

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3, 2017



REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

- Saturdays - St. Columba, Iona - 4 p.m.
- Saturdays - St. Mary's, Frenchvale - 6 p.m.
- Sundays - St. Michael's, Baddeck - 9 a.m.
- Sundays - Queen of the World, Wagmatcook - 10:15 a.m.
- Sundays - Holy Trinity, Waycobah - 12:15 p.m.
- Sundays - St. Andrew's, Boisdale - 4 p.m.

PRAYING FOR FR. PAUL: Recently Fr. Paul began a nice tradition of saying The Hail Mary after the Prayers for the Faithful. Let us continue this in his honour asking The Blessed Mother to grant him a speedy recovery and many years of good health as he continues to bring joy to our hearts, homes and communities.

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

ADVENT AT ST. MICHAEL'S: Kris Kringle ... just fill out a sheet with your family names and phone number, place in the basket and take another one out. Pray for that family during Advent and let them know at Christmas that you were their Kris Kringle! Also booklets for adults and children are available to take home.

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.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on CTV.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH on Sunday, December 3, from 2-4 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

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

MASS ON THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 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, Sydney River, at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, December 8. 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

CHRISTMAS TEA & BAKE SALE on Sunday, December 3, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boisdale Fire Hall. Admission is \$6. Includes door prizes, novelty table, crafts, various ticket draws including a Christmas Basket. Spon. by the Hills of Boisdale Community Association.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION on Violence Against Women, Community Vigil at the Visitor Information Centre, Baddeck, Thursday, Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. Join us to remember those women who have been victims of violence and to reflect on what we can do to declare that violence against women is unacceptable.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON featuring Choirs from the local area as well as special guests will take place at the Inverary Inn Conference Center on Thursday, December 7, at 7 p.m. in support of the Victoria County Memorial Hospital Foundation. There will be a goodwill offering at the door and all are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE: Frenchvale Senior's Club on Saturday, December 9. Traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings at 7 p.m., Dance 9 p.m. Music by Pam and Tim. Please call if you wish to attend – 902-794-2940 or 902-794-3999.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TEA & CEILIDH: Sunday, December 10, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grandona Legion, Iona. Christmas Carol Sing-along; Ticket Draw for "Treasure Chest"; Door Prize Draws. Admission \$5 (includes a lunch plate). Members & Guests.

HOLIDAY CONCERT: Come celebrate the holidays with Rankin School students as they present their Concert for the Holidays on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at Rankin School of the Narrows. Basket tickets will be on sale and a silver donation will be accepted at the door.

RANKIN HOME AND SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BASKET FUNDRAISER: If you would like to donate an item or service to the basket suggestions include candy, gift cards, chocolate, home décor items, Christmas decorations, dry goods for the Christmas pantry, mittens, etc. All revenue, generated through ticket sales, goes directly into our school and benefits all students. In an effort to help ensure our fundraiser is a success, please reach out to a student to purchase tickets and all donations would be gratefully accepted. Many Thanks, Rankin School Home and School.

THE ANNUAL WOOD TICKET SALE for St. Mary's, Frenchvale, has been launched. The prize is 4 cords of hardwood, cut, split and delivered within CBRM or \$500. Many thanks to MacInnis Lumber for the donation of the prize. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from Sheila at 902-794-4198 or Charlie at 902-794-2622. The draw takes place on Dec. 9.

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!

L'ARCHE CAPE BRETON CHRISTMAS TEA: Sunday, December 3, 2 p.m., Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre. Join us for Christmas music and a retelling of the Christmas story. Tea, treats and friendship in abundance! Free will offerings gratefully accepted.

HOLY FAMILY CONCERT: "A Glimpse of Christmas" featuring John & Patti Fukala and Special Guests. Sunday, December 10, Holy Family Hall, Sydney Mines, 7 p.m. Tea and cake served with prize draws. \$10 per person.

“THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR” – A Christmas Concert will be held in Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from any of the choir members, Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office or by calling Linda – 902-562-2957.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, December 9 - 4 p.m. - Readers - Pauline Campbell, Hugh MacKinnon. Eucharistic Ministers - Angela MacDougall (The Bread), Francis MacKinnon (The Cup), Barry George (The Cup). Hospitality - Pius Campbell, Neil James MacNeil, Timmy MacNeil, Brad Parks. Altar Servers - Riley, Grace, Rory.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, December 10 - 9 a.m. – Readers – Marie Hanam, Mary Ivey. Eucharistic Minister – Jim MacDonald. Church cleaning for the week of December 3 – Jeanette MacDonald. **MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Sunday, December 10 - 4 p.m.** - Readers - Anita, Blaine. Eucharistic Minister - Marie. Hospitality - Kenny, Joe. Altar Server - Pat.

| OFFERINGS (Nov. 26) | St. Columba | St. Mary's | St. Andrew's | St. Michael's |
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| Envelopes | \$ 744.00 | \$ 292.05 | \$ 1110.00 | \$ 527.00 |
| Loose | 68.00 | 32.55 | 17.40 | 66.40 |
| Direct Dep. | | 245.00 | | |
| Building fund | 20.00 | | | |
| Fuel | 10.00 | | | |