

**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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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
January 1, 2018**



*God our Father,
on this Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
give us an appreciation of the many gifts
You have given us during the past year.
Help us bless You in return during the coming year
by sharing some of our gifts with others who have far,
far less than we do.
Amen.*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE STARTING JANUARY 6/7:

Saturday January 6	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturday January 6	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	5.30 p.m.
January 6 Saturdays	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	6 p.m.
Sunday January 7	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m.
Sunday January 7	Queen of the World, Wagmatcook	10:15 a.m.
Sunday January 7	Holy Trinity, Waycobah	12:15 p.m.

THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OFFER PRAYER AND SYMPATHY TO:

The Family of Joseph MacKenzie, formerly of Christmas Island, father to Dale (Malcolm) Redden, Iona.

The Family of William 'Bill' Schemm, MacAdams Lake, from the Parish of St. Mary's, Frenchvale.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to all who decorated St. Michael's for Christmas & special thanks to Allister & Mary Nicholson for the lovely wreaths!

HEALING MASS at Saint Joseph's, North Sydney: On Monday, January 8, starting at 7 p.m. Fr. Patrick O'Neill will be celebrating a Healing Mass. After Holy Mass there will be prayer teams set up for individual prayer. Alan Gale (formerly from the group Four for the Lord) will be providing music that is praise and worship and very prayerful. Come out and join us!

ECUMENICAL SERVICE: On Sunday, January 14, there will be an Ecumenical Service at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot St., Sydney, at 3 p.m. in honour of Church Unity Week.

PRAYING FOR FR. PAUL: 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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY OF DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH PARENTING TIP: The New Year is a time for all of us to reflect on the past and see if positive changes are needed in our lives. Are there changes you would like to see in your family - more time spent together, a greater number of meals shared as a family, increased sharing of events in each other's lives, or an increase in peaceful family time? Discuss what changes each family member would like to see and then write out an action plan - a how to, so you will accomplish one or two of your goals. Your children will learn how to set goals and action plans, while all of you will benefit from positive changes that will strengthen your relationship as a family.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: A very sincere thank you to all who donated towards the purchase of Christmas Flowers for our altars. The churches were decorated beautifully!!!

CHURCH ENVELOPES: It is important when using your church envelopes for the first few times this year that you put your name and address on those envelopes so that we can properly receipt those contributions.

PRE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS 2018 at the Family Service Office, Glace Bay on February 17 & 18, 2018; April 28 & 29, 2018; and June 23 & 24, 2018. Pre-registration is required by phoning 902-849-4772 or 902-539-6868.

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.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, January 6 - 4 p.m. -
 Readers - Hugh MacKinnon, Pauline Campbell. Eucharistic Ministers -
 Anne MacKinnon-Parks (The Bread), Wendy MacNeil (The Cup),
 Francis MacKinnon (The Cup). Hospitality - Buddy MacNeil, Brad
 Parks, Timmy MacNeil, John Neil MacLeod. Altar Servers - Riley,
 Grace, Simon, Rory.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, January 6 - 5:30 p.m.
 - Readers - Blaine, Anita. Eucharistic Minister - Marie. Hospitality -
 Roy, Len. Altar Server - Emma.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, January 7 - 9 a.m. -
 Readers – Charlene Ivany, Peggy MacKinnon. Eucharistic Minister –
 Jim MacDonald. Church cleaning for the week of December 31 –
 Harriet MacLeod.

OFFERINGS	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
(Dec. 24/25)			
Envelopes	\$ 693.00	\$ 1987.00	\$ 1700.25
Loose	617.25	516.05	164.65
Direct Dep.		245.00	
Building fund	20.00		
Donation	2500.00	500.00	
Flowers	50.00	25.00	
Christmas Off.	5075.00		
Cemetery		5.00	
Evan of Nat.		5.00	
Needs of Church		5.00	
Talbot House		5.00	

*Happy
New Year*