



St. Peter's Parish, Tracadie, NS
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 2nd, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS ~ 2nd – 9th February 2020

Sunday	February 2	– 9:30 am	– Intentions of all Parishioners
Monday	February 3	– 9:00 am	– Kenneth Bowman from Richard & Betty Boudreau
Tuesday	February 4	– 9:00 am	– Joe Boyle from Austin & Linda Boudreau
Wednesday	February 5	– 9:00 am	– Ronnie Bowman from Ralph MacDonald
Thursday	February 6	– 9:00 am	– Bernie Layes from Ralph Delorey
Friday	February 7	– 9:00 am	– George Jean from Mary MacDougall
Saturday	February 9	– 6:30 pm	– Michael Mattie from Danny & Carol MacEachern
Sunday	February 10	– 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		

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE:

We will celebrate on Monday, February 3rd of this week, the Feast Saint Blaise, who was a martyr who died c. 316, A.D. He was a physician by trade and later became a priest and then a bishop. According to the Acts of the Saints, while Saint Blaise was being taken into custody and being led to his death, a distraught mother, whose only child was choking on a fishbone, threw herself at his feet and implored his intercession. Touched at her grief, he offered up his prayers, and the child was cured. Consequently, Saint Blaise is invoked for protection against injuries and illnesses of the throat. It is a tradition for the faithful to have their throats blessed on this Feast and so after the 9:00 am Mass this Monday, in Saint Peter's Place, I will be blessing throats.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY:

To Mary Mattie of our Parish whose brother, **Doug Grace** passed away on Monday, January 27th, 2020. He was buried from Saint Andrew's Church, Saint Andrew on Friday of this past week. May he rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms will be celebrated for the month of February this **Sunday, 2nd February 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 21st 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 th , 2020	3:00 pm	Kayla Margaret Carr & Robert Erin MacDougall
Saturday, July 25 th , 2020	3:00 pm	Tyler Pettipas & Brittany MacLean
Saturday, October 10 th , 2020	3:00 pm	Katie Annette Boyle & Peter Joseph Morell

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.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL VERY MUCH REQUESTED

To serve serve as members of the Parish Council, Ushers in the Church, Lectors (readers at Mass) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and young Altar Servers for weekend Masses and Senior Altar Servers for Funerals. I have received **one** volunteer for a **Senior Altar Server at Funerals - Mike Penny** and two for service as **ushers, Ambrose MacDonald and Eugene Connors**, thank you so much for this expression of generosity. Other volunteers are request for the ministries I have mentioned. The future of **this parish** depends upon us - what we received from our parents and families has to be passed-on or the Church is in jeopardy.

SOME COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR 2020

These are still available at the entrance to the Church. Please make sure you pick-up yours. If there is not an envelope box with your name on it, please pick-up one of those without a name and put your name on the first envelope for the New Year and it will be registered with that number. Special thanks to **Rozelyn Boddy-Tobin** for addressing the envelopes and assuming the care for the registration of the envelopes each weekend and making the bank deposits for all monies received in the Parish. Also, our gratitude to **Angie Stewart** who assists Rozelyn. Income tax receipts for 2019 will be available shortly.

A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER BARRY



We are now into the Month of February. The days become longer, and we hope that our weather will improve. Just several weeks remain before we begin the Holy Season of Lent with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday on February 26th**. Time flies so quickly.

As mentioned, several times in past Bulletins, we prepare to receive the new **Bishop of Antigonish, Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick on Monday, February 3rd, in Saint Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish at 3:00 pm.** followed by a reception in Saint Ninian Place just behind the Cathedral. All parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to this Mass of Installation and the reception. Let us pray for good weather!

We are now into the **Year of the Eucharist** in the Diocese - a special time for us to think on the Eucharist (The Mass) and the great gift God has given to the Church. The Deacons in the Diocese have been charged with bringing this Pilgrim Cross and diocesan quilt to every church in the Diocese. **Deacon Art Riley** will bring and accompany the Cross to our Church on a **Saturday early in March**. He will conduct a special Holy Hour of prayers with the presence of the Diocesan Pilgrim Cross in our sanctuary and the special diocesan quilt which represents each and every church in our Diocese. This quilt was made to commemorate the **175th anniversary of the Diocese**. More details forthcoming. Once again, the Eucharist is the **Life of Our Catholic Church**. It was the great Saint Augustine who taught us that the "Eucharist (The Mass) **makes** the Church"! Were it not for the Eucharist we would not have a Church! A very learned Bishop in the history of our Diocese, **Most Reverend Alexander MacDonald, from South West Mabou** who later became **Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, B.C.**, wrote extensively on the Eucharist publishing several books and one he entitled: **"It is the Mass That Matters"**. And this, really says it all! So, this year of the Eucharist is very important. The cross and quilt are travelling throughout the entire Diocese and will be with us, here in Saint Peter's, for a weekend in early March. Details on this will be provided in a subsequent Bulletin.

Once again, let us be reminded to pray for the new Bishop - **Bishop Kirkpatrick** as he begins his ministry among us and for us on Monday of this week, February 3rd. Again, everyone is invited to the Mass of Installation at 3:00 pm which is followed by a reception and a chance to meet Bishop Kirkpatrick.

God bless you and have a good week!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. John A. Barry".