

**HOLY ROSARY PARISH
WESTMOUNT, NS**

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PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21st & 22nd, 2017



THEME: Jesus begins his preaching with the message, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” This message is addressed to us today just as much as it was addressed to the people of Capernaum in ancient times.

COLLECTIONS: \$ 1,483.00

DAILY MASS: Monday to Friday at 9:00 a.m.

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

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday:	St. Francis de Sales – Bishop and doctor
Wednesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Thursday:	St. Titus & St. Timothy – Bishops
Saturday:	St. Thomas Aquinas – Priest & doctor

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: January – Jo-Anne Currie February – Georgette Skinner

Funeral Receptions: Group # 4

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs, we do not pray, keep us Oh God from stain of sin, just for today.

PRE-MARRIAGE PROGRAM DATES: February 18th and 19th, 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.

KOC NOTES:

Flea Market: We will continue to collect material for our Flea Market to be held on January 28th. 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.

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

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.

Special Olympics: The KOC are a great supporter of Special Olympics and as such we wish to add that they also have a ticket on sale. Prize is \$10,000 and tickets are \$10 each. 2 more weeks left!

CURSILLISTAS: Our next Ultreya will be held on Thursday January 26th, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Sydney River. Come on along and renew some old friendships and bring your sponsor or another Cursillista. Hope to see you there. Spring Weekends - Women's' Weekend will be held June 8th to 11th at Camp Bretondean. There is still room for some candidates. Men's' Weekend is scheduled for May 19th to 22nd (subject to change by one week) and will depend on the number of candidates/applicants whether this will happen. Please forward any applications to the Pre- Cursillo people - the sooner the applications are in the better, as this will enable the final planning to begin.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC July seems a long way away, but we're hard at work preparing for the Steubenville Atlantic Conference on July 7th -9th, 2017. Steubenville Atlantic is the Annual High School Youth Conference at Dalhousie University. This year's conference theme is "Elevate." Steubenville is a conference for

high school students aged 14- 18. If you are interested in attending or sending someone to join us or for more info, please email nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca or call at 1-902-539-6188 Ext. 241. Steubenville is an unforgettable experience; we hope that you'll join us!

NEW HERMIT FOR THE DIOCESE: In the church, the consecrated life of the hermit or solitary is known as the “the eremitical life.” This way of life, begun in the early centuries of the church, is once again beginning to flourish. The Second Vatican Council acknowledged the renewal associated with the consecrated life as well as the growth in the monastic tradition of the church. Following this teaching, Bishops are discerning the place of the eremitical life in their respective dioceses. This eremitical life is a gift from God to the Church in and for the world as a way of living the Christian life in a simple and joy – filled way. It is not a negation of life nor of the world, but is rooted in the experience of the love and the unconditional hospitality of God who welcomes all, and is a response to this experience. Thus, the life of the hermit is prophetic, witnessing to the primacy of the Sacred in all of life. Our diocese is privileged to welcome Sheila O’ Handley as a hermit in our diocese in a ceremony at Holy Cross Church, Glace Bay on February 5th at 11:00 a.m.

PERMANENT DIACONATE: Vatican II restored the Permanent Diaconate. Until recently, the Diaconate was seen only as another step on the journey to Priesthood. Diaconate is the ordained ministry of Altar, Word and Charity. This vocation is a call to single or married men aged 35-65. In our own diocese we have 9 deacons. They serve in parishes. They also serve in ministries including: the poor, sick, prisoners, youth, visitation, palliative care, shut-ins, renewal movements, chaplaincies, social justice projects, etc. We have 9 candidates presently in the Diocesan formation program discerning a call to ordained ministry. If these ministries are attractive to you. If you sense a call to the ordained 3-fold ministry of deacons, or, if you want more information, please call Fr. Bedford Doucette, Director of Deacons at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Membertou at 902-539-6188 Ext 235. Depending on the interest, we may develop a new class.

GOD’S CHOSEN PEOPLE ABSENT IN CHINA? Two Jews Sid and Al were sitting in a Chinese restaurant. Al asked Sid - “Are there any Jews in China?” “I don’t know,” Sid replied. “Why don’t we ask the waiter?” When the waiter came by, Al said, “Do you have any Chinese Jews?” “I don’t know sir, let me ask,” the waiter replied and he went into the kitchen. He quickly returned and said, “No sir, No Chinese Jews.” “Are you sure?” Al asked. “I will check with our manager sir” the waiter replied and went back to the kitchen. While he was still gone, Sid said, “I cannot believe there are no Jews in China. Our people are scattered everywhere.” When the waiter returned he said, “Sir, no Chinese Jews.” “Are you really sure?” Al asked again. “I cannot believe you have no Chinese Jews,” “Sir, I asked everyone” the waiter replied exasperated. ““We have orange juice, prune juice, tomato juice and grape juice, but not one ever heard of Chinese juice!”

TEACHING MINISTRY: A Pastor told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the Sin of Lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark: 17.” The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17: Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, “Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the Sin of Lying.

QUOTE: We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. “He, who is devoid of the power to forgive, is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies. “ (Martin Luther King, Jr.)