

**PARISH BULLETIN**

**HOLY ROSARY PARISH – WESTMOUNT, NS.**

**PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY**



**December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**THEME:** John the Baptist emerges from the wilderness preaches a call to repent and promises the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**DAILY MASS:** Monday – Friday at 9:00 a.m. **COLLECTION:** Regular - \$1,910.00

**EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Tonight (Sunday) December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Next Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church and at Holy Rosary from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** 2017-2018 Missals are available at the Church entrance – Cost \$ 5.00.

**THE GIVING TREE:** We once again have the Giving Tree located at the back of Church. We ask parishioners who are willing, to please take one of the homemade ornaments and drop off non-perishable food items during Advent under the tree and they will be delivered to the St. Vincent DePaul Hamper. Our parish has always been very generous at this time of the year.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> : - Christmas Eve	Mass at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> : - Christmas Day	Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**FEASTS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patron of the Americas
Wednesday:	St. Lucy – Virgin & Martyr
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross – Priest & Doctor

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are in the process of organizing sessions for the children who wish to receive First Communion. Do you know of any children who are eligible in your family or neighbourhood? Please call Anita at 902-539-7833.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund may do so by putting your donation in the weekend collection along with your name and the name of your loved one in whose memory the donation is made. We would like to thank the following for their contribution:

IMO Deceased Family Members – Tom & Joanne Currie	IMO Jack O’Brien & David O’Brien – Frances O’Brien
IMO Bernard Lind – Phyllis Lind	IMO Deceased Family Members – Fred & Ellen Warner
IMO Jane Crawley, Jack & Selina Stapleton – Pat & Junior Crawley	IMO Donald “Piper” MacMillan – Dolena MacMillan
IMO Deceased Family Members – Cyril MacLean	



**SEASONAL EVENTS:**

December 10 <sup>th</sup> : 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Advent Prayer Service: St. Joseph – Port Hawkesbury	<b><i>"A Voice: Hear, Love, Follow"</i></b> Embrace the Season of Advent at an intergenerational gathering of adults and youth! The afternoon will include an Advent Prayer Service, small group activities for all ages, and hospitality for all! Come and gather as we prepare and anticipate the Christ child's birth.
December 10 <sup>th</sup> : 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert: Our Lady of Fatima	<b><i>"The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"</i></b> A Christmas Concert will be held in Our Lady of Fatima church on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2pm. The concert will feature the Regional Hospital Choir, Sacred Heart Choir, Oranaiche Cheap Breatuinn (Gaelic Choir), Knight of Columbus Choir, with soloists Julie Martell, Mary Isabel MacDonald and Neil MacPhee, all under the direction of Shauna Doolan. Special performances by The Bisson Sisters, Donnie Campbell and Allan O'Donnell and Roy Dawson. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased from any of the choir members, Our Lady of Fatima parish office or by calling Linda – 902-562-2957.
December 10 <sup>th</sup> : 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Concert – Sydney Mines	Holy Family Concert: “A Glimpse of Christmas” featuring John & Patti Fukala and special guests – 7:00 p.m. Tea & cake served with prize draws. \$10.00 per person.
December 26, 2017 – 8:00 p.m. Sydney Curling Club	Boxing Day – Joe Waye’s Night of Jazz Standards at the Sydney Curling Club at 8:00 p.m. Tickets at the CB Curiosity Shop or the Curling Club.

**HOLY HOUR INCLUDING ADORATION & CONFESSION:** December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer church. Young and old alike are invited. Come join us! A beautiful opportunity to further our preparation for our newborn King.

**PRE MARRIAGE COURSE DATES:** Couples preparing for marriage are expected to participate in a Marriage Course. February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Location (for now). Family Service Office located at 9 Minto Street, Glace Bay. Pre-Registration is required by phoning 902-849-4772

**FUNDRAISING BOTTLE DRIVE:** The Cape Breton School of the Arts is holding a Bottle Drive Fundraiser on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to donate, please leave bottles outside your door or you can drop them off at the Westmount Fire Hall.



**CWL NOTES:**

**Bake Sale:** Our Annual Christmas Bake Sales will be held this weekend in the foyer of the Church after Mass.

**Membership Dues:** Our 2018 membership dues are \$ 22.00 and are due by the end of the year. You can put your money in an envelope marked CWL Dues and drop it in the regular collection basket as the Masses on Saturday and Sunday.

**Men's Shelter Donations:** The Men's Shelter has a need for new or gently used single bed sheets. Double sheets would also be gratefully accepted. Donations can be left in the box at the church foyer. There is a special need for good winter boots particularly Size 10.

**Pop Tabs & Eye Glasses:** The collection of pop tabs and eye glasses is ongoing.

**Jar for the Needy:** The jar for the needy has been placed at the Church entrance. If you have any loose change, please drop it in. The monies collected will be used for our Adopt a Family and the needy at Christmas.

**Church Linens:** December – Angela Clarke January – Jo-Anne Currie

**Funeral Receptions:** Group # 4

*Come Lord Jesus, warm our hearts with your love – Help us to prepare for your coming.*

**LIVING WITH CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** A Support Group from those who have had a diagnosis of cancer, for their family and caregivers will meet on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier).

**SANTA'S TOUR:** The Westmount Volunteer Fire Department will be taking Santa around Westmount, Point Edward and Edwardsville on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Santa will be leaving the Fire Hall around 4:00 p.m.

**FRENCH MASS:** Il y aura une messe en français au Centre Communautaire Étoile de l'Acadie, samedi le 16 décembre, 2017 à 17:30. Un souper de genre " Pot Luck " suivra avec de la musique française par Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Tous sont les bienvenus!

There will be a Mass in French at the Centre Communautaire Étoile de L'Acadie on Saturday December 16, 2017 at 5:30PM. Pot Luck supper to follow along with french music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome!

**OPEN HOUSE – ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS:** During this hectic season of parties and planning dinners and shopping, shopping, shopping, we sometimes lose sight of the importance of the season. We invite you to take some time for yourself, to relax, to rest, to be still and know God. Come join us the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be having an Open House. Come take some time for yourself, a time for relaxation and reflection. Drop in have some refreshments and fellowship. Stay a while, an hour, or the entire afternoon! **Everyone is welcome!**

**Part 1** – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Advent Meditation (Main Church)

At the beginning of each hour, there will be a prayer reflection and antiphons

**Part 2** – 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bereavement Support for the Holidays (Meeting room)

**Part 3-** Scripture (office area)

2:00 p.m. - Genealogy of Jesus Christ

3:00 p.m. - Infancy narrative according to Matthew

4:00 p.m. - Infancy narrative according to Luke

**Part 4** – 5:00 p.m. Taize Prayer (Main Church)

**OPEN HOUSE FOR DEACON ART RILEY:** An Open House will be held on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at the home of Deacon Art Riley, 2554 Summerside Road, Afton Station anytime between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to help Art celebrate the Anniversary of his birth 80 years ago! – He shows no signs of slowing down. Blessings & Best Wishes only.

**RELIC OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:** The relic of St. Francis Xavier (the right forearm and hand) is coming to St. Francis Xavier University on January 8<sup>th</sup> beginning with a service at 1:00 p.m. at the Chapel followed by an afternoon of veneration and concluding with Mass in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to rediscover Francis Xavier as one of the most exciting and adventurous figures of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The visit of this relic will be a wonderful opportunity for people of faith to seek the intercession of St. Francis Xavier.