

HOLY ROSARY PARISH – WESTMOUNT, NS.

PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY

December 16th & 17th, 2017



THEME: John the Baptist is a witness to the light, Jesus Christ. We remember that Jesus in the light that will never be obscured.

COLLECTION: \$ 1,883.00
Friday – 9:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS: Wednesday to

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Next Saturday, December 23rd 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.

PRAYER: Lord god, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

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 24th:

4th Sunday of Advent Mass – 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Masses: 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25th:

Christmas Day Mass – 10:00 a.m.

PARISH BULLETIN: Notices can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent via e-mail to donna.lewis@intact.net.

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 Dennis Kaiser – Margaret Kaiser	IMO Zelda McPhail – George & Coralie McPhail
IMO Catherine Boudreau – Theresa MacLean	IMO Donald & Helen MacEachern; Mary Ellen & Harvey MacEachern – Mike & Joan MacEachern
IMO Merrill & Jenny Lewis – The Family	IMO Isabel & Joe Ludyka; Doug & Marie MacDougall – Bernie &

	Carol Ludyka
IMO Maurice & Theresa Phillippo – The Family	IMO Louise MacDonald – Gordon MacDonald & Family
IMO Dorothy & Faith MacGillivray – Jim & Hope MacLean	IMO Philip Martin – Delores & Willie Martin
IMO Bellefontaine Family – Kathleen & Virgie	



SEASONAL EVENTS:

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



4TH DEGREE: 4th Degree members of ITOC are reminded that dues of \$ 30.00 for 2018 are due on January 1, 2018. Please make your cheque payable to William B. MacLeod Assembly and mail to Robert Whitty, 114 Fairmont Street, Sydney, NS B1R 1G6.

CWL NOTES:

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



The Advent Journey – Hope becomes peace, peace becomes joy, joy becomes love – love becomes Christ.

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 20th 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 17th. Santa will be leaving the Fire Hall around 4:00 p.m.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY OF DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH PARENTING TIP:

Christmas is a time of great joy and excitement for children who wait with anticipation to receive presents from Santa and other loved ones. Keeping Christ's birth at the heart of the celebration can be hard, but not impossible. We can help our children focus on the true meaning of Christmas in the following ways: place the nativity scene as a focal point in your home; assist with or contribute to charity drives; read the story of Christ's birth daily; engage in a small advent lighting ceremony each week of advent as a family; on Christmas morning sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus before you open up the gifts under tree. Christmas holds a deeper meaning for all when we stay focused on its true meaning.

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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 8th 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 16th century. The visit of this relic will be a wonderful opportunity for people of faith to seek the intercession of St. Francis Xavier.

WWME LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Longest Married Couple Nomination contest ends February 28th. Marriages can go the distance and the annual recognition of Canada's Longest Married Couple proves it. Nominate your loved ones by submitting the names of husband & wife, wedding date, current home address and the contact info of the person submitting the nomination to: Ernesto & Analillian Ayala 113-7471 Blundel Rd, Richmond, BC V6Y 1J6 or Canada@wwme.org or 604-337-5845. All nominations will be recognized.

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 17th, 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)