



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

### Second Sunday of Lent

8<sup>th</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 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Sunday	March 8	– 9:30 am	– Intentions of all Parishioners
Monday	March 9	– 9:00 am	– Ruth Hallett from Dorothy & family
Tuesday	March 10	– 9:00 am	– Charlie & Charlotte Mattie from Billy Delorey & family
Wednesday	March 11	– 9:00 am	– Courtney Kinney from Tom & Betty
Thursday	March 12	– 9:00 am	– Deceased Members of Beshong family from Lila & family
Friday	March 13	– 9:00 am	– Barbara Diane Perry from Beverley Crispo
Saturday	March 14	– 6:30 pm	– Sr Catherine Holland, CSM from Hazel Pettipas & family
Sunday	March 15	– 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.

## SAINT PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL

Will meet this Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in Saint Peter's Place. This is an important meeting and all members are asked to be present. Our Parish Accountant, **Mr. Richard Breen** has completed the Annual 2019 Financial Report and will be at this Council meeting to explain the Report and answer any questions regarding it. Then, once approved by the Council it will be distributed to the parishioners with next week's Bulletin.

## 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 for the second semester. They take **place Wednesdays evenings from 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 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.

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 either **Father Barry** at the Glebe House or **Julianne Connors**, the Coordinator.

## 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.

## SCHEDULING FOR AND THE USE OF MONSIGNOR DONNELLY HALL

As we have said, many times, **all scheduling** for and the use of the **Monsignor Donnelly** Hall is to be done through our caretaker: **Vern Stafford and no one else!** He keeps all of the bookings for the Hall - gives the Hall Policy to anyone desiring the Hall, meets with them and collects the payment for its use. The Monsignor Donnelly Hall is a wonderful facility but it is **very, very** costly to operate. The Renovations Committee has made many excellent improvements to the facility and we are grateful to them **but** it is a **Parish Facility** - it belongs to the Parish which in turn belongs to the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Antigonish. The Parish Council oversees its operation and determines its use.

Unfortunately, the facility is not used as much as it should be and essentially earns little money for the Parish and so the onus for its operation depends entirely on the Parish of Saint Peter! A new rental policy is being developed for the use of the Monsignor Donnelly Hall. This is being considered by the Parish Council; it is a work, still in progress!

## A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER BARRY



As we have said and written several times, this Year is the Year of the Eucharist throughout the Diocese and an important time for all of us to focus our attention in the importance of this wonderful sacrament. The great Saint Augustine once wrote that “The Eucharist makes the Church” and were it not for the Eucharist, we would not have or be a Church. In the long history of the **Diocese of Antigonish** we have had many celebrations which we called “**The Eucharist Congress**” and this was a time for the entire Diocese to come together for as Sunday afternoon - a particular location was chosen for this celebration and they were always held in an open field. It would consist of the Rosary, Prayers and a long procession of the Priests of the Diocese and the Bishop, who would celebrate the Mass. Prayers were said to conclude the event and everyone returned home. Two such celebrations of the Eucharist Congress were held in our area: one in 1947 in our Parish of Saint Peter on the Hill just below the cemetery - this was a glorious event. Also, this was the very last Eucharistic Congress at which **Archbishop James Morrison**, Bishop of Antigonish was present and offered the Mass. Archbishop Morrison was the **fourth Bishop** of Antigonish and served from 1912 - 1950! In 1961, another Eucharistic Congress was held in July of 1961 at Saint Augustine’s Monastery in the open field just beyond Our Lady of Grace Shrine. **Bishop William E. Power, sixth Bishop** of Antigonish presided at this event. Several others have been held since but did not rival the Eucharistic Congresses of former days and times. Hopefully this Eucharist Congress of 2020 will!

The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is from **June 12th – 14th, 2020 in Membertou, Sydney**. Registration materials will be available soon! Let us pray for the success of this Congress.

Let us pray the special prayer for the Year of the Eucharist for the Dioceses of Antigonish.

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, flowing style.