

**THE BULLETIN FOR
ST. BARRA PARISH (ST. COLUMBA, ST. ANDREW'S)
ST. MARY'S, FRENCHVALE
ST. MICHAEL'S, BADDECK
QUEEN OF THE WORLD, WAGMATCOOK
HOLY TRINITY, WAYCOBAH**

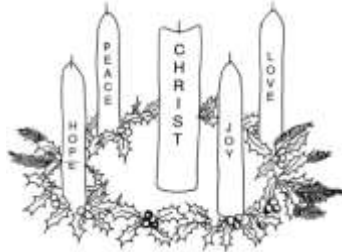
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 17, 2017**



WEEKEND/CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2017

Sunday, December 24	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m. (Christmas Eve)
Sunday, December 24	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	6 p.m. (Christmas Eve)
Sunday, December 24	St. Michael's, Baddeck	7 p.m. (Christmas Eve)
Sunday, December 24	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	7:30 p.m. (Christmas Eve)
Sunday, December 24	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	Midnight (Christmas Eve)
Monday, December 25	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m. (Christmas Day)
Monday, December 25	Queen of the World	10:15 a.m. (Christmas Day)
Monday, December 25	Holy Trinity	12:15 p.m. (Christmas Day)

WEEKEND/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2017/2018

Sunday, December 31	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m. (New Year's Eve)
Sunday, December 31	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	6 p.m. (New Year's Eve)
Sunday, December 31	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	7:30 p.m. (New Year's Eve)
Monday, January 1	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m. (New Year's Day)
Monday, January 1	Queen of the World	10:15 a.m. (New Year's Day)
Monday, January 1	Holy Trinity	12:15 p.m. (New Year's Day)

FAREWELL TO CAPE BRETON: **To Parishioners:** Gratitude is not gratitude unless it is expressed. During my time with you, you have made me feel accepted. You gave more than I could have asked for, and more than I deserved. Your kindness and kindness will always be remembered and never forgotten. **To Talbot House:** Living on the grounds of Talbot House was a very special time. It was my home away from home. Staff and residents were family to me. I will always have treasured memories of each and every one of them. They were the best of company. Fr. Vincent.

MAILING ADDRESS: In case anyone wishes to send Fr. Paul Seasonal Greetings ... his mailing address is P. O. Box 1001, Trenton, NS B0K 1X0.

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH cleaning and decorating for Christmas will take place on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. Many hands make light work!!!

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH cleaning and decorating for Christmas will take place on Thursday, December 21, at 6 p.m. A good turnout of volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS EVE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PAGEANT for St. Barra Parish, Iona planning is underway. Please contact Liz MacNeil at 902-295-8483 to confirm that your children will be taking part in this celebration of the birth of Jesus. All children ages 5-12 are welcome. The pageant will take place at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: All parishes ... Anyone wishing to donate towards the purchase of Christmas flowers may do so by including it in a separate envelope and putting it in the weekly collection. Please include your name, parish and envelope number.

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH, SYDNEY: During this hectic season of parties and planning dinners and shopping, shopping, shopping, we sometimes lose sight of the importance of the season. We invite you to take some time for yourself, to relax, to rest, to be still and know God. Come join us the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, we will be having an open house. Come take some time for yourself, a time for relaxation and reflection. Drop in have some refreshments and fellowship. Stay a while, an hour, or the entire afternoon. Everyone is welcome! Part 1 – 2-5 p.m. – Advent Mediation (main Church). At the beginning of each hour, there will be a prayer reflection and antiphons. Part 2 – 2-3:30 p.m. Bereavement Support for the Holidays (Meeting room). Part 3 – Scripture (office area). 2 p.m. – Genealogy of Jesus Christ. 3 p.m. – Infancy narrative according to Matthew. 4 p.m. – Infancy narrative according to Luke. Part 4 – 5 p.m. – Taize Prayer (main Church).

THE WINNER OF ST. MARY'S WOOD TICKET CAMPAIGN is Joe Musgrave of Frenchvale. A total of 2415 tickets were sold for the best ever results. Great effort everyone! Special thanks to MacInnis' Lumber for sponsoring this yearly fundraiser. Parish Life plans to launch a new ticket campaign in January to finance the painting of the exterior of St. Mary's. Stay tuned for more details.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND FIRE HALL will be hosting a New Year's Bingo and Social on New Year's Eve, December 31, at 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Games, prize payout and cost the same as regular bingo with the addition of a few extras. Social - 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Adm. \$5, lunch at midnight and music by DJ. 19 years of age or older. ID's must be available upon request.

PIES: Anyone who hasn't picked up their pies ... please make arrangements with Gregory at 902-295-7843 for pick up. Also there are some apple pies left for sale as well .. call Gregory.

BOISDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: There will be a regular meeting of the Boisdale Historical Society in the parish building on Bourinot Rd. on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2 p.m. All are welcome as we will be working on old photographs.

YOGA - BOISDALE: Yoga at the Boisdale Fire Hall is finished for the season and will be starting up again in the new year.

THE HOSPICE CALENDARS FOR 2018 are now available. The proceeds will go directly to support the needs of palliative care patients in our community. The calendars cost \$20 and will be offered for sale at Stone's Pharmacy and the Herring Choker, Baddeck. To order direct, please contact Carolyn Bowne @ 902-295-1777. Thank you so much for your support!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY OF DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH PARENTING TIP:

Christmas is a time of great joy and excitement for children who wait with anticipation to receive presents from Santa and other loved ones. Keeping Christ’s birth at the heart of the celebration can be hard, but not impossible. We can help our children focus on the true meaning of Christmas in the following ways: place the nativity scene as a focal point in your home; assist with or contribute to charity drives; read the story of Christ’s birth daily; engage in a small advent lighting ceremony each week of advent as a family; on Christmas morning sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus before you open up the gifts under tree. Christmas holds a deeper meaning for all when we stay focused on its true meaning.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - 4 p.m. -

Readers - Shelly Redden, Liz MacNeil. Eucharistic Ministers - Bernadette MacDougall (The Bread), Roy MacNeil (The Cup), Elizabeth MacNeil (The Cup). Hospitality - John Neil MacLeod, Buddy MacNeil, Timmy MacNeil, Brad Parks. Altar Servers - Riley, Sarah, Rory.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - 7 p.m. –

Readers – Charlene Ivany, Mary Ivey. Eucharistic Minister – Mary Ivey. Church cleaning for the week of December 17 – Kim Cameron.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - 6 p.m. -

Readers - Peggy, Fiona. Eucharistic Minister - Gerard. Hospitality - Roy, Len. Altar Server - Vince.

OFFERINGS	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Andrew's
(Dec. 10)			
Envelopes	\$ 1060.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 1160.00
Loose	66.00	30.60	25.00
Direct Dep.		245.00	
Building fund	25.00	5.00	
Donation	1000.00		
Fuel	5.00		
Cemetery			100.00
Flowers			70.00