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### **December 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2017 – First Sunday of Advent**

**Note from Fr. Bill:** During this time of restructuring and revitalizing in our Diocese, we are being invited to pray with the Sunday Gospel each week by using the method of 'Lectio Divina'. We had an information and practice session with this method of prayer this past Wednesday with 30 people attending. There are pamphlets describing what Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is and the steps to follow when praying it as an individual or in a small group. These pamphlets are available on the Adult Faith Formation Bulletin Board in the Parish Center. It is easy to follow. Pick one up and give it a try. If you would like to join a group to pray this once or twice a week, just leave your name at the Parish Office (444-6001).

**ECMA Winner Becka deHaan in Concert, Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at St. Dunstan's Church. A free will offering will be collected with proceeds going to the Fredericton Homeless Shelters. This is an Advent concert exploring the joy, trial and triumph of Blessed Mary in proclaiming the Birth of Emmanuel, God with us.** Becka deHaan has been on the Fredericton music scene since 2008. She holds a certificate of Grade 10 Piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music and a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and English from Canadian Mennonite University. Career highlights include being the opening act for the East to West music festival in Shediac in 2014 and serving for four consecutive years as music leader at the New Brunswick Christian Ashram from 2014 to 2017, and she is currently music director at the Lincoln Baptist Church. She has released two full-length albums, and a third is on the horizon. Her second record, "Long-awaited, Unexpected: Songs for Christmas," received the 2014 East Coast Music Award for Gospel Recording.

#### **Note from Fr. Bill regarding weekend Masses:**

Please take note that beginning this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd and 3rd, there will be three Weekend Masses at St. Dunstan's Church instead of four as follows:

**Saturday @ 5:00 pm, Sunday @ 9:00am and 11:30am. There will be NO 7:00 pm Mass.** The reason for this change is due to the new Mass schedule at St. Thomas University which now has Mass on Sunday evening @ 7:00pm. For many years there has been a commitment to make sure there is a Sunday evening Mass scheduled in the city of Fredericton to accommodate those who through work or other commitments have not been able to attend an earlier Mass. We are blessed that the Sunday evening Mass @ 7:00pm at St. Thomas University continues to provide this service. The Chapel at St. Thomas is on the main floor of Holy Cross House on Montgomery St. and there is ample parking on Sunday evenings in the parking lot beside Holy Cross House. Thank you to the many people who have taken on ministries at the 7 pm Mass to assure prayerful and vibrant liturgies for so many years.

**Regional Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Parish.**

**Advent Prayer Booklets - Please pick up one of the following Advent Booklets for yourself or your family to assist you on your Advent journey. They are on the tables at the entrances of the church.**

1. Oh Holy Night – Sarah A. Reinhard (Family Prayers)
2. Descend To Us, We Pray – Ben Haupt (Daily Prayers for Advent)
3. Word Made Flesh – Kate McGee (Daily Reflections)
4. Pope Francis In The Light of Hope – (Encouragement & Daily Prayers)
5. Advent Calendars

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

|      |                  |          |                            |
|------|------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| Wed  | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:30 pm  | Ron Gallagher              |
| Thur | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:05 pm | Dec members Legion of Mary |
| Sat  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 5:00 pm  | Marjorie Garneau           |
| Sun  | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9:00 am  | George & Mary Jane McGraw  |
|      |                  | 11:30 am | Isabel Mercer              |

Friday Mass is celebrated at St. Anthony's @ 10 am  
Our Lady of Fatima @ 11 am / St. Theresa's 12 noon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday's 4:00 – 4:30 pm

Legion of Mary – Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration following noon Mass until 2 pm  
Natural Family Planning [www.billings.life/en](http://www.billings.life/en) 450-9343

## Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

| Lectors                            | Eucharistic Ministers   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 5:00 Lilia Cozzarini<br>Verna Shaw | Patrick Tang (H2)<br>Evelyn Pollard<br>Krista Casey-Smith                                   |
| 9:00 Alice Coady<br>David Macneil  | Marg Denning (H2)<br>Jayne Nicki<br>Kate Black<br>Godwin Njoku<br>Hughena Macneil           |
| 11:30 Bev Woznow<br>Susan Kettela  | John Brennan (H2)<br>Jeannine Cochrane<br>Natali Caswell<br>Chris McAloon<br>Robert Michaud |

## November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

### Offertory (operating)

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Envelope                               | \$ 6,802.00 |
| Loose                                  | \$ 1,113.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)             | \$ 1,350.00 |
| Sub-Total                              | \$ 9,256.00 |
| Budget                                 | \$ 8,888.00 |
| Variance                               | \$ 377.00   |
| Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc) | \$ 659.00   |
| Kitchen Renovation                     | \$10,210.00 |

(Operating deficit to Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is \$25,193)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Friday  
December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 12:10 pm. A reception will follow in the  
Cathedral residence. Letter of invitation from  
Bishop Harris at the entrances of the church.

Available in the Parish Office  
2017-2018 Sunday Missals \$4 each  
Sunday Missal for Young Catholics \$7 each

## NECROLOGY

|        |                          |      |
|--------|--------------------------|------|
| Dec 4  | Mary Irene Lee           | 2005 |
| Dec 5  | Mary Powers              | 1970 |
|        | John Richard F Hayes     | 2001 |
|        | Doris Anne Fury          | 2008 |
| Dec 6  | Thomas D Lees            | 1980 |
|        | Geoffrey Richards        | 1982 |
|        | Elizabeth M Berthelet    | 1984 |
|        | Kathleen Mary Crowley    | 1994 |
|        | John Joseph Richard      | 2004 |
|        | Ronald Richard Gallagher | 2016 |
|        | Michael Joseph Darrah    | 2016 |
| Dec 7  | Msgr Charles T Boyd      | 1970 |
|        | Clarence J DesRosier     | 1981 |
|        | Wilson Joseph MacMillan  | 1991 |
|        | Bridie Collins           | 2001 |
| Dec 8  | George Beal Moore        | 1978 |
|        | Florence May Cluney      | 1982 |
|        | Rev Henry M Dobbeltsteyn | 1984 |
|        | Eugene John Rideout      | 1998 |
|        | James Robert Poitras     | 2001 |
|        | Walter Carney McGinn     | 2007 |
| Dec 9  | Ferdinand C Whalen       | 1982 |
|        | Mary May Hughes          | 1990 |
|        | Brian Joseph Ouellette   | 2005 |
|        | Mary Veronica McSorley   | 2013 |
|        | Gregory Lloyd Crawford   | 2016 |
| Dec 10 | Dr J Gerard DeGrace      | 1988 |
|        | Stanley George Ubsdell   | 1991 |
|        | M Theresa Herbert        | 2003 |
|        | Dorothy O'Rourke         | 2007 |
|        | Isabel Mercer            | 2016 |

## Faithful Departed

Andrew Nicholas, brother of Graydon  
Kalie Robichaud, daughter of Chris & Sheila



Sanctuary Lamp  
In Loving Memory of  
Patrick & Graham Boudreau

## Readings for December 3<sup>rd</sup>

1st Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3-8  
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Gospel Mark 13:33-37

ADVENT TALKS (Bishop Hockin) A Christmas Reset!  
Finding the DNA of the Holiday Season. Mondays  
December 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 at the Crowne Plaza.

**Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule** and Sign-up sheets for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Christmas and New Year's Masses will be available at next week.

**Regional Youth Group – (for youth grades 6-9) – Session 2 of 6. The Regional Youth Group is back up and running for another year. Come out and join us for a night of faith, fun and friendship!! Second Session is Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please note that all events will be held at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. For further information please contact your parish coordinator OR Margot McAloon-Parker at 444-6025.**

**Kitchen Renovation:** On the first week of December the kitchen renovation will be complete. At our last Annual Parish Meeting (April 2017) we let you know that the kitchen would be renovated at a cost of \$55K plus tax. In order to adhere to building codes and food safety policies this renovation required a complete upgrading to our kitchen structure including electrical, plumbing, counter tops, cabinets and flooring. The cost will actually be \$101 K with tax included. At that Parish Meeting, we were asked by some of those in attendance to put out an invitation to parishioners requesting donations towards this project. Given that we have not approached parishioners for over 6 years for assistance with any of the many projects we have done at the cost of \$814K, it seems timely that we make this request once again. We have relied heavily on our investments to fund all of the projects we have undertaken. We are now looking to fund some of our new projects, including this kitchen renovation, through new funding from whatever you are able to contribute. With the bulletin last weekend, Fr. Bill included a letter to parishioners detailing all of the capital projects we have done in the past 6 years with an envelope attached for donations as one possible way to contribute to this kitchen project. That letter and envelopes are available at the entrances to the church and at the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

**CWL NEWS ~ St. Dunstan's Parish Council CWL Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30 pm in the Helen O'Connor Hall of the MBFC.** (The deadline to purchase tickets has passed). Entertainment will be provided by Kate Black and friends. The regular monthly meeting will follow and the Election of Officers. Please bring your Acts of Kindness Booklet. Each member will have the opportunity to share one act of kindness.

## **ST. DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE UPDATE**

The Jesse Tree is set up at the Regent Street entrance with gift tags to support the 80 families we will sponsor this year. Please take a tag, write your name on one side and put it in the box provided. Keep the other side of the tag to purchase your gift. Return the package wrapped with the tag attached. We also need grocery items for our families. There are sheets at each church entrance with the program details and grocery items. Please contact Pat Campbell if you have any questions at 461-0081 or email [patcampbell@bellaliant.net](mailto:patcampbell@bellaliant.net) Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**

**2018 Offertory Envelopes are ready to pick up at the Regent Street entrance of the church.**

**Please write your name and address on your first envelope offered.**

*Once again, we invite parishioners to make a donation for 'Flowers' in memory of a loved one to help make our Church beautiful for Christmas. Please write **"FLOWERS"** on the front of your regular envelope and then write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the back or place a special envelope in the offering. Beautiful flowers will adorn the church and a special display listing all those being remembered will be placed next to the side Altar.*

**Note from Fr. Bill: We now have gluten free hosts for Communion.** To receive the gluten free consecrated hosts simply mention to the Minister of Communion that you want to receive 'gluten free'. There will be a small table on the step behind the Ministers of Communion with a ciborium (container with the consecrated hosts) on it. The Minister of Communion will lift the ciborium to you and will offer you Communion without touching the consecrated host by saying "The Body of Christ". You will say "Amen" and reach in to the ciborium (container of the consecrated host) and take one and receive it.

**McAdam's Funeral Home Memorial Tree Lighting** Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Fredericton Food Bank.

**Tour the Festival of Lights at Pine Grove Nursing Home. December 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Pine Grove Foundation accepts donations via donation boxes on the property, online through [Canadahelps.org](http://Canadahelps.org) or by mail. Tax receipts issued for donations of \$10 or more.**





## ***Revitalizing our Diocese - 17 November at 11:32 Churches and buildings: is a new start possible?***

One of the many considerations that have emerged in our revitalization and realignment process has been the impact on current church buildings and sites. Because we know that realignment will involve merging several parish communities into a single new parish. We know that we will not need all the buildings we have now. In some cases, people have asked whether it would be possible to build a new church, on an entirely new site.

The church buildings we use now were built in response to the needs of their time. People lived near them. They could travel to them. Their needs were met by the churches and public buildings of that era.

These are things we have considered in the context of realignment. We are merging communities into new parish communities in order to respond to present and future needs. In some cases it will make sense to build an entirely new building on a new site to replace the buildings currently used by the merged parishes.

There are a lot of factors to be considered before this step: the size, location and condition of present buildings, the changing needs of the newly merged community and the resources and energy available for such a step. A project of this scope can only be considered when the new community has been created and has begun its life.

Only the people of the new parish community can decide to embark on a project of this scale. While it will require approval by the diocese, a building project is a parish project and only the newly merged community can decide to take this step, with diocesan support. It will be up to the members of the new parish to decide if and when such a step should take place.

Fr. John Jennings

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