

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

Monday 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve

Tuesday 10:00 am – Christmas Day

Wednesday 10:00 am – Kelly Myers

Thursday 7:00 pm – No Mass

Saturday, December 29, 2018 – 4:30 pm

In Thanksgiving of Frank & Mable Vella

70th Wedding Anniversary

ST. CLEMENTS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 8:00 pm – Christmas Eve

Tuesday 10:00 am – Christmas Day

Wednesday 9:00 am - NO MASS

Thursday 9:00 am – Willie Mah

Spiritual Welfare of Gerald & Nora Mercer

Friday 9:00 am - Ralph Mattsson

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Saturday: December 29nd - 4:00 pm

Maria Nguyen and Cecil Snow

REFLECTION **Forth Sunday of Advent**



On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her

openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation. - *Loyola Press*

2018 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm:
Caroling at 6:30

Christmas Day – 10:00 am:
Caroling at 9:30



Boxing Day - 10:00 am:

2019 NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

New Year's Eve
Holy Hour at 7pm TIL 8pm at St. Clements
ALL ARE WELCOME

NEW YEARS DAY
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation.

New Year's Day, January 1st
Mass will be at 10 am

ST.ANDREW OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be aware that the Parish Office will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 21st and re-open Tuesday, Jan 2nd regular hours.

The office voice mail will be monitored regularly.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Flowers were donated this year in memory of Bill and Marion Hartley, Andrea and Bob Young, Therese Johnson, Ron Stephenson, Late Stephenson family members and friends, Theresa and Charles Negus, Russell Negus, Merton Negus, Harold Negus, Myrtle Negus, Robert Bradstock, Tom Bradstock, Sherry Binns, Louise & Clara MacCormack, Hilda Henneberry, Clarence Henneberry, Laurence Henneberry, Marian Naugle, Thomas Naugle, Paul D. Naugle, John Henneberry, Lavina Henneberry, Clyde York, James York. Elizabeth Ryan, Ronald Hickey, Margaret Hickey, Shirley Sonley, Carol ann Ryan, Vie & Whup Naugle, deceased Naugle Family members, deceased White Family members, Ralph & Sylvia Latter, Yvon & Priscilla Quintin, Ron MacKinnon, Gerald, Cecile & Gus Deveau, Edgar DeYoung, Ann & Ralph Cameron, Wallace Raymond Cameron, Debbie Lee Pearson, Kathryn MacKenzie, Jack Low, Robert McGrath, Donald Hoskin, Florence Hoskin, Ernie Hoskin, Peggy Young, Dinah Lasaga, Vera & Freeman Skinner, Eldon J. Craig, Alfred & Maude Henneberry, Arthur & Lina Craig, deceased MacLean Family members, Blanch Dauphinee, Mildred and Eldon Dauphinee and family, Fred Horne, Beatrice Hines, Peggy Bellemore, Mitchel Bellemore, Mr. & Mrs. J. Bellemore, Mr. & Mrs. John B. MacDonald, Mr. Gerald Bellemore, Jack MacDonald, Bobby Bellemore, George & Ida Dalpee, Marie Bellemore, Sister Jeannette Tetreau, Sister Genevieve LaFond. May they all rest in eternal peace.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please help us keep our parish records up to date. Are you registered with the parish? Did you let us know if you moved recently?

Does your tax receipt read properly? Please call the Parish Office or send us an email to let us know. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY COLLECTION.



There is still time to make a

contribution! Make your donation by:

Using your donor card and return envelope and mail to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

Placing your donation card in the return envelope and put it in your parish Sunday collection. Making a donation online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click: Donate on the top right hand corner of the page.

Please remember, all donations made before Dec 31 will be included in your 2018 tax receipt.

Merry Christmas and thank you for your generosity.

WEEKEND OF GRACE



The early bird deadline for the 13th Annual Weekend of Grace for Women Conference, Lord Nelson Hotel, May 3- 5, 2019 is December 31, 2018. Keynote speakers are Catholic international evangelists Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, New Orleans.

This will be their only Canadian speaking engagement in 2019.

For more information call 902-435-1568 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com.

OCEAN VIEW NEEDS YOUR HELP



We pride ourselves on trying new things and continuing to grow the ways in which we help seniors in our community. But our small group of existing volunteers already have their hands full with programs and projects that are actively engaging our seniors.

How could Ocean View use your help? Offer a fun shopping outing, assist at meal time, assist with Adult Day Program, support seniors at home or offer other skills and talents or team.

We know our seniors are relying on us all to work together to find creative ways to make life meaningful as they age.

More information about each of the volunteer opportunities listed above, along with a copy of our application form, is available at www.oceanv.ca/join-our-team



Also, when trying to find the right gift for someone consider visiting the Oceanside Cafe located on the ground floor and pick up some Eastern Passage Proud T-shirts as a gift – for only \$10 each! *All profits support Ocean View's fundraising efforts*

WILL OUR FAITH HAVE CHILDREN? (WORKSHOP)

'Will our faith have children?' is a morning workshop addressing questions that many people are asking today - Why aren't there young families in our parish? How do we nurture faith in children or grandchildren?

Dr. Dave Csinos will help unpack these questions and equip you to be catalysts of faith formation among the children in your life.

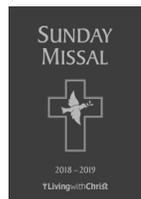
January 19, 2019, at St. Peter Parish Center beginning at 10:00 am and running until 12:00 pm. ***Limited Childcare available.*

Please contact Lydia at St. Peter Parish by calling 902-466-6183 x 222 or StPeterPA@gmail.com for more info.

Cost: Freewill offering to offset the costs of supplies. Any additional money will be used for children and youth activities in the parish. Please RSVP at

<https://goo.gl/forms/7oJ08VUtf9gxzL12>

SUNDAY MISSALS



There are still Sunday Missals left and are available for the 2018/19 Liturgical Year (C) beginning on December 2nd, 2018, the 1st Sunday of Advent. The cost will be \$4.00 again this year just to cover the purchase price and shipping.

FM645 MEN'S RETREAT

Saint John XXIII, 35 Colby Drive, Dartmouth will host a Men's Retreat on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

This retreat is sponsored by the FM645 Men's Group. All men are welcome. The theme for the retreat is "Who do you say I AM?".

We will begin with coffee and fellowship at 8:30 am with the first session beginning at 9:00

am.

There will be a \$5.00 fee to help cover the cost of the light lunch which will be provided. Please pre-register by January 22, 2019.

For more information or to register email adultfaith.stjxxiii@gmail.com.

2019 PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES

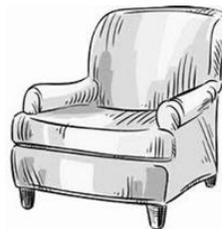


If you have not already done so, please pick up your package of offering envelopes for 2019.

The remaining boxes of envelopes will be returned to the parish office at the beginning of the New Year. Please make contact with the office should you need any assistance in obtaining your envelopes.

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

FRANCISCANS OF HALIFAX FURNITURE BANK



The Franciscans of Halifax have begun a furniture bank located at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 27 Farrell St., Dartmouth N.S. We will serve individuals and families who are in need of household items and are asking for donations of slightly used furniture, dishes, and other household items.

We are also pleased to pick up any household items, call Fr. Peter Hanna at 902-225-4722 Or email: fohfurniturebank@gmail.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS from Pope Francis

In Bethlehem, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. He was born, not by the will of man, but by the gift of the love of God our Father, who "so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16).



This event is renewed today in the Church, a pilgrim in time. For the faith of the Christian people relives in the Christmas liturgy the mystery of the God who comes, who assumes our mortal human flesh, and who becomes lowly and poor in order to save us. And this moves us deeply, for great is the tenderness of our Father.

The first people to see the humble glory of the Savior, after Mary and Joseph, were the shepherds of Bethlehem. They recognized the sign proclaimed to them by the angels and adored the Child.

Those humble and watchful men are an example for believers of every age who, before the mystery of Jesus, are not scandalized by his poverty.

Rather, like Mary, they trust in God's word and contemplate his glory with simple eyes. Before the mystery of the Word made flesh, Christians in every place confess with the words of the Evangelist John: "We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).

Today, as the winds of war are blowing in our world and an outdated model of development continues to produce human, societal and environmental decline, Christmas invites us to focus on the sign of the Child and to recognize him in the faces of little children, especially those for whom, like Jesus, "there is no place in the inn" (Lk 2:7).

We see Jesus in the children of the Middle East who continue to suffer because of growing tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. On this festive day, let us ask the Lord for peace for Jerusalem and for all the Holy Land.

Let us pray that the will to resume dialogue may prevail between the parties and that a negotiated solution can finally be reached, one that would allow the peaceful coexistence of two States within mutually agreed and internationally recognized borders.

May the Lord also sustain the efforts of all those in the international community inspired by goodwill to help that afflicted land to find, despite grave obstacles, the harmony, justice and security that it has long awaited.

