



ST. PETER'S PARISH, TRACADIE, N.S
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st, 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 – OCTOBER 2nd – 8th, 2017

Monday October 2 - 9:00 am - Charlotte Delorey from Herbie & Pauline
Tuesday October 3 - No Mass
Wednesday October 4 - 11:30 am - Vincent Pitts from Bilie & Elsie
Thursday October 5 - 9:00 pm - Michael Bowie from Elaine & family
Friday October 6 - 9:00 am - Elwood R. Wilkie from Lucy & family
Saturday October 7 - 6:30 pm - Ruth MATTIE from Tom & Betty
Sunday October 8 - 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 morning at 9:30 am

Saint Monica's, Lincolville – Every Second Sunday

Next Mass: Sunday, October 1st, for the Intentions of the Desmond family

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated for the month of October on Sunday, October 1st, 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!

FIRST FRIDAY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Will take place on October 6th. As usual, we will celebrate the morning Mass at 9:00 am after which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in our Church until 12:00 noon. Everyone is encouraged to come throughout the morning to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Also, I will be bringing Holy Communion to our sick and shut-in parishioners after the morning Mass. If anyone wishes to receive Holy Communion, please contact **Father Barry** at the Glebe House.

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. The Preparation for Marriage course for our deanery is scheduled for **Saturday, October 28th at Saint Ninian Place, Antigonish** beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm,

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.

PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES, FATIMA and 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)

SAINT PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on September 8th, 2017. Our Chairperson, Sheila Pelly conducted the meeting. Items discussed were: 1) religious education in the Parish - our program for First Confession and First Holy Communion will be arranged for the Spring. In the Fall of 2018, we will provide religious education for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will keep notices in the Bulletin for these events. The Council encouraged parents to continue to provide religious education for their children and especially to give them the good example of attending Mass on the weekends in the Parish.

The renovation Committee continues its work with the installation of heat pumps/air cooling in the Monsignor Donnelly Hall which took place last week. All of this is provided through the efforts of the Renovations Committee.

While the Monsignor Donnelly has been greatly improved, we also must make it our priority to insist on the maintenance of Saint Peter Church. Special concern was expressed regarding the financial situation of the Parish - the Bingo revenue has decreased dramatically which is a major source of income to sustain the Parish. Also, throughout the summer months, our Parish income from weekly

collections has decreased. While we remain very grateful to parishioners who faithfully provide financial assistance through the weekend collections, and throughout the year, some parishioners provide absolutely nothing in weekend envelopes, although they have contribution envelopes and even ask for them, they do not use them! We have received the annual Diocesan Levy Bills and also the insurance bills for this year and these are very hefty. Also, we have some bills remaining from 2017, Diocesan Levy and Insurance bills which we have not been able to pay. This has been mentioned many times before as the Diocese insists that each Parish be able to sustain itself financially and if it cannot, alternate arrangements must be made. The Parish Council will meet with our Parish Accountant at our next meeting to review seriously this issue. Even though the price of oil has decreased, the last while, it costs a fortune to heat the Church and the Church buildings - likewise, the power bills continue to increase.

There is need also for us to repair the roof of the vestry of the Church as there are some leaks which must be repaired.

Council expressed appreciation for the great work done especially in the summer months on the Parish Grounds - they were maintained wonderfully. Thanks to our Parish Caretaker, Vern Stafford and also the summer student which we were able to employ because of the Federal Grant to hire a student. This summer, we were able to hire Mitchell Delorey to assist Vern and he did a superb job.

The August Memorial Mass, celebrated on Sunday August 6th at Saint Patrick's Church, Merland went well. Thanks to all who organized this event. The Annual Christmas Mass at Saint Patrick's will be celebrated on either December 10th or December 17th depending on the weather.

Next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd, at 10:30 am in Saint Peter's Place.

TENDERS CALLED FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND SALTING FOR 2017/2018

Tenders are now called for the Church Properties: the 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@modq.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?

A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER BARRY

As Fall arrives, we can look back upon a very wonderful summer. The Lord has blessed us with beautiful weather and it continues and may it do so. The harvest has been bountiful both from land and sea.

Deacon Art Riley, although assigned to a new Parish grouping, has generously agreed to update our Parish website and to place on the website our weekly Parish Bulletin. Our gratitude to him for this wonderful and faithful service.

I want to thank Francis Boyle for his ongoing generosity to the Parish as he donated gravel and topsoil for our Annual Parish Cemetery clean-up in June, and also recently expanded the parking lot of the Monsignor Donnelly Hall donating all of the gravel and spreading it.

Also, special thanks to Basil Mattie who provided the flowers for the front of the Church and the Glebe House and carefully maintained them during the heat of the summer!

As this Fall begins, things return to normal with school opened and activities beginning anew. I encourage all parishioners to continue to be involved in the Parish especially attending one of our weekend Masses. Most unfortunately, some parishioners have given-up entirely on the practise of the faith but if our Parish is to continue to exist, we must renew our commitment to our faith and to the Parish. The Parish Council, as noted in the Bulletin already, is very much concerned about the financial situation of the Parish. **It must improve** if we are to continue to exist as a Parish. Again, our gratitude to so many faithful and generous parishioners.

Our gratitude to Cathy Bowman who, once again, so faithfully prepares and prints the Parish Bulletin each weekend.

The month of October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and one dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Let us renew our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and pray the rosary personally and in our family homes.

God bless you and have a good week!