

HOLY ROSARY PARISH - WESTMOUNT, NS

PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY

MASS TIMES: SATURDAY – 4:15 P.M. – SUNDAY – 10:00 A.M.



March 7th & 8th, 2020

THEME Today we are invited to ponder the mystery of the Cross. Through the cross, Jesus entered into his glory. For we, his followers, there is no better way.

COLLECTION: \$1,650.00 - Income Tax receipts for contributions for 2019 are now available at the church entrance.

DAILY MASS: Monday at 9:00 a.m. - Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. – Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

TONIGHT (SUNDAY): Evening Prayer of the church at 7:00 p.m.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Bulletin notices can be sent to Donna Lewis by e-mail at donna.lewis@intact.net or by phone at 902-564-2047. It would be appreciated if all notices could be received by Thursday at noon. Thank-you.

ANNUAL MISSION: St. Andrew's, Boisdale – There will be a Mission preaching (annual retreat) by Fr. Vergheese from Tuesday, March 10th to Thursday, March 12th at the church in Boisdale from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All those interested are most welcome!

MISSION: Parish of Saint Leonard, 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan. Monday March 30th, to Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. - Theme – The Mercy of God.

POPE FRANCIS ON ASH WEDNESDAY: The ashes received at the beginning of Lent should affect our thoughts serving as a reminder that as God's children, we cannot spend our lives chasing dust. Particles of dust are the fleeting realities of this world, such as living only to earn money, to have a good time, to be prestigious or get a promotion at work. We live for so much more for we are meant to make God's dream a reality and to love. Ashes are sprinkled on our heads so that the fire of love can be kindled in our hearts. We are citizens of heaven and our love for God and neighbor is our passport to heaven. Earthly possessions will prove useless, much like dust that scatters. Yet the love shared within the family, at work, in the Church and the world will endure.

ANNIVERSARY: Friday, March 13th is the Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis in 2013.

EASTER FLOWERS: Memorial donations for Easter flowers can be put in the weekend collection in an envelope indicating your name and name of your loved one in whose memory the donation is being made.

PRE-MARRIAGE PROGRAM DATES: June 6th & 7th, 2020 at Family Service office, 9 Minto Street, Glace Bay. Participants must call (902) 849-4772 to pre – register.

SHOUT FOR JOY YOUTH RALLY: The Diocese of Antigonish Youth Ministry Presents **Shout for Joy Youth Rally** - Sunday, April 26th at 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Leonard's Pastoral Center 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan, New Waterford. Free admission to the hottest Event of the Season for youth Please register by April 1st by contacting Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP: The Cape Breton Ostomy support group will meet on Thursday, March 12th at 2pm – 4 pm at the South Bar Fire Hall, South Bar. Guest Speaker will be Avery Tremblett – Dietitian with Sobeys. This group is for those who have an ostomy, will be having an ostomy and their support person. For more information, contact Stasia at 902-562-1367 – Please note if school is cancelled due to weather, the support group meeting will be cancelled.

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP: March 21st 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish of St. Leonard, 5310 Union Highway. Potluck lunch – For further info contact Winnie Odo at twinnicodo@seaside.ns.ca or by phone at 902-862-2330. Please join us as we reflect on the theme « *For Our Common Home* » with a focus on the Amazon region and the threats that the mining and other extractive industries pose to its' inhabitants. We hope to exchange ideas by working together to help these Indigenous people who are the guardians and protectors of the Amazon and its' vital eco-system and to help all of us protect « Our Common Home ».

FR. GREG MACLEOD LECTURE SERIES: Bringing the University and Community together through faith and reason. Community or Corporatization: Does the University have a future? Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. Vershuren Lecture Hall (CS104) CBU. Light refreshments provided. Sponsored by: CBU Chaplaincy and the Newman Society. In a world of increasing polarization, how can universities promote a culture of dialogue?

FRENCH MASS : Il y aura une messe en français au Centre Communautaire Etoile de l'Acadie, samedi le 14 mars, 2020 à 17:30. Un souper de genre " Pot Luck " suivra avec de la musique française par Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Tous sont les bienvenus! There will be a Mass in French at the Centre Communautaire Étoile de L'Acadie on Saturday March 14, 2020 at 5:30PM. Pot Luck supper to follow along with french music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome!

CWL: Caring for Our Common Home.



SOCIAL AFTERNOON: Our next Social Afternoon will be held on Wednesday, March 4th in the glebe basement at 1:00 p.m. All ladies welcome.

GENERAL MEETING: Rescheduled for Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 p.m. the Glebe basement. Our Annual Blind Auction will take place at this meeting and a good attendance is appreciated.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Will be held on April 25th at St. Theresa's in Sydney. If planning to attend, please contact Jenny or Georgette before April 8th. More discussion at Sunday's meeting.

MASS CARDS: Mass cards can be obtained for an offering of \$10.00 from Jo-Anne Currie and Evie O'Rourke, Mass cards are also available at the Glebe House and before and after the weekend

Masses.

POP TABS & EYEGLASSES: This collection is ongoing.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS: Group #3

LOAVES & FISHES: Group #1

CHURCH LINENS: March – Margie Wadden

Loving God May the sacred season of Lent be a grace-filled time to rekindle our love and faith in you.

CURSILLO: Women's - May 14th -17th, Men's May 21st -24th, openings are available if interested in attending please call Kevin or Karen McSween at (902) 862- 8517, Sean or Roberta O'Leary at (902) 539-4692, Burt or Claudia Aucoin at (902) 578-1266 or Gary David (902) 631-1734.

ST. PATRICK'S VARIETY CONCERT: Northside Firemen's Club, Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. Admission – Free Will Offering – 50/50 draw and Toonie Sweet Bag. Loonie bottled water and free tea & coffee. Featuring: Singers, dancers, fiddlers & musicians. Sponsored by St. Joseph's CWL. Phone 794-3772 for more information.

FUNDRAISER: Atlantic Memorial Park – The AMP Society presents a Variety Concert Fund Raiser at Holy Family Parish Hall, Sydney Mines on March 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets \$ 20.00. Fabulous entertainment for a wonderful cause! For tickets phone 902-736-0802.

CONCERT: Cape Breton Chordsmen & United Heritage church present "Great is Thy Faithfulness. Featuring, Cape Breton Chordsmen, Keltic Gospel Male chorus, Quarter Deck, Ken Chisholm, Quattro, Helles Belles, Shauna Doolan & Choir, Mike Finnigan, Audience Sing-a-long. Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. Admission \$ 20.00. United Heritage Church is located at the corner of Townsend & Charlotte Streets, Phone Steven for more information - 902-322-8470

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CONCERT: Sunday, April 5th at Holy Family Church, Sydney Mines. 7:00 p.m. Cost \$ 10.00 – All proceeds go to Faith Formation. For more info, contact Harry Blinkhorn at 902-736-2972

SUPPORT GROUP: Living with Cancer Support Group, a support group for those who have had a diagnosis of cancer, for their family, caregivers will meet Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier), Victoria Road. – For more information contact Alicia at 902-567-8556 (at the Cancer Center)

SHARING OUR STORIES OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY: "How does God show his love" With great things? No, he becomes small with gestures of tenderness, goodness so he can reach us, and we carry it forward." (Pope Francis)

They work among us every day, greatly appreciated but often unnoticed. They are examples of corporal Works of Mercy and hearing their stories can bring each of us closer to this great mystery and gift from God. There are seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give alms to the poor, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead. Our diocese and parishes have many ministries for caring Corporal Works of Mercy: Youth Ministry, Mass for Shut-Ins, and sacramental preparation, to name a few. There are also the daily tasks often taken for granted: Office administration, maintenance, fundraising, home visiting. A small routine task offered frequently with devotion is as important as a long-standing volunteer commitment. Do you know someone in your parish or ministry whose deeds and devotion are an example of Corporal Works of Mercy: It could be a volunteer who shovels the church steps after every storm, a parishioner who makes meals for the homebound each week, someone who through small, committed acts share the love and light of God to countless others. Our Eucharist committee would like to share their inspiring stories in the weeks leading to our Diocesan Eucharistic congress on June 12th to the 14th in Membertou. If you know of a story to share, please contact Jennifer Hatt by 902-759-2181 or at Jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca by April 1st.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS: Every Sunday at 6:30 – Evening Prayer. Every **Wednesday** at 7:00 p.m., from March 3rd - 31st. A scriptural study focusing on the scriptures of the sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday - the themes, the meaning and the reasons these readings were chosen for the Triduum. Every **Tuesday** at 7:00 p.m. from March 4th – April 1st: A study session on the encyclical Laudato Si and its implications for ecology, social justice and spirituality.

ULTREYA: Ultreya will be held March 26th at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church. This month we welcome Bishop Kirkpatrick. All Cursillistas, please feel free to come and welcome our new Bishop to our Cursillo Community. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

PARISH RETREAT FOR LENT: St. Joseph Parish, North Sydney – Saturday, March 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Deacon Michael Doyle will give three retreat reflection on the retreat theme: Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.