

**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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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
May 28, 2017**

**Go therefore
and make
disciples of all
nations ...**

- Matthew 28:19

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.**

UPDATE FROM FR. PAUL: I saw the surgeon in Halifax this week, and now know that I have cancer of the lung. The plan at this point is to remove the entire left lung, followed by chemo and radiation. The surgery will be done in Halifax and though I have no specific date, it will likely be mid to late June. Thank you for your support and prayers. I will continue to follow a rather limited schedule in terms of work. Thanks again to Fr. Raj for all of his assistance. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

AN HOUR WITH MARY: Holy Redeemer Parish Catholic Women's League will be hosting "An Hour With Mary" Sunday, May 28, from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church. There will be prayer, music, benediction and exposition. All are invited to join us.

THE MOTHER OF SORROWS PIONEER SHRINE in Mabou has been open for visitation all winter. The gift shop is now open daily (Sundays and holidays included) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the months of May and June. Summer hours start on July 1 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For further information please call 902-945-2221. Thank you.

CURSILLOS: Women's Cursillo: June 8-11. There are openings. If you would like more information, please contact the following; New Waterford /Glace Bay area – Kevin or Karen McSween, 902-862-8517; Sydney/Sydney River – Betty Lahey, 902-577-3604 or Marie Burke, 902-549-3866; North Sydney/Sydney Mines/Bras d'Or, – Lorena Capstick, 902-736-0843; Richmond County – Gary David, 902-631-1734.

STEBENVILLE ATLANTIC: July 7 - 9 at the Dalhousie University for high school students ages 14 - 18. If you are interested in attending or sending someone to join us, or for more info, email nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca or call 902-539-6188, ext. 241. Steubenville is an unforgettable experience, we hope that you'll join us.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE: St. Jude, apostle of Christ, the Church honors and prays to you universally as the patron of hopeless and difficult cases. Pray for us in our needs. Make use, we implore you, of this powerful privilege given to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is needed. Pray that we humbly accept the trials and disappointments mistakes which are a part of our human nature. Let us see the reflection of the offerings of Christ in our daily trials and tribulations. Let us see in a spirit of great faith and hope the part we even now share in the joy of Christ's resurrection, and which we long to share fully in heaven. Intercede that we may experience this joy in answer to our present needs if it is God's desire for us. (*Here make your request.*) We know that our prayers will be heard through your intercession. Amen.

SPRING TEA AND SALE will be held at the Boisdale Firehall on Sunday, May 28 , 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 which includes a delicious lunch. There will also be a Bake and Plant sale, door prizes, ticket and novelty sales.

CLAN MACNEIL MEETING will be held on Sunday, May 28, at the Christmas Island Fire Hall at 2 p.m.

THE CHRISTMAS ISLAND & AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE will be hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Our Community Liaison Officer, Chuck Romard, will be in attendance to discuss recent break-ins and safety procedures. Also, the Fire Department will do a brief presentation on its services and dealing with emergencies. Finally, there will be a draw for "a grand in the hand" fundraiser (tickets are \$10 each and are available from Fire Dept. members, only 200 tickets available for a chance to win \$1000) that the Fire Dept. has launched. Mark the date on your calendar and come out for a cup of tea and lots of information. Everyone welcome.

THE CHRISTMAS ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. future monthly meetings have changed to the third Wednesday of the month, rather than the third Tuesday. Also, the Ways & Means Committee meetings have changed to the second Wednesday, rather than the second Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND FUNDRAISER 'A GRAND IN THE HAND': Win! Win! Win! \$1000. Tickets \$10 each, drawing May 31, at 7 p.m. only 200 tickets available. See any member for tickets or at Bingo! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity. We will be doing this draw each and every month until December. Get your lucky numbers now! Sponsored by Christmas Island Fire Department.

ÀROS NA MARA WORLD OCEANS DAY FESTIVAL – June 8-11, – The Port of Iona and the Barra Strait comes alive with festivities acknowledging World Oceans Day. We are teaming up with Cape Breton University and Louisbourg Seafoods for our 3rd annual entertainment event on Sunday, June 11, as we celebrate World Oceans Day. Join our family fun and ocean-themed festival and enjoy scientific and interactive displays, children's games, and historical demonstrations. For further updates: www.arosnamara.com

THE ANNUAL YARD & BAKE SALE at the St. Columba Parish Centre will take place on Saturday, July 8. Please keep us in mind for donations. More information later. St. Barra Parish Ways & Means Committee.

BOBBER RACE: The Annual Christmas Island Fire Dept. bobber race is scheduled for Sunday, August 6. More details to follow.

RANKIN SCHOOL OF THE NARROWS: If anyone is splitting perennials this spring and would like to donate them to the school, please feel free to drop them off at the school at anytime or call the school to make arrangements.

SPRING YOGA - BOISDALE FIRE HALL takes place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. 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.

THE ANNUAL WALK-FOR-LIFE will take place Sunday, June 11, at 2 p.m. We will meet at Saint Anthony Daniel's Church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to organize. Walk takes 40 minutes. Bring a friend! See you there! Contact Bill Forgeron @ 564-6966 for more information.

LITTLE NARROWS KNITTING CLUB at the Community Centre will be held every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your project or learn to knit or crochet. Children and adults welcome. Adm. \$2. for hall upkeep.

CARD GAMES: Tuesdays - Washabuck Community Centre - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays – Senior's Club, Frenchvale – 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays – Boisdale Fire Hall – 8 p.m.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, June 3 - 4 p.m. - Readers - Pauline Campbell, Shelly Redden. Eucharistic Ministers - Betty MacNeil (The Bread), Florence MacNeil (The Cup), Sharon MacNeil (The Cup). Hospitality - Timmy & Rory MacNeil, John Neil MacLeod, Neil James MacNeil. Altar Servers - Grace, Katherine, Simon. **MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, June 4 - 9 a.m.** - Readers - Bernie MacDonald, Charlene Ivany. Eucharistic Minister - Charlene Ivany. Church cleaning for the week of May 28 – Holly MacInnis. **MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Sunday, June 4 - 4 p.m.** - Readers - Joe, Kenny. Eucharistic Minister - Jane. Hospitality - Kenny, Joe. Altar Server - Gerard.

OFFERINGS	St. Columba	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Andrew's
(May 21)				
Envelopes	\$ 601.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 298.00	\$ 815.00
Loose	75.00	39.80	176.20	91.65
Weekly Direct Deposit		245.00		
Papal Charities	145.00	50.00		
Cemetery		30.00		10.00
Bldg. Fund		5.00		
Fuel		5.00		
Special Col.				30.00