

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
WESTMOUNT, NS
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PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



February 25th & 26th, 2017

THEME God cares for each of us, the good and the not so good, a love that is boundless.

COLLECTIONS: \$ 1,831.00 plus a \$ 1,000 donation from the Catholic Women's League.

THANK YOU: Our sincere thanks to the CWL for their generous donation of \$ 1,000 to the parish funds. This represents much effort and generosity on behalf of the council and all who have supported their fund raising efforts over the past year.

DAILY MASS: Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., Ash Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Friday at 9:00 a.m. On Friday Communion will be brought to the sick and shut-ins.

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 [holynosaryparish.info](http://www.holyrosaryparish.info)

COUNTDOWN TO LENT: March 1st. Ash Wednesday – Universal Day of Fast and Abstinence from meat. Mass at 6:30 p.m. This is the yearly celebration by the church of its call to conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, we prepare for the Feast of Easter as we recall our baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. The season of Lent has two major purposes: It recalls and prepares for baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises and emphasises a spirit of penance. Through the forty days, we will pay closer attention to God's Word and more frequent prayer.

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: April 7th to 9th at St. Joseph Renewal Center in Mabou. This is a wonderful opportunity to "come aside and rest awhile" in a prayerful atmosphere facilitated by a team of spiritual directors and prayer companions. For a brochure or more information, please contact Lexie MacKinnon at 564-4757 or Julia Townsend at 562-8423.

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.



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

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

Church Linens: March – Margie Wadden. **Funeral Receptions:** Group # 4

Global TV Series: There is a series being aired on Global TV entitled *Mary Kills People*. It focuses on a medical doctor who illegally aides terminally ill patients in their attempt to commit suicide. Global TV's promotion of the series indicates the lead character's "business is booming." This series is glamorizing the act of euthanasia and assisted suicide while potentially influencing the sick, disabled and infirm to make life-ending choices. The CWL nationally are asking the parishioners to visit Global TV's website to comment and have this series pulled from their network.

<http://www.globaltv.com/faq/#contact>

On-line Petitions: There are many on-line petitions on the Canadian Government web site. (www.parl.gc.ca) You are encouraged to visit this site and vote on the following petitions as well as any others you may have concerns about:

E-673 - (We the undersigned, Canadian Citizens, call upon the Government of Canada to amend the Canada Health Act to include home care as an insured Health service. (Open for signature until March 28, 2017).

E-697 - Health Care Services Autism Spectrum Disorder (Open for signature until May 4, 2017)

E-733 - Labelling of food products. (Open for signature until May 11, 2017)

Spring Conference: CWL Spring Conference will be hosted by St. Theresa's Parish CWL on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Members are asked to keep these dates open. Hopefully, a number of members will be able to participate in the conference.

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

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

Steak & Lobster Fundraiser: Once again we are having our annual Steak/Lobster or \$250.00 Cash Prize fundraiser. Tickets are available from any CWL member \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. We ask for your continued support with our endeavours

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.

Meetings: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. The executive meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the same day.

KOC 4TH DEGREE: Dues for 2017 were due on January 1, 2017. Please send \$ 30.00 payable to William B. MacLeod Assembly c/o Robert Whitty, 114 Fairmont Street, Sydney, NS B1R 1G6. No renewal invoices are being mailed.

THOUGHTS ON WORRY & ANXIETY: In a recent survey reported in Reuters, 90% of the respondents said that they were worried about how well prepared they were for retirement. Between 20% and 30% of all Americans will live today under significant stress. Thirteen million will worry intensely for at least 90 minutes. It may be about their marriages, children, job, money, health, grades, friends or a host of other issues. Whatever the source, worry is an emotion with which all of us are familiar and which 27% of us experience every day. A University of Michigan study determined that 60% of our worries are unwarranted. 20% have already become past activities and are completely out of our control and 10% are so petty that they don't make a difference at all. Of the remaining 10%, only 4% to 5% are real and justifiable and we can't do anything about ½ of those. Therefore, only 2% of our worries are real.

CHUCKLE: There is a story about a lady who was struggling with a decision to have cosmetic surgery. She was thinking about having a facelift, however, it was very expensive. Hence, she was totally confused. While she was discussing the high cost with her husband, she said, "But what if I drop dead three months after I have the surgery? Then what would you do?" The husband thought for a moment and said, 'Well I guess we'd have an open casket for your funeral.'