

PARISH BULLETIN

# HOLY ROSARY PARISH WESTMOUNT, NS.



**PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**THEME:** We are called by Jesus to be disciples. We have heard the call in one way or another, the call of Jesus to come to him and see the life he offers. We thank the Father for his love in creating us, in caring for us and sending his Son among us.

**ORDINARY TIME IN THE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL YEAR:** While the word “ordinary” in popular usage is used to describe things that are nondescript or dull, ordinary rather means customary, regular and orderly. Hence, Ordinary Time is the standard, orderly, counted time outside of the other liturgical seasons. There is nothing “dull” about Ordinary Time! Ordinary Time is the season of the Church year when Catholics are encouraged to grow and mature in daily expression of their faith outside the great seasons of celebration of Christmas and Easter and the great periods of penance of Advent and Lent.

**COLLECTION:** \$ 1,560.00

**DAILY MASS:** Monday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

**EUCMENICAL SERVICE:** On Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> there will be an Ecumenical Service at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot Street, Sydney, at 3:00 p.m. in honour of Church Unity Week.

**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). Parish bulletin can be found on-line at: [www.holyrosaryparish.info](http://www.holyrosaryparish.info)

**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.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING:** “Ignite ... your Faith Journey: Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Fatima is hosting a day of friendship and faith. Open to all youth preparing for Confirmation and older. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Mass at 4:15 p.m. Register through your Parish Office or contact Allyson Langley at 902-562-3934 or Cathy Walsh at 902-870-9117.

**WOMEN ARE PRAYER BREAKFAST:** How does faith inform my life? Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Ninian Place, Antigonish. Guest speaker is Ms. Patricia Fricker Bates, LL.B, LL.M. Auditor, Matrimonial Tribunal, Diocese of Antigonish. Sponsored by St. Ninian’s CWL. Tickets are \$15.00 (\$7.50 for students) and are available at St. Ninian Parish Office.

**LIVING WITH CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** A support group for those who have had a diagnosis of cancer, for their family, caregivers will meet Wednesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier), Victoria Road. For more information contact Stasia Digou 902-562-1367

**THOUGHT FROM POPE FRANCIS:** “In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer, all of us have to do this.” (Pope Francis)

**SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT:** April 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Renewal Centre, Mabou. This is a wonderful opportunity to “come aside and rest awhile” in a prayerful atmosphere, facilitated by a team of Spiritual Directors/Prayer Companions. For a brochure or for more information, please contact Lexie MacKinnon at 902-564-4757 or Julia Townsend at 902-562-8423.

**EXERCISE PROGRAM:** The Exercise program which takes place on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. has resumed for the winter at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. Time to follow through on those New Year Resolutions. This program is suitable for all ages. Standing, chairs and weights are used so it is suitable for all fitness levels. For questions, please contact Mary MacLean at 539-04'6 or Barb Boutilier at 562-3036.

**EVENING EXERCISE CLASS:** Monday and Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. Get in shape in 2018. Bring a mat and some light weights and start your year with fitness!

**YOGA:** Yogacharya, Vineeta Sharm will be holding yoga classes beginning on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. Vineeta's classes are therapeutic and help a number of illnesses. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. If you wish to learn more about Vineeta or her classes, visit her website at <http://yogyam.com>

**BETHANY CENTER:** The Sisters of St. Martha which to inform the public that as of December 4, 2017, Bethany Center was officially closed. We have wonderful memories of this sacred space and are grateful to the many persons who supported the various programs and retreats over the past 45 years. We are most grateful to all the dedicated Center Staff who witnessed to Martha Gospel Hospitality these many years. We recognize that this closure will be a loss not only for us as Sisters of St. Martha but for you who participated in so many ways. However, closure is not our only news today. We announce that the Martha Ministry of spirituality will continue to unfold at Marian Community, located on our Bethany Property, beginning January 2018. We plan to continue to offer Spiritual Direction, Oasis Days and Centering Prayer experiences. We will also continue to offer opportunities for prayer and retreat at our two hermitages. These programs and experiences will be hosted at Marian Community and eventually some may take place at our new Bethany Resource Centre soon to be opened on Bethany property. We welcome you to book for any of these experiences by calling 902-863-4726 or emailing [spirituality.bethany@themarthas.com](mailto:spirituality.bethany@themarthas.com). May God continue to guide and bless this Ministry.

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**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY OF DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH PARENTING TIP:**

Parents have the primary influence on their children's values. Your kids are watching you, they look to you to guide them in how they think and act. They especially watch what you do, more than what you say. They learn from how you use pills and medications, how you use or don't use alcohol, and from how you treat others. They also watch and observe your spiritual self by observing what you say and do. Are you living the life you want your children to live? Used with permission re Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton

**CHUCKLE:** A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church on vocation to priesthood and religious life. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, “Daddy, when the light turns green, can we go home?”

**CWL NOTES:**

**SOCIAL:** Our next social afternoon will be held on January 24th( weather permitting) from 1pm to 4pm so if you are interested in playing cards or some other fun activity or just shooting the breeze, come and join us.

**POP TABS & EYE GLASSES:** Our collection Pop tabs and eye glasses is ongoing.

**CHURCH LINENS:** January – Jo-Anne Currie. February – Georgette Skinner

**FUNERAL RECEPTIONS:** Group # 4

*Dear Jesus, teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*



## Year End Report for Holy Rosary CWL 2017

The CWL council of our Parish is made up of 31 paid memberships and our spiritual director Father Murphy. One may wonder just what does the CWL do? As the out-going president, I would like to highlight some of our projects we were involved in during the last year. Our members are involved in many programs in our community as well as within our own parish.

Some of the events included hosting 7 funeral receptions, the making of 18 quilts that were donated to Palliative Care at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. In March of last year, we held a blind auction at one of our meetings and raised \$320.00 that we donated to Mater-Care. We organized the collection of clothing, personal items, bedding etc. for the homeless shelters in our community and we look after the church linens each month. We prepared and served meals at Loaves and Fishes. We continue to collect eye glasses to be sent overseas as well as pop tabs that are sent away to be melted down and made into wheelchairs. Members volunteered with Hospice and Palliative Care, Loaves and Fishes, reciting the Rosary at the Retirement and Long Term Homes in our community, provided musical entertainment to seniors in different senior complexes and long term facilities. Members also participated in the Under the One Umbrella program in support of individuals less fortunate in our community. Others have volunteered with the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, provided transportation for appointments to individuals in our community when requested. We also worked alongside the members of the Westside Legion's Women Auxiliary when they needed our assistance.

We have two main fundraisers each year, The Steak and Lobster Draw and the Bake Sale in early December. We also have a donation jar at each meeting for the members to donate to for the needy at Christmas and one jar at the back of the church during the months of October to December. Monies raised from these events are used to support our projects. Some of our major donations were the following:

\$2500.00 to the parish to help with the expenses

\$ 500.00 to Riverview Rural High School scholarship fund

\$ 100.00 to Mass for shut-ins

\$ 500.00 to the Adopt a Family Program

\$ 100.00 to the Cancer Center

Other smaller donations were made to the Women's Shelter, Men's Shelter and Walk for Life.

As you can see we maybe a small group but we are mighty in our endeavours and do make a difference. On behalf of our Council I would first like to **THANK YOU OUR PARASHIONERS** for your support and who continued to support us throughout the years. We would not be able to do what we do without you and your generosity and to the members I also want to say **THANK YOU** for your hard work, commitment and dedication to our Council and the League. As a new executive will be installed in February I ask you to continue to support their efforts in the coming year and invite the women of our parish to come and join us and enjoy new friendships and spiritual growth.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo-Anne Currie President CWL