

**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 LENT
March 5, 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 - 11:30 a.m.
Sundays - St. Andrew's, Boisdale - 4 p.m.

THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OFFER PRAYER AND SYMPATHY TO:

The Family of Margaret Anne (Peggy) Thompson, Saint John, NB, sister to Leo (Edie) MacDougall, Michelle (Michael Dan) MacNeil and Charlene (Dan Joseph) MacNeil.
May she rest in peace. Amen.

AD LIMINA VISIT: Bishop Dunn will be making an *ad limina* Visit to Rome during the month of March. The visit '*ad limina Apostolorum*' is designed as an opportunity for each bishop to strengthen his own responsibility as a successor of the Apostles and to strengthen his bonds of being in communion with the Successor of Peter. The two basic purposes for the visit include: a) to venerate the tomb of the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul; b) to meet with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome. An important element of the visit involves a visit with the Holy Father and a discussion with him about questions concerning pastoral ministry within the Church today. This meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16. The *ad limina* visit usually takes place every five years; however, it has been much longer than five years since the Bishops of Canada have made a visit, due to special Jubilee Years when there are no *ad limina* visits. All the bishops of Atlantic Canada will be making their visit together from March 11 to March 22. Please pray for Bishop Dunn as he makes this *ad limina* visit to Rome.

FIRST COMMUNION: First Communion for St. Barra Parish, Iona, will be held in May of this year – exact date will be announced a little later. If your child is eligible for First Communion and has not yet registered, please email stcolumba.iona@ns.sympatico.ca or phone Josie, 902-725-2173.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION FOR ENGAGED COUPLES: The following courses are being offered by Family Service of Eastern NS and our local deaneries. Fee: \$100. Register by calling 902-849-4772. April 29 & 30, at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River. June 24 & 25, at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River.

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

STEBENVILLE ATLANTIC: Steubenville Atlantic is the annual high school youth conference at Dalhousie University on July 7 - 9. 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!

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for Glenna Gaudley: Come and join us for a celebration honoring Glenna's 90th Birthday. We will celebrate Mom's special milestone on Sunday, March 5, at the Parish Centre from 2 to 4 p.m.

BOISDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: There will be a regular meeting of the Boisdale Historical Society at the AA Rooms in Boisdale on Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

FRENCHVALE & AREA COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS (FACE) meeting on Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the Frenchvale Road Fire Hall.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION on Saturday, March 11, at the Boisdale Fire Hall from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Darrell Keigan, Stuart MacDonald and Special Guests, The Fitzgerald School of Irish Dance. Renowned Boisdale Chili and biscuits available.

AUCTION: "Ladies Night Out" Annual St. Patrick's Day Auction will be held on Saturday, March 11, at Blues Mills Fire Hall, starting at 7 p.m. (viewing at 7 p.m.) Adm. \$2. Lunch will be served after the auction. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary, Blues Mills Fire Dept. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and frolic.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE at the Frenchvale Senior's Club on Saturday, Mar. 18, from 8 p.m. until Midnight. Beef Stew and Rolls will be served during the dance. \$12.00/pp. Music by Pam and Tim. Call 902-794-2940 for information. Pay at the door.

GAELIC IMMERSION SESSIONS every Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 335 Farrell Road, Benacadie. \$10/day. Bring your own lunch. Please call Stacey for further information, 902-622-2888.

WINTER YOGA takes place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Boisdale Fire Hall. Classes are \$5 per session. Please bring a mat and blanket and wear comfortable clothing. If you have any questions, contact Anita MacKinnon at 902-871-2074.

ADULT CHAIR FITNESS CLASS continues on Tuesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **BACK TO BASICS FITNESS CLASS** continues on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 per class. All classes held at St. Columba Parish Centre with Instructor Theresa MacLean, PTS, FIS.

CARD GAMES: Tuesdays – Senior’s Club, Frenchvale – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Boisdale Fire Hall – 8 p.m.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, March 11 - 4 p.m. - Readers - Shelly Redden, Peggy MacKinnon. Eucharistic Ministers - Anne MacKinnon-Parks (The Bread), Angela MacDougall (The Cup), Florence MacNeil (The Cup). Hospitality - Austin & Cynthia MacKenzie, Neil James MacNeil, Neil MacNeil. Altar Servers - Grace, Hannah K., Katherine.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, March 12 - 9 a.m. - Readers - Bernice Grant, David Fraser. Eucharistic Minister - Bernice Grant. Church cleaning for the week of March 5 - Harriet MacLeod.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Sunday, March 5 - 4 p.m. - Readers - Joe, Kenny. Eucharistic Minister - Gerard. Hospitality - Roy, Len. Altar Server - Pat.

OFFERINGS (Feb. 26)	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Envelopes	\$ 1114.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 386.00
Loose	67.00	5.55	107.85
Building Fund	520.00		
Weekly Direct Deposit		245.00	
Cemetery		30.00	
St. Barra Cem.	25.00		
St. Columba Cem.	220.00		
Fuel	20.00	10.00	
Initial Offering	5.00		

LENTEN QUOTE: “Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is good... Everyone has his own idea of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them. That would be enough to make the world a better place.” Pope Francis.