

St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

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REV. BILL BRENNAN, PASTOR

REV. MR. KENNETH PARKER, DEACON

December 10th, 2017 – Second 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

The ***Children's Advent Mass and Birthday Celebration for the Christ Child*** will take place on **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. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend. 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).

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe - You are invited to a special Mass with Father Shawn Daley on Tuesday, December 12th, the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, at the Chapel at St. Thomas at 7 pm, to celebrate the **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada**.

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

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1st Reading: Isaiah 40:105, 9-11

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed	13 th	6:30 pm	Antonia DiPasquale
Thur	14 th	12:05 pm	Elaine Frances Young 1932-2009
Sat	16 th	5:00 pm	Reg Porter
Sun	17 th	9:00 am	Leo & Susan Losier
		11:30 am	Rose Heinsteint

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 16th & 17th

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:00 Curry Smith Spencer Smith	Evelyn Pollard (H2) Joseph O'Donnell Frances Briand
9:00 Jayne Nicki Catherine Harrop	Heather Maillet (H2) Peter Maillet Sonny Grasse Kate Black Pauline Arnold
11:30 John Brennan Marilyn Rowan	Doreen Cormier (H2) Carol Monterio Andrea McLaughlin Noreen Vaillancourt Maria Flores

December 2nd & 3rd

Offertory (operating)

Envelope	\$ 6 468.70
Loose	\$ 939.00
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$ 1,350.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 8,757.70</u>
Budget	<u>\$ 8,888.00</u>
Variance	(\$ 130.30)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 606.00
Kitchen Renovation	\$ 5,720.00

(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

Readings for December 17th

1st Reading	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel	John 1:6-8, 19-28

NECROLOGY

Dec 11	J Vincent Jamieson	1972
	Mrs Virginia Carroll	1975
	Joseph W O'Connor	1983
	Edward Daniel (Velpr) Keenan	1996
	Charles Herman Malchow	1999
	Antonio DiPasquale	2012
Dec 12	John C Lenihan	1971
	Thomas A Smith	1971
	Katherine Washburn	1973
	Elizabeth Donahoe	1977
	Gertrude Burns	1985
	Thomas Vincent Greene	1993
	David Patrick Simpson	1998
	Mary Ann Caverly	2000
	Ancel Lawrence Dubee	2000
	Prof. Reinhold G Kaiser	2016
Dec 13	Antoinia D'Amour	1970
	Margaret Ann Briggs	1974
	Mildred Hagerman	1975
	Ambrose Chambers	1987
	Loretta Katherine Cameron	2001
	Mathias Noel	2012
Dec 14	Clarence J Comeau	1973
	Vincent Joseph Carlin	1977
	Nancy Elizabeth Murdoch	2004
	Ruby Mary Murdoch	2011
	John James Barrett	2012
Dec 15	Mrs Elodie Neville	1970
	Edith Vera McInerney	1997
	Royden John Myshrall	2006
Dec 16	Rev Daniel F Johnston	1981
	Patricia Ann Richardson	1998
	Houla (Helen) Khoury	2003
	Dr. Generoso (Gene) Blando	2014
Dec 17	Rosalie Mary Losier	1980
	Mildred Rogers	1987
	Anne Elizabeth Acker	1994
	Harry James (Tommy) Malone	1994
	James Porter	1996
	Elaine Frances Young	2009
	John Harris Bent	2010

Faithful Departed

Alberta Maillet McDow, sister of Peter Maillet
Myrna Elaine Steeves, sister of David Ives
Ben Sylliboy, Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaw Nation



St. Dunstan's Parish Council CWL Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 5:00 pm Gathering and Social with Dinner served at 5:30 in the MBFC. 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.

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.

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.*

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**

ECMA Winner Becka deHaan in Concert, Saturday, December 9th @ 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.

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 two 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.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE UPDATE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Pat Campbell if you have any questions at 461-0081 or email patcampbell@bellaliant.net

Thursday, December 14 th	Gift Tag Writers - For those who have signed up to prepare gift tags, please come the MBFC at 10:00 am on the 14 th .
Friday, December 15 th	Those who have volunteered to come in to take inventory of non perishable items received are asked to come to the MBFC by 10:00 am
Sunday, December 17 th	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 18 th & 19 th	Volunteer Packers & Checkers for non-perishables beginning at 10:00 am.
Thursday, December 21 st	DELIVERY DAY – Volunteers will be needed to make deliveries beginning At 8:30 am. Volunteers needed to pack perishables.
Thursday, December 21 st	Volunteers to Gym clean up. Once all the boxes and gifts have been delivered.

INSTRUCTIONS ON TAKING A TAG: Each tag is numbered. There are two parts to each tag. One half has space for you to write your name and phone # on. This is the half you fill out and leave in the basket that is sitting on a table right next to the Jesse Tree. The other half lets you know what gift item you are asked to buy. Bring that half home with you. Then, once you have purchased the gift requested, wrap it up and tape the tag you kept to the gift. It is important that you attach the tag to the gift because that is how we know what is in the package and who it is for.

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Pastoral Care Visits at Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital: Please note if you or your family and loved ones are admitted to the Chalmers Hospital, and would like a visit from pastoral care, it is important that you advise the clerk at ADMITTING of your Roman Catholic faith. If you do not indicate your faith the computer system will automatically register you as not having any Faith and the Pastoral Care Team will not visit. This is the new Horizon Health Network SOP in Horizon Health.



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