS OF CHRISM will take place at St. Dunstan's Basilica Monday, April 15 at 7 pm. Those wishing to sing in the Diocesan Choir for this event are invited to attend a single rehearsal in the church on Sunday April 7 at 1 pm.

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.

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) 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 Tuesday, April 16. Special remembrance of your loved one will be included in the Easter Masses.

ST. DUNSTAN'S BASILICA will be graced by a performance given by the Rubrum Aurum Trio, an early music chamber group touring the Maritimes this spring. The concert takes place in the church on Sunday, April 28 at 7 pm and admission is by free will offering.

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.

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

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCE: Eucharist: The Liturgy of the Word. Reserve Saturday, May 11, 10 am - 3 pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Cornwall. The presenter will be Fr. Keith Kennific. Sponsored by the Liturgy Commission of the Diocese of Charlottetown. Registration info to follow.

FR. GEORGE'S BOOK - MY TWO CENTS: He has found 10 extra copies. They are available for purchase at \$20 by calling 902-367-9398.

SENIORS' DINNER: Tuesday, April 2, 4:30 pm Jack Blanchard Center. Roasted Boneless Pork Loin. **Tickets \$13** available after Masses on **March 30 & 31.**

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.

PEI RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY: "Celebrate Life Week" begins with a Prayer Vigil on Sunday, April 7 at 7 pm at the Christian Reformed Church, 153 Mt Edward Rd. 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.

FOLLOWING THE FATHER: An Evening about the Diocesan Priesthood - Sunday, April 7, 7 - 8:30 pm at the UPEI Chaplaincy Centre. Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Augustine will talk with young men about what it means to have a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood. Bring your questions, and an open mind - you never know where the Father will lead. All are welcome to join the Chaplaincy Centre Community for Mass at 6 pm as well. **This is the first in a three-part series, looking at the different vocations young people may be called to.** Watch for information about the remaining two parts in the fall of 2019.

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. Call Joseph Hébert at 902-569-2762 or Mary MacLean at 902-569-4308. Proceeds in aid of LOCAL CHARITIES.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the PEI Right to Life Association is Saturday, April 13, 9 am 3 pm at St Pius X Church, 106 St Peters Rd. There will be a special Celebration for its 45th Anniversary honoring the many Islanders who have upheld the culture of life in PEI through the PEIRTL Association. This begins at 1pm. Please RSVP to Pat Wiedemer, life.sanctuary@pei.aibn.com or call the office at 902-894-5473.

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.

EARTH DAY MUSICAL EVENING: Easter Monday, April 22 at St. Pius X Church at 7pm. This is an evening of music and song to celebrate the beauties of our common home, the Earth. There will be a variety of island performers who will volunteer their talents for this day of celebration! Reserve the date on your calendar today. Organized by The Martha Spirituality Centre. Admission is by donation to support programming.

MENS' SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: "A Man of the Kingdom" silent retreat will be held April 26-28, 2019 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre, 67 Reid Rd, Bayview, PEI. Cost is \$200 and includes material, lodging and 5 meals. Begins Friday at 6:30 and ends Sunday after lunch. Retreat master is Fr. Thomas Flynn, LC. Please contact Tracy Jones for more info or to register. 902 854 2969 or stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S Talents and Treasures Auction and Fundraiser, Friday, April 5 at 6:30 pm. The auction will take place in the ICS gym at 68 Allen Street! The evening starts off with complimentary food and includes a silent and live auction. Admission is free. Book your babysitters and plan to attend.

VOICES OF SPRING: The 39th annual celebration of Spring at St. Paul's Anglican Church is Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm. The Confederation Centre Youth Chorus will be conducted by Donald Fraser and accompanied by Sara White. General Admission \$20.

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.

Peter MacIntyre, our third bishop, was consecrated at an elaborate ceremony in our cathedral in August, 1860. He was the first of our bishops to have been consecrated here and the first one to make his residence in Charlottetown. A strong patron of education, the new bishop was a faithful supporter of St. Dunstan's College and in 1864 he organized the opening of a new girls' school on Pownal Street to balance the growing Notre Dame Academy in the city's eastern section. This second school would also be conducted by the Sisters of Notre Dame under the names of St. Joseph's Convent/Rochford Square School. This was another educational gem in Charlottetown that would last a century.