

PARISH BULLETIN

HOLY ROSARY PARISH – WESTMOUNT, NS.

PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY



December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

**THEME:** We stand at the beginning of another Church year. The Season of Advent is one that is filled with waiting and longing for the coming of the Lord at the end of the age and in every moment of our lives. Let us be attentive to the Lord’s coming in every encounter of the coming week.

**DAILY MASS:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:00 a.m. **COLLECTION:** Regular - \$1,893.00

**FEASTS THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday:	St. Nicholas – Bishop
Thursday:	St. Ambrose – Bishop & Doctor
Friday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Juan Diego

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

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

**ADVENT:** The Season of Advent has a two-fold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s first coming among us and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

**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.

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

**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.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** St. Marguerite Bourgeoys – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**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.



**SEASONAL EVENTS:**

<p><b>December 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b> Christmas Tea &amp; Sale – WINS Hall - Edwardsville</p>	<p>The Point Edward Women's Institute is sponsoring their annual Christmas Tea &amp; Sale to be held at the WINS Hall in Edwardsville on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 by ticket or at the door. Lunch will be served: sandwiches, sweets, &amp; a beverage. There will be craft tables, a home baking table, &amp; white elephant table. We would love to see you there!</p>
<p><b>December 9<sup>th</sup>: - 7:30 p.m.</b> Concert - St. Anne's Church – Glace Bay</p>	<p>Rejoice and be glad with Coro Cantabile. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available at the Church office or from any member of the group.</p>
<p><b>December 10<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 p.m.</b> Christmas Concert: Our Lady of Fatima</p>	<p><i>The Most Wonderful Time of the Year</i>” 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.</p>
<p><b>December 10<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 p.m.</b> Holy Family Concert – Sydney Mines</p>	<p>Holy Family Concert: “A Glimpse of Christmas” featuring John &amp; Patti Fukala and special guests – 7:00 p.m. Tea &amp; cake served with prize draws. \$10.00 per person.</p>
<p><b>December 26, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Sydney Curling Club</b></p>	<p>Boxing Day – Joe Waye's Night of Jazz Standards at the Sydney Curling Club at 8:00 p.m. Featuring Jody Call, John Hawkins, Bette MacDonald, Charlene Macdonald, Red Mike MacDonald, Maynard Morrison, Matt Nicholson and “A Surprise Guest”. Tickets available at the CB Curiosity Shop or the Sydney Curling Club.</p>

**MABOU GIFT SHOP:** The gift shop at the Shrine in Mabou will open up for two days only for a Christmas Shopping Sale. All merchandise in stock will be 50% off on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. For inquiries please call 902-945-2221

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS:** Please join the knights and dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem for Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Dunn at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, December

8<sup>th</sup>. A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dr. William Sweet, 902 867 2341; [wsweet@stfx.ca](mailto:wsweet@stfx.ca)

**HEALING MASS AT ST. JOSEPH, NORTH SYDNEY:** Come and join us for our monthly healing Mass on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. After Mass there will be prayer teams praying with people individually.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER:** The Power of Prayer is indeed wonderful. It is like a queen, who, having free access always to the king, can obtain whatever she asks. To secure a hearing, there is no need to recite set prayers composed for the occasion – were this the case, I should indeed deserve to be pitied! Apart from the Office (the daily prayer of the Church) which is a daily joy, I do not have the courage to search through books for beautiful prayers. They are so numerous that it would only make my head ache. Unable to either say them all or choose between them, I do as a child would who cannot read – I just say what I want to say to God, quite simply and He never fails to understand. (St. Therese of Lisieux).

**PRAYER:** Please join us at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of self-directed prayer and reflection on the following topics: connecting, focusing, praying, seeing, wishing, waiting and pondering. There will also be Christmas cookies, tea & coffee, accompanied by music. After all... Jesus is the Reason for the Season. All ages welcome! Any questions feel free to email Bert & Claudia at [theaucoins@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:theaucoins@ns.sympatico.ca)

**ADVENT RESOURCES & CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS:** The Emmaus Book Store located at 200 Churchill Drive, Membertou invites you to stop by and view our selection of Advent and Christmas items:

- Advent Wreath Rings and Candles
- Foam Advent Wreaths for children
- Advent devotional books for adults, young people and families
- Christmas Gift ideas and cards
- Christmas books for children

**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

### **CWL NOTES:**

**Development & Peace:** Supporting women is supporting peace. Please sign the petition cards at the Church entrance.

**Bake Sale:** Our Annual Christmas Bake Sales will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the foyer of the Church after Mass.

**Christmas Party:** Our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Glebe at a cost of \$ 15.00 per person and catered by Charlie MacKinnon. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will also be having a collection for the needy.

**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.

**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.

**Social Afternoon:** Our next Social Afternoon will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the basement of the glebe. Come join us for an afternoon of fun! If you are interested in joining us and would like more information, please contact Jenny Liska at 902-52-0578 or Ann Macdonald at 902-562-3750.

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

**Funeral Receptions:** Group # 4

*God of hope, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond.*



**Council 9476: Holy Family; St. Mary's; Our Lady of Fatima; Holy Rosary:** We welcome a member of the Knights of Columbus who are making an appeal for new members. The Knights are an active group in our community and members of a worldwide organization.