

HOLY ROSARY PARISH – WESTMOUNT, NS.

PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 30th & 31st, 2017



THEME: The family of God meets in the house of God in the season of rejoicing in the birth of the Son of God into a human family. Today, we celebrate the family of Jesus and the way they took part in the religious observances of the tradition into which Jesus was born.

COLLECTION: Christmas weekend \$ 5,483.00 **DAILY MASS:** Wednesday to Friday at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY: Communion will be brought to the sick and house bound this Friday.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE: On Sunday, January 14th there will be an Ecumenical Service at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot St. Sydney, at 3:00 p.m. in honor of Church Unity Week.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Development & Peace is launching an emergency appeal to help Rohingya Refugees who have been forced to flee Myanmar and seek refuge in Bangladesh. Donations may be made through the Sunday collection.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE: January 1, 2018 – The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of event to come.

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Monday:	New Year's Day – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Octave Day of the Nativity – World Day of Peace – Mass New Year's Eve (Sunday at 4:15 p.m. and New Year's Day – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday:	St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen – Bishops and doctors
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth Seton - Religious
Next Sunday:	Epiphany of the Lord

HEALING MASS: On Monday January 8th, starting at 7p.m. Father Patrick O'Neill will be celebrating a Healing Mass at St. Joseph's in North Sydney. . After Holy Mass there will be prayer teams set up for individual prayer. Alan Gale (formerly from the group Four for the Lord will be providing music that is praise and worship and very prayerful. Come out and join us!

POPE FRANCIS AT HIS LAST GENERAL AUDIENCE LAST WEEK: “In our times, especially in Europe, we’re seeing a ‘distortion of Christmas’. In the name of respect for Non-Christians, which hides a desire to marginalize the faith, every reference to the birth of Christ is being eliminated from the holiday. But in reality, this event is the one true Christmas. Without Jesus, there is no Christmas. If he is at the center, then everything around him, that is, the lights, the song, the various local traditions, including the characteristic foods, all comes together to create the atmosphere of a real festival. But if we take Christ away, the lights go off and everything becomes fake, mere appearances.”

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:

Church Linens: January – Jo-Anne Currie

Funeral Receptions: Group # 4



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY OF DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH PARENTING TIP:

The New Year is a time for all of us to reflect on the past and see if positive changes are needed in our lives. Are there changes you would like to see in your family - more time spent together, a greater number of meals shared as a family, increased sharing of events in each other’s lives, or an increase in peaceful family time? Discuss what changes each family member would like to see and then write out an action plan - a how to, so you will accomplish one or two of your goals. Your children will learn how to set goals and action plans, while all of you will benefit from positive changes that will strengthen your relationship as a family *Used with permission re Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton*

CHUCKLE: A man left work on Friday afternoon, but instead of going home, he went partying with the boys and did not return until Sunday night. His wife was furious and after a lengthy tirade finally said, “How would you like it if you did not see me for two or three days?” “I’d like it just fine!” he slurred. And that’s what happened. All day Monday, he didn’t see her even once. Tuesday and Wednesday passed without his seeing her. Finally, on Thursday afternoon he caught just a glimpse of her as the swelling of his eyes started to go down.

PASTOR’S NOTE: Many thanks for your generous support of the Parish during the past year and may God bless you with a Happy and Holy 2018. (Fr. Murphy)