



## St. Peter's Parish, Tracadie, NS

### First Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Rev. John A. Barry, Parish Priest (902) 232-2272

Chair of the Parish Council: Sheila Pelly

Secretary of the Parish Council: Michael Penny

Caretaker for the Parish: Vernon Stafford



### MASS INTENTIONS ~ 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Sunday	March	1	– 9:30 am	– Intentions of all Parishioners
Monday	March	2	– 9:00 am	– Barbara Perry from the Carr family
Tuesday	March	3	– 9:00 am	– Kenneth Gorman from W. Rankin
Wednesday	March	4	– 9:00 am	– Ronnie Bowman from Frank & Florence MacDonald
Thursday	March	5	– 9:00 am	– Jackie Myette from Louise & family
Friday	March	6	– 9:00 am	– Geary Myette from the Carr family
Saturday	March	7	– 6:30 pm	– Roy Delorey from the family
Sunday	March	8	– 9:30 am	– Intentions of all Parishioners

### SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Saint Peters, Tracadie:	Weekday Masses - Monday to Friday	–	9:00 am
	Weekend Masses - Saturday	–	6:30 pm
	Weekend Masses - Sunday	–	9:30 am

Saint Monica's, Lincolnville      No Mass during the winter months

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated for the month of March on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at 10:15 am** in Saint Peter's Church. **Always** Baptisms take place on the **First Sunday of the Month**. If this date is impossible for anyone, please let me know for it is so important that infants receive Baptism "as soon as possible" after their births and not a **Year or Two** later! Parents presenting their children for Baptism are **expected** to be practising their Faith in their parish church, which is St. Peter's. Also, the godparents who serve as sponsors for the one to be baptized are to be catholic and practising their faith. Please phone the Glebe House to make the arrangements for the Baptisms.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Anyone contemplating marriage for 2020 is asked to contact **Father Barry** as soon as possible. I request at least three months' notice and those contemplating marriage are expected to follow the Preparation for Marriage Course and expected to be practising their faith, and to continue practising it after their marriage. The next **Preparation for Marriage Course** will take place on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am in Saint Ninian Place, just behind Saint Ninian's Cathedral in Antigonish**. We have three marriages arranged so far for 2020:

Saturday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	3:00 pm	<b>Kayla Margaret Carr &amp; Robert Erin MacDougall</b>
Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	3:00 pm	<b>Tyler Pettipas &amp; Brittany MacLean</b>
Saturday, October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	3:00 pm	<b>Katie Annette Boyle &amp; Peter Joseph Morell</b>

### CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Every Saturday, from 5:30 pm until the time of the 6:30 pm Mass.

## CARD PLAY IN THE MONSIGNOR DONNELLY HALL

Every Thursday evening at 8:00 pm.

## HOLY NAME - BEAVERS' CLUB BINGO

Bingo is held each **Monday evening in the Monsignor Donnelly Hall at 8:00 pm.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes have resumed on this **Wednesday, February 19th at 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm in the East Antigonish Academy** and will continue until mid-April. There are ten girls and boys preparing to receive their First Confessions and First Holy Communion - the grade **two** is the level for this. **If anyone** has a young boy or girl who is eligible to receive these sacraments, please register them on **Wednesday, February 12th at the local school.**

First Confessions will take place on **Sunday, April 19th after the 9:30 am Mass** in Saint Peter's Church and First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 26th at the 9:30 am Mass.** If you have any questions you can contact **Father Barry** at the Glebe House.

## YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Following the celebration to end our amazing 175th Anniversary year, Archbishop Brian Dunn announced, for the diocese, a focus on the Eucharist culminating with a **Eucharistic Congress in Membertou, Sydney, June 12th to 14th, 2020.** The Deacons of the Diocese have been tasked with ensuring that churches in the Diocese are given the chance to see and pray with the Cross and observe the quilt. **Deacon Art Riley** will be bringing the Pilgrim Cross and Quilt to our church and will preside at a Holy Hour in the presence of the Cross and Quilt in **St. Peter's Church, at 5:15 pm on Saturday, 14th March 2020.** Please show your support by attending this Holy Hour.

## A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER BARRY



We began the Holy Season of Lent with our celebrations of **Mass on Ash Wednesday** of this past week. The attendance at Masses was very good - hopefully, throughout the Lenten Season, many will make the effort to attend daily Mass which will be celebrated during the weekdays at 9:00 a.m. in Saint Peter's Place. It is still too early to have Masses in the Saint Peter's Church because of the incredible expense to heat the Church. For example, for the last few months, the oil bill has increased so much with the cost of oil - we have paid \$6,000.00 on the last few bills for oil to heat the Church, Msgr. Donnelly Hall, Saint Peter's Place and the Glebe House. This is a very heavy expense on the Parish.

Our accountant, Richard Breen has completed the financial report for 2019 and will come to the Parish Council meeting to explain and discuss it; thereafter, it will be given to the parishioners. Our weekend collections have decreased because some give nothing to the Church and we lost several parishioners through death who were very generous to the Parish and they have not been replaced. Also, our Bingo Games have declined in attendance - this is the **major** source of revenue for the Parish. Of course, the costs of maintaining our Church properties is very expensive and with diminished income, it is becoming increasingly difficult. The **first** responsibility and major one we have is to financially support **our** Parish and its programs - it is all well and good to try to help support other efforts and other places but as the old saying reminds us: Charity begins at home!

I want to thank **Rozlyn Boddy Tobrin and Angela Stewart** who have taken over caring for the collections - counting them, depositing all monies received for the Parish and registering all contributions.

Especially, we have to thank them for issuing the Income Tax Receipts for 2019. This involves a great deal of work and they have done it so well.

As Lent continues, may we truly enter into the spirit of this Holy Season and turn away from sin and believe more and more in the Gospel - the Word of God which discloses to us His great love for each and every one of us.

God Bless you and have a good week!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. John A. Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "B".