

# Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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## MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29

**Sun.:** 9:00 a.m. Fr. Charlie Cheverie  
**Sun.:** 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Dunstan's  
**Sun.:** 5:00 p.m. Arthur Kennific  
**Mon.:** 9:00 a.m. Fr. Charlie Cheverie  
**Tue.:** 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
**Wed.:** NO MASS  
**Thur.:** 9:00 a.m. John Garnhum  
**Fri.:** 9:00 a.m. Billy Bateman (A)  
**Sat.:** 4:00 p.m. Brian Andrew (A)

**PLEASE NOTE: WEEKDAY MASS IS IN GLASTONBURY HALL (CHURCH LOWER LEVEL).**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday and Thursday, 11-11:45 am; Saturday, 2:15 to 3:15 pm. All downstairs in Glastonbury Hall. Use Dorchester St. Entrance.

NOV 22 OFFERING	\$ 2,370.00
NOV 22 PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT	\$ 650.00
NOV 22 E TRANSFERS	\$ 350.00
NOV 22 CHRISTMAS CHARITIES	\$ 820.00
FUEL COLLECTION	\$ 6,480.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS:	\$ 100.00

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY**

**MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**1st Reading:** Isiah 40.1 – 5, 9 - 11  
**2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 3.8 - 14  
**Gospel:** Mark 1.1 – 8

## PARISH NEWS

**PEI PUBLIC HEALTH** requires everyone in public spaces, including places of worship, to wear a mask. **Wear your mask in church and at all parish functions.** Thank you for helping to guard against the spread of COVID-19, and for protecting each other, especially our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

**PRESENT MASS TIMES:** Weekday - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 9 am. Weekend – Saturday – 4 pm, Sunday – 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 9—noon, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9—4, Thursday 9—noon. The Office is not open Fridays.

**MONTHLY FUEL COLLECTION:** Thank you to those who contributed last week. We plan to have these collections monthly. For your information, our average annual fuel consumption, over the past five years, amounts to 53,351.96 liters, at an average yearly cost of \$40,221.09. In addition to other conservation measures that have been taken, the Committee is currently investigating the enhancement of the church's insulation. It is realized that this is a time of financial challenge for many. We are sensitive to that reality. Any consideration you are able to give is much appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Christmas Eve—4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm, midnight. Christmas Day—9am. On-Line Registration is now available. *If you were one of the few who attempted to register for Christmas Mass before November 20, you will need to re-register.*

**MASS REGISTRATION** is available at our parish website: [www.stdunstanspei.com](http://www.stdunstanspei.com) For those who would like someone to register for you, please telephone one of the following (902-367-7829, 902-892-9387 or 902-621-1988). **A Request:** *With cold weather fast approaching, it would be helpful if people could begin to arrive for Mass a little earlier than at present, if possible. This will lessen the likelihood of some having to wait outdoors. Thank you for your consideration!*

**GREETERS:** If you would like to help out with greeting and showing people to their seats at Mass, please contact [jawhite5414@gmail.com](mailto:jawhite5414@gmail.com), [brhood12@hotmail.com](mailto:brhood12@hotmail.com) or the Parish Office. Everyone is most welcome. Thanks to all who are currently involved. **We will have a special need for Christmas. Anyone who would like to help out only for December 24 and 25 will be most appreciated!**

**A CALL FOR LECTORS:** If you would like to get involved in Ministry at our Parish, we are looking for Readers for Masses. If you are interested, please call Barb Wonnacott at 902-393-4557 or the Parish Office at 902-894-3486.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Donations may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" towards the cost of Christmas flowers by placing their name, your name & envelope number in the collection basket or drop into the Parish office. Please have names submitted to the office by December 15 to be printed in the Bulletin. Loved ones will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.

**CATECHETICS:** If you have not yet registered your child (ren), and would like to, in order to receive the weekly electronic material, you may do so at [catecheticsstdunstan@gmail.com](mailto:catecheticsstdunstan@gmail.com) Please include your children's/teens' names and grade level, address, parents' names, telephone and email contact info. If you have registered, and have not been receiving the material, please contact via the same address.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** have recently assisted the Burke's Welcome Shoppe, an outreach project of the Sisters of St. Martha. Their Shoppe helps those struggling to meet the basic necessities of life in the Charlottetown area. The Shoppe was in need of gently used warm clothing and our candidates showed great initiative and went through clothes and outerwear at home. Their generosity is impressive as over 650 items have been gathered so far. Our candidates have felt a sense of purpose by being the "hands of Christ" to the most vulnerable in our area. St. Dunstan's Basilica Parish is very proud of our young Confirmation candidates who have made an immediate difference in the lives of many individuals and families experiencing hardship, especially during the uncertainties of COVID-19! All Public Health protocols were observed.

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Please contact Jodi or Brady Grant ([bradyandjodi@gmail.com](mailto:bradyandjodi@gmail.com) or 902-218-8282). You may request to have a candle burn in the Adoration Chapel. (**\$7 Mon – Sun**). Please contact the Parish Office. This week the candles in the Chapel burn for: In Memory of William Abanid, Sheyrl Lee Morris; In Thanksgiving (1) Special Intention (2).

**THANK YOU:** To the Parish Catechetics Group who worked together to plan and to offer our Catechetics Program in the midst of COVID-19: Mary Beaulac, Isaac Bourque, Sandra Bourque, Joanne Mawhinney, Tasha MacDonald, and Stephanie MacLean. Our pre-Christmas in-person classes for Grades 2 and 9 concluded last week. The dates for the 4 in-person classes for those grades in the new year will be announced.

**UPPER ROOM PEI** is a weekly gathering for young adults seeking deeper relationship with Christ. Hour of Adoration every Tuesday, 7:30 pm in Glastonbury Hall. For more info, follow us on Facebook @Upper Room PEI.

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** If you haven't been using envelopes, and would like to, please contact the Parish Office. If you would like to sign up for automatic debit or arrange E-transfer contributions, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your financial support of the parish. It is appreciated and needed.

**FOOD SUNDAY - FIRST 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. Thank you!

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**PEI LIFE** is offering an Educational Bursary of \$2000 for a young woman who has chosen life for her baby and would like to pursue her post-secondary education. All information and applications forms may be found at [PEILIFE.org](http://PEILIFE.org). **Closing date is Dec. 10.** Questions? Call Pat at 894-5473 or email: [pat@peilife.org](mailto:pat@peilife.org).

**THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DRIVE THRU LIVING NATIVITY** December 4-5, 5:30-8 pm, at [6452 Route 19, Canoe Cove](http://6452 Route 19, Canoe Cove) the farm of Chrys and Doreen Jenkins. Freewill donations for the Kislingbury Family whose 3-year-old son had cancer and had lost his eyesight. Covid 19 restrictions will be in place.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION Catholic Women's League** will hold a Bazaar Saturday, December 5, 10 am – 2 pm, at Assumption Parish Centre (145 Stratford Road). There will be sales of home baked goods, pickles, preserves, local crafts, holly, used books and puzzles, and gift basket draws. Public health protocols will be strictly observed. Everyone is welcome!

**ADVENT DAY RETREAT:** Prepare for the coming of our Lord at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in Stanley Bridge. Two one-day retreats are being offered: Monday December 7 and Monday December 14, from 9 am - 4 pm each day. The cost for each retreat is \$20 and includes lunch. Call or email the Centre at 902-621-2385 / [ourladyofhope@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@gmail.com) to register for one or both dates. Space is limited.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN A PRAYERFUL CELEBRATION** this Sunday, November 29 from the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, Newfoundland. This is the 24th annual Advent Festival of Carols and Scripture and it will be livestreamed at 7 PM Newfoundland Time (6:30 PM PEI Time). You will find the stream at [www.thebasilica.net](http://www.thebasilica.net)

**THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS** has produced a series of videos entitled *Journey through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent. It is the result of a joint project between the CCCB's *Office national de liturgie*, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. Find the link on our diocesan website: [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com)

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL RETREAT** at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre January 15-17, 2021. Rev. Andrew Handrahan. ***Divine Providence: Trusting in God Who Loves Us.*** \$170 per person or \$255 per married couple. Call or email the Centre at 902-621-2385 / [ourladyofhope@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@gmail.com) to register. Space is limited.

**UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF THE ADDICTED PERSON:** Book written by Jim Good, is available at the parish office for \$20.