



ST. PETER'S PARISH, TRACADIE, N.S
Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudette Sunday
December 17th, 2017

Rev. John A. Barry, Parish Priest (902) 232-2272
 Chair of the Parish Council: Sheila Pelly
 Secretary of the Parish Council: Herbert Delorey
 Caretaker for the Parish: Vernon Stafford



MASS INTENTIONS – DECEMBER 17th - 24th, 2017

Sunday December 17 - 9:30 am - Intentions of all Parishioners
 Monday December 18 - 9:00 am – Michael Davidson from Shirley & family
 Tuesday December 19 - 9:00 am – Robert DeCoste from the family
 Wednesday December 20 - 9:00 am – Liz Euloth from Tom & Betty
 Thursday December 21 - 9:00 am – Agnes Bowman from John E. Delorey
 Friday December 22 - 9:00 am – Maurice Kelly from Bessie & family
 Saturday December 23 - 6:30 pm – Jimmie & Buddie Boyle from Louise & family
 Sunday December 24 - 9:30 am – Intentions of all Parishioners

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Saint Peters

Weekday Masses - Monday to Friday, 9:00 am
 Saturday at 6:30 pm; and
 Sunday at 9:30 am

Saint Monica's

Every Second Sunday at 11:00 am
 Next Mass: Sunday, December 25th, for the Intentions of the Desmond family

Christmas Mass Schedule – St. Peter's

Sunday December 24th, Christmas Eve – 6:30 pm
 Sunday December 24th, Christmas Midnight – 12:00 am
 (Carols will be sung at 11:30 pm prior to the Midnight Mass)
 Monday December 25th, Christmas Day – 9:30 am

Christmas Mass Schedule – St. Monica's, Lincolnville

Monday December 25th, Christmas Day – 11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Each Saturday evening at 5:30 pm prior to the 6:30 pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated for the month of January on Sunday, January 7th, at 10:15 am in Saint Peter's Church. **Always_** Baptisms take place on the **First Sunday of the Month**. Please phone the Glebe House and speak with me directly to make **any** arrangements for Baptisms in Saint Peter's Church and Parish!

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Anyone contemplating marriage for this coming year 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 are to be practising their faith and to continue practising it after their marriage. Marriage in the Catholic Church is a most sacred and serious event and to be seriously contemplated. So far, four marriages have been registered for 2018.

CARD PLAY IN THE MONSIGNOR DONNELLY HALL

Every Thursday evening at 8:00 pm. All proceeds go to the Building Committee and its work of Saint Peter's Parish.

HOLY NAME - BEAVERS' CLUB BINGO

Each Monday evening in the Monsignor Donnelly Hall at 8:00 pm. All proceeds go to the Building Committee of the Parish and its work of Saint Peter's Parish.

OPEN HOUSE – REVEREND ART RILEY – DEACON

On open house will be held at the home of Deacon "Art" Riley, 2554 Summerside Road, RR#1, Afton Station. Art will be celebrating the anniversary of his birth 80 years ago. He will greet all his fellow parishioners of St. Peter's, and beyond between the hours of 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Blessings and wishes only please.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FATIMA & SPAIN

With Father Patrick O'Neill (parish priest at St Joseph, North Sydney): Join me on a Spiritual Pilgrimage April 22nd – May 1st, 2018 to Fatima, Lourdes and Spain. The Pilgrimage is now Confirmed and we have people already committed to book. I am excited that we have pricing for the Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes and Spain for April 22nd - May 1st, 2018, including the group exclusive tour to San Sebastian de Garabandal. Please call Margaret at Maritime Travel and book now (902) 794-7251 during business hours. Price based on Double Occupancy (2 guests per room) is \$4229.00 CAD, taxes included. Price includes Roundtrip Airfare from Sydney (including air taxes/fees and surcharges), hotel transfers, the exclusive tour to San Sebastian de Garabandal and an Early Booking Discount of \$200.00 per person. Single Supplement for travellers wishing to have their own accommodations is an additional \$580.00 CAD (Total \$4809.00 CAD)

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS FOR THE CHURCH

You can simply drop an envelope in the collection at weekend Masses with your name and those in whose memory you are donating the contribution. This will be registered as part of your contributions to the Parish and Anne Marie Myette will record them. Your donation will be part of your annual income tax receipt. Just after Christmas, a special list will be prepared and posted noting those who donated and whose memory such donations were made! The Saint Peter's CWL receives the donations for flowers and decorations from Anne Marie Myette and will report early in the New Year on the amount which was received and what was spent for the flowers and decorations. What might remain is registered in the **Flower and Decoration Fund** and will be spent only for this purpose.

TENDERS CALLED FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND SALTING FOR 2017/2018

Tenders are now called for the Church Properties: Church parking lot, the front of Saint Peter's Place, the drive up to the Glebe House and the Monsignor Donnelly Hall entrance and parking lot. Anyone who wishes to apply for this may contact Ms. Sheila Pelly, Chair of the Parish Council - at eastermama@xplornet.com or spelly@modg.ca or phone: (902)232-2348 or address: 11 Lincolnville, RR 1, Monastery, Nova Scotia, B0H 1W0 by October 30th, 2017- for who knows when the first snow fall will be?

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR 2018

Envelopes are available on the counter at the entrance to our Church. I must thank all of the **faithful** Parishioners of Saint Peter's who have envelopes addressed to them and who pick them up and contribute each weekend.

I want to thank most gratefully, **Anne Marie Myette** who cares for the collections, records all amounts and issues the annual receipts. Anne Marie also addresses the envelope boxes so faithfully, now, for many years. Anne Marie also makes all deposits to the bank for any monies received in the Parish.

A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER BARRY

It is already the 3rd Sunday and week of Advent - as we have mentioned, next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent and it is Christmas eve and so Monday of the fourth week is Christmas Day!

On Sunday last, we celebrated our annual Christmas gathering at Saint Patrick's Church, Merland with Mass and a social following. There was a very good attendance. Tickets were drawn on several items and the financial proceeds will go to Saint Patrick's. Special thanks to those who organized the event - for cleaning and preparing the Church, for decorations for the Church which were beautiful, for those who provided the lovely Christmas music, for those who made sure the Church was warm and heated. It was a wonderful event, as usual.

As I have mentioned several times, on this Sunday, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance - Confession** in Saint Peter's Church at 1:00 pm. There is no better way for us to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas than to go to Confession. In recent years, this sacrament is more and more infrequently celebrated and yet we all know and realize we commit sins. This Sacrament is offered to us to enable us to examine our lives, to repent of our sins and to ask God to help us overcome sin. Let us make a special effort to come to Confession on this Sunday in Saint Peter's Church. God bless you and have a good week as the wonderful feast of Christmas approaches so swiftly!