

St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

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REV. BILL BRENNAN, PASTOR

REV. MR. KENNETH PARKER, DEACON

December 17th, 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd - 4th Sunday of Advent – 5 pm

Sunday, December 24th - 4th Sunday of Advent – 9am (NO 11:30 Mass)

Christmas Eve 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 am (midnight)

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day 10:00 am – Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 30th 5pm - Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 31st 9 am & 11:30 am - Feast of the Holy Family

New Year's Day Monday, January 1st, 2018 11:00 am - Mary Mother of God

Children's Advent Mass and Birthday Celebration for the Christ Child THIS Sunday, Dec.17.

The children and youth in St. Dunstan's Faith Formation and Confirmation classes will be featured in the 9:00am Mass. The birthday celebration will take place afterwards in the gym with cake, ice cream and joyful music. Everyone is encouraged to join the young folks in the Mass and then come together for the fun afterwards. Small gifts for the Pine Grove Nursing Home and for the Veteran's Unit at the Chalmers will be collected prior to the start of the Mass that day. Sponsored by the parish's Children's Faith Formation Committee.

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).

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule and Sign-up sheets for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Christmas and New Year's Masses are at the Regent Street entrance of the church.

*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.*

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1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed	20 th	6:30 pm	Lindsay Thompson
Thur	21 st	12:05 pm	Bob Stevens
Sat	23 rd	5:00 pm	Brendon Oreto
Sun	24 th	9:00 am	Medley & Edna Crossman
		5:00 pm	Lorne & Sarah McQuade
		7:00 pm	Deceased Members of Cormier
		9:00 pm	Andrew Christie
		12:00 am	Harold & Marion Feeney
			Eileen McDonough
Mon	25 th	10:00 am	Byron Thomas Ramsay

**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
1st Friday Adoration following noon Mass until 2 pm
Natural Family Planning www.billings.life/en 450-9343

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule December 23rd & 24th

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:00 Mary Holland	Marie Costello (H2)
Lilia Cozzarini	Penny Hutley-Dobson
	Felipe Serrano
9:00 John Denning	Heather Maillet (H2)
Marg Denning	Peter Maillet
	Sonny Grasse
	Kate Black
	Pauline Arnold

December 9th & 10th

Offertory (operating)

Envelope	\$ 6,819.00
Loose	\$ 694.55
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$ 1,350.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 8,863.55</u>
Budget	<u>\$ 8,888.00</u>
Variance	(\$ 24.45)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 527.00
Kitchen Renovation	\$ 690.00

(Operating deficit to Sept 30th, 2017 is \$25,193)

Available in the Parish Office

2017-2018 Sunday Missals \$4 each

Sunday Missal for Young Catholics \$7 each

**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.**

NECROLOGY

Dec 18	Mary Rose McSorley	1971
	Rev. Everett Joseph Connors	1989
	Leo Losier	2004
Dec 19	Dorothy Thompson	1971
	James Wilson Paterson	1979
	Miles W Lynch	1987
	Rev. James Paul Mitchell	1989
Dec 20	Thomas Vincent Greene	1993
	Francis J. Toner	1975
	Rev. James Herbert Reinsborough	1982
Dec 21	Bertha Willett	1977
	Evelyn Mary Adams	1985
	Louise Winnifred Howes	1985
	Yvon Durand	2002
	Patricia Boudreau	2003
Dec 22	Mrs. Helen Hill	1970
	Ann M. Grannan	1971
	Joseph Gilbert Hughes	1979
	Barry John Burns	1999
	Joseph Aurelle Michaud	2003
	Joseph Arthur Steever	2012
Dec 23	Rebecca Hazel Carten	1994
	Brendon Layden Oreto	1998
Dec 24	Artemas Knee	2004
	Violet Evelyn Adams	2008
	Andrew Michael Christie	2011

Faithful Departed

Danny Connolly, nephew of Mac & Bernardine Carter



Readings for December 24th

1st Reading	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
2nd Reading	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38

Diocesan Catechist Retreat Who Am I Called to Be?

January 26-28th, 2018, Friday 8 pm – Sunday 1:00 pm,
Villa Madonna Retreat House Cost: \$175 (Includes accommodations & all meals). Retreat Facilitator - Fr. Owen Burns. To Register, please fill out registration form and forward to your Regional Catechetical Coordinator on or before January 19. Registration forms are available online <https://www.facebook.com/diocesesjreiform/> or from your parish coordinator. Saint John: Mary Alice: Tel: 653-6829 e-mail: sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org Fax: 653-6904.

CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE UPDATE

Contact: Pat Campbell 461-0081

THERE ARE STILL SOME GIFT TAGS ON THE JESSE TREE. ALL GIFTS NEED TO BE PURCHASED AND DROPPED OFF BY SUNDAY 19TH ... PLS AND TKS!

Sunday, December 17th - Volunteer Shoppers for any last minute gift items. Gym set up right after the Religious Education (Children's Faith Formation) Christmas Pageant.

Mon/Tues, Dec 18th & 19th - Volunteer Packers & Checkers for non-perishables starting at 10 am.

Thursday, December 21st - DELIVERY DAY
Volunteers will be needed to make deliveries beginning At 8:30 am. Volunteers needed to pack perishables.

Thursday, December 21st
Volunteers to Gym clean up. Once all the boxes and gifts have been delivered.

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**

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

"It's that time of year..." and we're at it again. The incomparable Michael Doherty tinkles the ivories and Ryan Tapley croons new arrangements, old favourites, and—as always—a healthy helping of good, old-fashioned Christmas cheer. Come on by Holy Family Church from 2:00 to 3:30 on 23 December; we'd love to have you join us. \$10 at the door.

Note from Fr. Bill regarding weekend Masses:

Please take note that we now have three weekend Masses instead of four as follows: beginning this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, **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.

Kitchen Renovation: The Kitchen Renovation is complete! Feel free to drop by and take a look at our beautiful new kitchen. 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 several weekends ago, 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.

Revitalization & Realignment - Continuing the Conversation #5

How will the bishop discern the decision for realignment?

Our diocese has been on a long journey to revitalization over the past two years. Part of the revitalization involves merging parishes communities to assist in bring new life to the Church in our area. In embarking on this journey the dioceses has tried to involve as many as we could in the process. Its beginning was with the general survey that invited input from the whole diocese in January 2016.

From the results of this survey and extensive other data, three regional committees composed of both laity and clergy were asked to suggest 2-3 models of parish realignment for revitalization in their regions. These suggestions were then taken to eight general consultations across the diocese open to all. Following the consultations, further feedback was invited by mail or by internet.

Throughout this nearly two-year process many efforts were made to keep our people informed and to invite their input. Regular communication included a link on the diocesan webpage to a continuous flow of information as well as a facebook page with entries inviting more feedback. As well, regular articles on the process were published in the New Freeman and efforts were made to have information provided in parish bulletins.

In January 2018, Bishop Harris will announce the final plan of realignment for revitalization of our diocese. This final plan will reflect the results of this multi-faceted process which attempted to reach as many in our diocese as possible.

In discerning the final plan, the bishop is being assisted by a Steering Committee composed of 15 persons, laity and clergy, drawn from the three regions of our diocese. Once the plan is announced, a series of committees, lay and clergy will be involved in the implementation process which will continue to September 2018 and beyond. The aim remains the revitalization our diocese as a community of disciples of Jesus, living and working in our local communities to share the Good News widely.

May God bless us with the gift of the Spirit as we use our gifts and energies for the sake of all.

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