

## **ST. ANDREW PARISH**

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### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass – 10:00 am

### **CONFESSION**

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:00 pm

### **ST. ANDREW**

#### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

*Tuesday 9:00 am – Gennie Mann*

*Wednesday 7:00 pm – Wallace R. Cameron*

*Thursday 7:00 pm – Gertrude David*

**Saturday, December 08, 2018 – 4:30 pm**

*Mary Elizabeth Majcher*

### **ST. CLEMENTS**

#### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

*Tuesday 6:30 pm – Marie Nguyen  
& Kathleen Murphy*

*Wednesday 9:00 am- Marie Nguyen  
& Joe Chiasson*

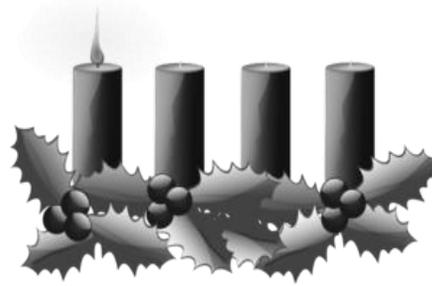
*Thursday 9:00 am – Maria Chiasson  
& Kathleen Murphy*

*Friday 9:00 am - Allan Naugle  
& Carmyl Pike*

**Saturday: December 08<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 pm**  
*Gary MacDonald & Brian Pearce*

## **REFLECTION**

### **First Sunday of Advent -**



We mark this Sunday, the beginning of a new Liturgical Season. And as with all new begins a fresh focus by directing our

hearts and minds towards it, the central reality of our Faith. The past week we shared themes of end times, our attention directed of course toward being ready for Christ when he comes again.

The Season of Advent helps us throughout these four weeks, to draw closer to the original purpose of our God sending His Son, that we might know His Salvation. In the Season of Advent also we offer opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While the Sacrament should be celebrated throughout the whole year, the specific emphasis is to rid ourselves of what is standing in the way between us and God - asking for God's Mercy and forgiveness for our sins.

As we begin the Advent Season, may we consider who we want to invite back to a fuller relationship with Christ and the Sacraments. Who do we want to tell, that Christ is awaiting their return - I would also ask that you help those we are inviting back to also take the time to make that return real through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If there are things standing in the way of their relationship with God, bring them to Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and let Christ do the rest! Happy Advent and lets pray for each other as we journey through this time of preparation.

\*\*\*Please Note a Mass time Change at Saint Clement on Tuesday December 4 to 6:30pm\*\*\*

## SOLEMN FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION -



On Saturday, December 8, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Mass at Saint Clement at 9 am followed by a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, and

Benediction. Also afterward we invite everyone downstairs in the Hall, for a time of social provided by the Archdiocesan Marian Gathering Team. Please plan to attend and celebrate this beautiful Feast of Our Lady.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

### *Celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

There will be two regional occasions in our area where we will have several parishes gather together before Christmas. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend one. Remember there will also be our regular times in both Saint Andrew and Saint Clement before the Saturday evening Mass and before the weekday Masses or by appointment with a particular priest.

St. Peter Church (Maple Street) - Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm - beginning with Evening Prayer and going into Sacrament of Reconciliation (several priests available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

Saint Vincent DePaul (Forest Hills) - Wednesday, December 19 at 7 pm. (several priests available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

## SAINT ANDREW FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

A big thank you to all those who came to celebrate Saint Andrew Feast Day on Friday. As well a thank you to those who made preparations for the meal together at the Lion's

Club on Saturday evening after Mass. May Good Saint Andrew guide us with the great enthusiasm he first received from finding the Messiah. May we, too, contain the joy of experiencing the Lord.

## WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



Welcome to the Christian Community - I would like to take this opportunity with the Saint Andrew Faith Community, to welcome Amelia Michelle Myers to the Catholic Faith and

Family. Congratulations to Trevor and Ashley on the birth of their baby girl, and thank you for seeking out the Sacrament of Baptism, the gift of Faith for your child. May God continue to pour forth His choicest blessings on you all!!

## SANTA CLAUS NEEDED



Ocean View Continuing Care will be hosting a Christmas Gathering on Monday, December 3rd at 2:00 pm and would like to have a person dress up as Santa Claus to entertain the residence there.

If you are willing to help with this project please contact Hazel (902-465-7726) ASAP.

## SINGERS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



The folk choir is looking for singers to join us for the Christmas Eve Mass. All are welcome but you must attend at least one practice on either December 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm in the choir loft.

An optional practice will also be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Kathleen Finlay at 902-443-2973 for more details.

## VIDEO SERIES

The video series on Lectio Divina has begun and will continue each Tuesday in the St. Francis Room following the 9:00 am Mass. The course will conclude on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Each class will begin at 9:45 am and last roughly one hour. All are welcome.

The Advent video series on journey and prayer to the birth of Christ takes place Tuesday evening's beginning at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Parish Center (Room B). This course too will conclude on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

There is no registration for either of these series. Just come and attend.

## F.O.O.D. ADVENT BACKPACK PROJECT



This year marks the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive Advent for our Backpack Project. Over the past years, our parish has partnered with five other Dartmouth parishes to fill backpacks with treats such as chocolates, gifts such as gloves, hats, and socks, and personal items like toothpaste, shampoo and so on.

These backpacks are given as Christmas presents to the patrons of Feeding Others of Dartmouth, our downtown Dartmouth soup kitchen.

In previous years we have had so much generosity that we have delivered not only backpacks, but gift bags for multiple other local charities as well. Last year more than 900 gift packages were delivered – an amazing demonstration of the impact our individual contributions can make. This project is an amazing collaboration between 6 parishes!

Starting next week, you will find, at the entrances of the church, re-useable grocery bags

containing a list of suggested items. Please take a bag home, fill it with items, and deliver the bag back to church before Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

For those who prefer to make a cash donation, we are also seeking funds to purchase the backpacks. Please place your donation in the regular collection in an envelope marked **BACKPACKS** or deliver to the parish office. Thank you!!

On Sorting Day, friends of the project come together to sort the items from the bags and fill the backpacks. This year's Sorting Day will be on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30 am at St. Clement Parish Hall.

If you have never attended an Advent Backpack Sorting Day before, make this the year you attend, as we need your help. It is an amazing opportunity for children to volunteer and be as equally involved as the adults.

We have had children grow up with this project – many of the teenagers and young adults that volunteer have attended every Sorting Day since the first one 14 years ago.

We look forward again this year, to your generous support for this Advent project.

## 2019 PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES



The Parish Offering Envelopes for the 2019 year are now ready for pick up at the entrance of the church.

If you are currently not receiving Parish envelopes and would like to obtain a packet of offering envelopes for the 2019 year or sign up for PAD, please contact Deacon Gordon at the Parish Office.

Thank you one and all for your continuous generosity to your Parish.



## SUNDAY MISSALS

There are still Sunday Missals left and are available for the 2018/19 Liturgical Year (C) beginning on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

The cost will be \$4.00 again this year just to cover the purchase price and shipping.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



Religious Christmas cards are available for purchase near the entrance of the church beginning the weekend of October 20/21.

They are sold in packages of 10 cards, for \$10 per package or

3 packs for \$25.

Please contact the Parish Office if additional cards are required.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ARCHBISHOP MANCINI



On Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop Mancini celebrated the anniversary of his installation as our Chief Shepherd. He presided at the 12:15pm Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica.

Please keep Archbishop Mancini in your prayers as he seeks to faithfully lead the people God has entrusted to his care.

## DO YOU HAVE A CATHEDRAL STORY?



Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica is an important part of life of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and has played an important part in the lives of many of the people in the diocese and beyond. In 2020, the Cathedral will celebrate its 200th Anniversary and we would like to know what part the Cathedral has played in people's lives.

In preparation to celebrate this milestone anniversary we're looking for your Cathedral stories. Have generations of your family been baptized in the Cathedral? Did you meet your spouse at the Cathedral?

Did a particular ministry or person associated with the Cathedral make a positive impact on your life? Did you encounter Christ in a particular way at the Cathedral? Were you welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Cathedral? Did someone in your family take part in the construction of the Cathedral?

If you have a story to share we'd love to hear from you! Please email stories to: [info@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:info@halifaxyarmouth.org) Please note "Cathedral Story" in the subject line of your email. Your stories should be 1500 words or less and can include one or two high resolution photos.



## **Fr Joseph E Mills Council 10486**

This is an active group of Christian men 18 years and older and is active in our parish community and as well in the community of Eastern Passage. This group of men have been involved in fund raising for our parish and support in the community of EPCB.

### **Some of the events this Council have been involved in are:**

Cards Games (45') on Wednesday Evenings

Carnival Booth

Special Olympics

School Breakfast Program

Food for Families Program

Community 50/50 Draws

Good Friday Fish Cake Supper

Coats for Kids

School Basketball Free Throw

Veteran's Ceremony Remembrance

### **Donations**

St. Andrew Parish

Christmas Boxes

Respect for Women

Two 80in Screens in the church proper

Mass for Shut Ins

The Beacon

State Pro Life

Prostate Cancer

Terry Fox Run

Steubenville

Tables at the back of the church

With the New Year approaching we are recruiting new members and you can be involved in these activities. It is an opportunity to help with Parish & Community.

To inquire or for more information Contact our Grand Knight, Scott Faulkner, 902- 465-5658  
Or Membership Peter Gill 902-463-9894