PASTORAL STAFF:

Pastor: *Fr. Doug MacDonald 902-566-1812 (parish house)*
Associate Pastor: *Fr. George Palamattam*
Pastoral Associate: *Karen MacCannell 902-628-5416*
Unit Receptionist/Secretary: *Laurie Smythe*

PROPERTY & FINANCE CHAIRS:

St. Francis of Assisi: *Leonard Rogers*
St. Anne's Emyvale: *Vernon McQuillan*
St. Martin of Tours: *Gary Stewart*
Ad Omission for Burnside Community Care should be License # 86

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9th, 2018

Reflection

Pastors Notes:
In this weekend's gospel, John is speaking an uncomfortable truth, challenging us about our sinful behaviour, which we would rather not discuss. He's telling us that there is a wrong way to live and a right way. If we are to make a clear pathway for God to come into our hearts we have to turn away from sin, resolve to conduct ourselves better and humbly ask Jesus to give us his light instead.
There are pockets of silence every day, moments when we are alone and can turn to God in silent prayer. Time spent in prayer helps us to acknowledge our failings and gives us great courage in grappling with the shadow side of life. Prayer sharpens our ability to hear God's word and helps us come to terms with our inner emptiness which cries out for consolation. Through prayer we come to know God and enjoy the blessings that he wants to pour out upon us.
We are waiting for our God standing on the door-step of eternity. He is calling us home, offering us salvation in the person of his Son. On the first Christmas Day, he entered our world and opened the door to eternal life. This Advent let us ask the Spirit to lead us by prayer and repentance through the doorway. Then on his arrival we will be found without stain of sin and at peace.

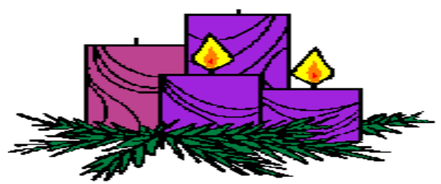
BULLETIN: Notices accepted for bulletin until Wed. mornings.

Prayer Line: Sylvia @ 902-621-0171

Reading for: December 16th/ Third Sunday of Advent

1) Zaphaniah 3. 14-18a **R)** Psalm Isaiah 12
2) Philippians 4. 4-7 **Gospel)** Luke 3. 10-18

~~~~~~~~~ REGULAR OFFICE HOURS~~~~~~~~~
Monday - Thursday 9:30am – 12pm & 1:30pm – 4pm
Friday 9:30am – 12:00pm



- The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Mass Schedule: December 10th – December 16th, 2018

Monday – December 10th – St. Francis 12:05pm
No Requested Intention
Tuesday – December 11th - St. Anne's 9:00am
No Requested Intention
Tuesday – December 11th – Beach Grove 10:30am
No Requested Intention
Wednesday – December 12th – St. Francis 12:05pm
No Requested Intention

Thursday – St. Anne's – No Winter Mass
Thursday – St. Martin's – No Winter Mass

Friday – December 14th – St. Francis 12:05pm
No Requested Intention
Friday – December 14th - Burnside Community Care – 10:00am
No Requested Intention
Saturday – December 15th - St. Francis – 4:00pm
For the Deceased Members of the MacDonald + Gallant Families

Sunday – December 16th – St. Francis – 9:00am
No Requested Intention
Sunday – December 16th – St. Anne's – 9:00am
For the Deceased Members of the McQuaid + Coady Families
Sunday – December 16th - St. Francis – 11:00am
For the People of Our Pastoral Unit
Sunday – December 16th – St. Martin's – 11:00am
No Requested Intention

~~~~~~~~~~Praying for the Sick~~~~~~~~~~~~

Your ongoing prayers are requested for the following:
Emmalee Gosby; Kellan McAdam; Gail + Lawson Gallant; Eugene Kelly; Hannah Richards; Sheila Bernard; Madelene Power; Terry McNeil; Mary Hogan; Marie McInnis; Bill McKenna; Daniel Hickey.

The Following is the schedule for Christmas Masses + New Year's Masses for the Pastoral Unit:

Christmas Eve Monday December 24th
St. Francis of Assisi - 4:00pm & 6:00pm
St. Anne's - 4:00pm (Tentative)
Annual Children's Christmas Pageant – prior to the Mass
St. Martin's - 7:00pm
Christmas Morning December 25th
St. Francis of Assisi 10:00am (only Mass in Pastoral Unit)
New Year's Eve December 31st
St. Anne's - 4:00pm
St. Francis of Assisi - 6:00pm
New Year's Day January 1st
St. Martin's - 10:00am

Martin of Tours. Cumberland

St. Martin's Cleaners: **Dec. 9th + 16th):** Marshall and Helen Clow
(Dec. 23rd + 30th): Leigh + Carol Carragher
Family of the Month for December: Martha + Dave Penney + Donna Cawley
Linens for December: Martha Penney

St. Anne's, Emyvale

Liturgical Ministries **December 2018**

Date	Lector	Euch. Mins.	Gift Bearers	Collection
Dec. 9th	Theresa H.	Garth	The Dugay	Brendon McQ
	Wayne MacL	Carragher	Family	Ray G.
Dec. 16th	Tom Coady	Monica	Jeff + Detry	Frank C.
	Vernon McQ	Callaghan	Carragher	Garth C.
Dec. 23rd	Cecelia C.	Marie	Shannon +	Vernon McQ
	Shirley G.	Kelly	Bob MacL	Brian C.
Dec. 24th	Angela H.	Dianne	Patricia +	Tom C.
	Brendan K.	McQuillan	John Stewart	Donnie MacK
Dec. 30th	Marie Kelly	Shirley	Andrea + Greg	
	Patricia S.	Griffin	Dawson	

St. Anne's church will once again be having a **Christmas Concert** to help raise funds for the church. We have a variety of musical talent including Brian Dunn, Nathan Carragher, Leah Ellis, Ally MacLeod and Liah Clayton, Melanie Taylor and guests, and many more!! Please come out and enjoy some beautiful music that will be sure to get you into that Christmas spirit!! We will also be selling homemade fudge! **Thursday, December 13, 2018, 7pm $10/person. Kids under 10 years old are free!**

St. Anne's Cleaners Schedule: December 9th – Anne Gairns
December 16th – Angela, Andrea, Shannon + Nikki Cavelle

~~CWL NEWS – For the Pastoral Unit~~

St. Francis CWL: Next Monthly CWL Monthly Meeting will be January 8th, 2019. There will not be a mass prior as Fr. George will be away.
St. Anne's CWL: St. Anne's C.W.L. meeting on Thurs. Dec. 13th @ 10:00am in the church vestry.
St. Anne's CW.L.is planning a fund raiser by selling tickets on a basket or baskets of goodies (depending on how many items we get). Items can be placed in a box at the back of the church until Dec.16th. Tickets will be available for sale from Dec. 2nd to Dec. 16th, at the back of the church. The draw will be Dec.16th after Mass. Any contributions you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Thank-you!! **Ladies Neighborhood Luncheon** on Tues. Dec. 11th, @11:30am @ Quality Inn (Inn on the Hill)
C.W.L. membership for 2019 can be paid anytime. New members are WELCOME Jan. 2019 is C.W.L membership month there is a C.W.L. envelope in the 2019 Sunday envelope box. Thank-you!!
P.E.I. CWL. Catholic Girls Bursary applications forms are available. Deadline to apply is Jan.31st, 2019. Contact Marie K (902-621-0368) if you want an application form. Thank-you!!
St. Martin's CWL: CWL meeting after mass on **Dec 9th** in the vestry

~~~~~~The K of C Knightly News~~~~~~

Our annual ***Keep Christ in Christmas*** **Poster Challenge** ends next week with posters due by Fri. noon Dec. 14th. Any questions may be directed to Council Faith Director Basil Favaro at 902 569 8826 or bfavaro@pei.sympatico.ca/
Our annual **Christmas Tree Sale** continues at Don Leary's Independent Grocer Regular hours from 1pm – 8pm except Sundays 1pm – 5pm.
~ ~ This year's **Candlelight Carol Service at Holy Redeemer** will be presented on Sunday, December 16th at 7:30 PM in the church on Pond Street.
The Carol Service will continue, with Travis Boudreau as director, as in the past with inspirational Christmas readings and a number of Carols – most traditional and a few new ones. Come and use this service to add to your preparation for Christmas. Admission will be by donation.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a ***Sunday Missal for Young Catholics*** *they are available from Laurie at the Parish Office. Fee $5.00*

The 8th annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will take place at the farm of Chyrs and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove, this weekend, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm each evening. There will be Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, shepherds, kings, angels and live animals along with a choir singing Christmas songs. Freewill donations for the Children's Wish Foundation and Santa's Angels.

Unit Notes

"Nativity Exhibition" St. Francis of Assisi: Friday, December 14th, from 6 - 9 pm, Saturday, December 15th, from 10 am - 8 pm and Sunday, December 16th, from 12 - 4 pm, in the basement of
St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Hall, Cornwall: come *to admire* ***more than 125 nativity scenes*** *with 35 more on sale!* From the most realistic to the tiniest!
We will have a children's corner, songs, and more!
Free admission but donations appreciated.

To help promote the concept of ***Keep Christ in Christmas***, members of our Good Shepherd Pastoral Unit are challenged to erect an **outside Nativity Scene**. It need not be elaborate...Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, viewed from the street, are the only requirements...the construction of a manger and/or the addition of shepherds, animals, and kings would be extra. The family which best exemplifies the **Keep Christ in Christmas theme** will win $100!! Judging will be conducted on the evening of Friday, December 21 by a committee of Knights.
Thus, illumination of the Nativity Scene is essential. Families wishing to have their entry judged are to register by calling
Claude Parent at (902) 675-3859 before midnight Wed, December 19th
Questions pertaining to this project may also be addressed to Claude.
CLERGY CHANGES: The following changes are effective on January 8th, 2019: Reverend Keith Kennific, presently pastor of St. Bonaventure's Parish, Tracadie Cross, St. Michael's Parish, Corran Ban + St. Eugene's Parish Covehead;
Appointed rector of St. Dunstan's Basilica, Charlottetown. Reverend Gerard Chaisson, presently on sabbatical, appointed pastor of St. Bonaventure's Parish, Tracadie Cross, St. Michael's Parish, Corran Ban, +St. Eugene's Parish, Covehead.

Halifax is set to host a **Level 1 Formation Course** for those desiring to be formed as Catechists with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). The Level 1 training relates to forming children aged 3-6 years in the Faith and is the foundation of further training with CGS. This course will be offered in two parts, February + April at St. Agnes Church in Halifax. For info go to www.cgsac.ca and scroll down to "Upcoming Formation Courses."
Please join our paramedics at **Island EMS** for their annual **Pack the Back of an Ambulance** being held at Summerside and Charlottetown Walmart's on December 15th from 12 to 5.
They will be accepting un- wrapped toys and food to help needy families this Christmas in partnership with the Salvation Army. Thanking you all in advance for your support. For info call Mike Mackenzie 902-393-6241.

Fr. George has a book, **SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS,** ***Sundays & Solemnities***, These are reflections on the scriptural texts for Sundays and solemn feasts of the church for the liturgical year C. They are not homilies. However, they were written while preparing for homilies. They may help the faithful to prepare for the mass with an advance reflection or as a meditation on the scripture themes of the weekend/feast. Cost $25.00 in the parish office or with Fr. George.

Attention St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners:
Can the Parishioner who is using ~ ~ **envelope # 132** ~ ~ please contact Laurie at the Parish Office. We have no name/information for this envelope and would like to make the corrections. Thank you.

Christmas Items Needed:
Donations of items for the annual Christmas room are now being accepted and can be dropped off at the parish beginning this week.
Any Jams or Preservatives which have been made for the Christmas Baskets, *Also, Items are to be new or gently used as they will be wrapped and re-gifted as Christmas gifts for those in need at Christmas time. For more information call the parish office. Also if anyone had the need to receive a Christmas basket you can contact the parish office (566-3876) or Colleen McGaughey at 566-4515*
NOTE: Cutoff date for Christmas Basket Requests will be: December 14, 2018

Sunday Offering: December 2nd weekend

St Anne's Parish	**Regular**	**$ 819.50**
	Cost of Sunday Missals	**$ 82.00**
St. Francis Parish	**Regular**	**$ 2818.15**
	Cost of Sunday Missals	**$ 706.15**
St. Martin's	**Regular**	**$ 289.00**
	Cost of Sunday Missals	**$93.00**

Thank-you to all our Parishioners and Visitors for your generosity