

HOLY ROSARY PARISH

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PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 15th & 16th, 2017



THEME After the terrible event of the Passion, we gather on Easter to hear again the wonderful news of the resurrection and to celebrate the central event in the history of salvation. With the first Christians, we can proclaim that they put him to death but God raised him to life and in his name we have salvation.

COLLECTIONS: Regular - \$ 2,427.00

EASTER SEASON: The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called in “The Great Sunday”. Christians sing the “Alleluia” during these days in our rejoicing.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS:

IMO Dennis Kaiser – Margaret Kaiser	IMO Jack O’Brien – Frances O’Brien
	IMO David O’Brien – Frances O’Brien
IMO Maurice & Theresa Phillippo – Glenda Ramsey	IMO Jane Crawley – The family

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 5 th -6 th :	Commemoration of the Closure of the Church of the Incarnation
May 13 th :	Nova Voce Men’s Provincial Choir Concert – 7:30 p.m.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Parish bulletin notices can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent by e-mail to donna.lewis@intact.net. It would be appreciated if all notices could be sent by Thursday at noon. Bulletins will also be posted on our parish website at [holyroaryparish.info](http://www.holyrosaryparish.info)

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners wishing to make a memorial contribution to the Easter Flower fund are asked to drop the donation in the Sunday collection.

SUPPORT GROUP: Living With Cancer Support Group, a support group for those who have had a diagnosis of cancer, for their family, caregivers will meet Wednesday, April 19th, 2017, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier), Victoria Road. Facilitator- Tom McNeil, CBCC Social Worker

KOC NOTES:

Flea Market: We will continue to collect material for our Flea Market on May 27th. If you have any material that you may wish to have picked up, you may call Francis @ 562-3606 or 565-3609 or any member of the KOC.

Ticket Sale: The KOC now have their annual ticket on sale. First Prize is \$25,000. Ticket price is \$2 each or 3 for \$5 Tickets may be purchase by calling Francis at 562-3606 or 565-3609; or any member of the KOC.

PRE-MARRIAGE PROGRAM DATES: April 29th & 30th and June 24th and 25th at Our Lady of Fatima. The fee for the program is \$100 per couple. Pre-registration is required. Phone 902-849-4772 to pre-register.

RAISE THE ROOF DANCE: Saturday, May 20th – Bras d'Or Hall. Dancing 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with music by Full Circle. Tickets \$10 per person for those 19 and over. Phone Helen at 736-9633 for tickets. Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish Council to raise funds for the repair of the hall roof.

CANCER TRANSITIONS: Moving Beyond Treatment – a free seven week program people who have completed cancer treatment will begin on Tuesday, April 18th and run consecutive Tuesdays from 12:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the YMCA, Charlotte St., Sydney. Topics include Taking Control of your Survivorship, Exercise for Wellness, Emotional Health and Well-Being, Medical Management beyond Cancer, and Moving beyond Cancer. For more information and to pre-register contact Caren Fortune or Dawn Carey at the Cape Breton Cancer Center at 902-567-8074

OSTOMY: The Cape Breton Chapter of the Ostomy Canada Society will meet on Thursday April 13th, 2017 from 2pm – 4pm at the New Waterford Hospital, Assembly Room. This is a support group for ostomates and their support/caregivers. New ostomates are welcome. A light lunch will be served. For more information contact: Verna Petrie – 862-8540

CURSILLISTAS & CHALLENGERS: Attention Cursillistas and Challengers, the next Ultreya/Follow-up, will be held April 27, 2017 at 7:30 at the Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River. The next Men's Cursillo will be held on the long weekend May 19-21, 2017 and Women's' June 8-11, 2017 there are openings, if you would like more information, please contact the following, New Waterford /Glace Bay area, Kevin or Karen McSween, 902-862-8517, Sydney/Sydney River Betty Lahey 902-577-3604 or Marie Burke 902-549-3866, North Sydney/Sydney Mines/Bras d'or, Lorena Capstick 902-736-0843, Richmond County Gary David 902-631-1734.



NOVA VOCE MEN'S CHORIS TO VISIT CAPE BRETON:

On Saturday, May 13th, the Nova Voce's Provincial Men's Choir will present a Choral concert entitled

(CELEBRATING CANADA 150) at Holy Rosary. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and doors will be open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$ 15.00 and will be available at St.

Leonard Pastoral Centre, River Ryan; Glace Bay Shoe Store; Clansman Motel, North Sydney, Northside Music Store, North Sydney, Cape Breton curiosity Shop, Sydney; Martin's Convenience in Westmount and also at the door. For more information, please call 902-565-5794.

C.W.L. NOTES: **One Heart, One Voice, One Mission**

Photos: As the celebration for the closing of the Edwardsville Church is drawing near, we are looking for pictures of the church and/or events that took place to use for display. If anyone has photos they would like to submit please pass them along to Mary Williams or you can leave them at the glebe. Please have your name on them so they can be returned to you after the weekend.

Men's Sneakers: The men's shelter in Sydney is in need of men's sneakers, anyone with new or slightly used is asked to bring them along and drop them in the box at the back of the church.

Pop Tabs & Eye Glasses: The collection of pop tabs and eye glasses is ongoing. They can be left at the back of the church.

Spring Conference: CWL Spring Conference will be hosted by St. Theresa's Parish CWL on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Members are asked to contact President Jo-Anne Currie before April 4th if planning to attend.

Palliative Care – Twelve hours of prayer for Palliative care will be on May 4 2017.



Nova Scotia Provincial Conference: Hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Dartmouth on the weekend of June 9th.

Steak & Lobster Fundraiser: Our Steak & Lobster tickets are available at the back of the church or from any CWL member. You may put your money and ticket stubs in an envelope and put it in the regular collection marked "CWL". Your continued support is appreciated in our endeavours.

Prayer Service: You are invited to attend the Prayer Service for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our CWL Patroness on Wednesday, April 26^h at Our Lady of Fatima. Light refreshments to follow in the church hall. Please let Jo-Anne know by April 20th if any of our members will be attending.

Lady of Fatima Annual Tulip Luncheon & Card Party: Will be held Wednesday May 3, 2017 at 12:30 pm. A Turkey Salad and Dessert Lunch will be served followed by an afternoon of cards (game of your choice) with lots of prizes. To book a table contact Carmel MacDonald @ 902-562-4762 or Casey Parago @ 902-562-1936. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Proceeds for School Scholarship Fund and Cancer Patient Comfort Fund.

Lady of Fatima CWL Fashion Show: A Fashion Show will be held Wednesday May 24, 2017 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. Fashions will be from Kreative Design, Moores Mens Wear, and Rascalz Kidz Wear. Join us for an exciting evening of fun, delectable desserts, door prizes, cake auction and more. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased by call Linda @ 902-562-2957 or Marg @ 902-564-5788 or at the parish office. All proceeds to Hospice Palliative Care Cape Breton.

Church Linens: April – Pat Crawley

Funeral Receptions: Group # 1

Regular monthly meeting. Please note due to the CWL spring conference our regular monthly meeting will be held April 30th at 2:00 p.m. in the basement of the glebe instead of April 23rd,

Quilts. CWL members involved in quilts for palliative care will meet April 19th at 1:00p.m.

Christ the Lord is risen today, people on earth and angels say, raise your joys and triumphs high, sing the heavens and earth reply.

Bishop Brian Dunn - Examining the pastoral approach of Pope Francis



(POPE FRANCIS EXTENDS A WELCOMING HAND TO BISHOP DUNN AT THE VATICAN RECENTLY)

Recently I had the opportunity of visiting with Pope Francis with the other Atlantic Bishops as we made our *ad limina* visit to Rome.

We discussed the pastoral issues that affect us here in Atlantic Canada. As I reflected on this discussion, I was struck with the example of the pastoral approach of Pope Francis.

The foundation of the pastoral approach of Pope Francis is his commitment to the spiritual welfare of people above all, rather than putting rules ahead of people. In our discussion of euthanasia and assisted suicide, Pope Francis spoke how, the day before our visit, he had encountered a young man who was going to Switzerland to rent an apartment and kill himself because of his health condition. The Pope listened to his story, showed his love for him, hugged him and then left it in the hands of God. Likewise, he noted that many women carry the cross of abortion and we need to help those with the help they need. While he was clear about our teaching on euthanasia and abortion, his focus was on those who are most affected by these serious issues of our world today. He noted that we need to offer understanding, comfort and acceptance, rather than imposing straightaway a set of rules that only lead people to feel judged and abandoned by the very mother called to show them God's mercy. He gave examples of how people became aware of their own sinfulness when they had an encounter with Jesus' gratuitous love.

The second element I noted in his pastoral approach was his focus on growing and making progress in our life of faith. Pope Francis understands people attain maturity only gradually and their integration of any stage of moral development is subject to reformation in times of crisis, and so needs to be reaffirmed over and over again in the course of our lives. Learning from the unconditional love that God has for each of us. Pope Francis believes that the church must turn with love to those who participate in her life in an imperfect manner; seeking the grace of conversion for them, encouraging them to do good, to take loving care of each other and to serve the community in which they live and work. (AL, nn 78, 291). He believes that we must be realistic in our pastoral care and follow the model of the pastoral example of Jesus who recognized the spiritual longings in those who came to him. The Pope reminded us that things often happen gradually. If the Lord has patience with us, then we need to be patient with others. God's patience must be the root of pastoral patience. Pope Francis' pastoral realism recognizes the complications of people's lives at any given point in time and he noted the need for accompaniment of people in situations like cohabitation, civil marriage, second marriages without annulment and so on. He noted that what counts is life, not formulas. We need to grow in discernment, beyond the logic of black and white situations; for many people's lives are grey and they need spiritual guidance and accompaniment through the stages of the Christian life.

This leads us to the third element in his pastoral approach, the importance of accompaniment and discernment. Pope Francis uses the example of Jesus, who accompanied people in truth, patience and mercy as he proclaimed the demands of the Kingdom of God. (AL, no 60). He sincerely believes that Jesus wants a church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, always does what good she can.

I was deeply impressed by the example of Pope Francis and I am convinced that so many people are attracted to Pope Francis because of his pastoral approach. May the coming celebration of Easter give us new hope as we see the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lived out in those who provide pastoral ministry to us.