

ST. ANDREW PARISH

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Eastern Passage

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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 – Kelly Myers

Thursday 7:00 pm – Beatrice Mable Cheverie

Saturday, January 19th 2019 – 4:30 pm
Sylvia Latter

ST. CLEMENTS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 9:00 am – Marie Nguyen
& Margaretha Mitrakos

Wednesday 9:00 am - Stephen Huk
& Special Intentions for MacDonald family

Thursday 9:00 am – Marie Nguyen
& Kenneth Dockrill

Friday 9:00 am - No Mass at St. Clements
(Mass and adoration at St. John XXIII)

Saturday: January 19th - 4:00 pm
Kathleen Murphy & Bob Hines

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John the Baptist. A Baptism that by all means and intention would not be necessary for Jesus. However, the Baptism of the Lord is a sign of the way in which Jesus begins his ministry.

John the Baptist himself struggled with Jesus asking him to baptize in the Jordan. Jesus knew what he was doing – this was to demonstrate and to show and to invite people to follow him.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, may we recall, we too have been baptized and we have been invited to follow Christ. Renewing our commitment to Christ as Disciples, Baptized for Christ's mission.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



Andrew Church.

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Amelia Michelle Myers and welcome her to the family of Faith at Saint

Andrew Church. As we celebrate this baptism, we acknowledge that we have been invited to not only celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, but also to assist with our prayers and support, to invite and welcome Amelia, that she may grow into the experience of what it means to belong to the Christian Community.

Trevor and Ashley, we offer you both, congratulations and support, as a Christian Family in faith. God's abundant blessings to you as family!!!

NEW PARISHES/STRONGER TOGETHER

With the official announcement made by Archbishop Mancini we now begin the Transitional Year of working in closer union, forming one parish with the three Churches; Saint Andrew (Eastern Passage), Saint Clement (Dartmouth) and Saint John XXIII (Cole Harbour).

We will be asked to meet together and strive to see our ways of working and ministering together in this portion of the Dartmouth Region. A Transitional Team will be formed soon to assist and begin the work of forming one Pastoral Council, one Finance Council, and the formation of a Parish Leadership Team. I invite each of you to read and pray with the document made available last week in paper form Equip the Saints. It explains and describes the process we have been going through and announces the groupings of parishes.

I also invite you read and pray with the document, Community of Missionary Disciples: Qualities of a New Healthy Parish. We will make both documents available on our webpage for easy access for those who have computer. A few copies will be available in the Church for those who do not have access to computer.

Fr. Gerald

JANUARY

MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME

Throughout the month of January, we give special honour to the name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11).

We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The name of Jesus is important. It means "God Saves." His family does not choose the name of Jesus; rather God gives it to him before his birth: "You are to name him Jesus," the angel tells Joseph in a dream, "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Jesus' name is both his identity and his mission – therefore very powerful.

NEW PARISH TEAMS

Baptism Preparation Team

We are seeking members from each Saint Andrew and Saint Clement who would be willing to be part of a Baptismal Preparation Program.

This team would be ministering to families who come forward requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. It would be great to have 4-6 people who would be willing to come forward from each community.

Please speak with Fr. Gerald or Fr. Peter after one of the Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office – Saint Andrew (902) 461-1987 or Saint Clement (902) 469-1203 indicating your interest to assist with this ministry.

Once we have sufficient number of people willing to assist, we will offer a time of formation together for, Saint Andrew and Saint Clement.

CWL MEETING



Please be reminded of the CWL Annual Meeting for Sunday, January 13th. The Rosary, beginning at 1:15 will precede the

meeting.

DINNER THEATER MEETING

Calling all actors and actresses to attend dinner theatre meeting on Monday, January 28th at 6:30 in the hall to talk about our next production in the spring. For additional information please see Shelia Turner.

THE FRIENDS OF L'ARCHE

The Friends-of-L'Arche Halifax group will meet for their monthly gathering on Sunday, January 13th from 1:30 to 3:30 in St. Agnes Hall, Mumford Road, Halifax. All are welcome.

Contact Kelly at 902-407-5512 if you have any questions.

PARISH CENTER

The parish center is a wonderful asset in our community and is there for the use of the parishioners whether as a parish function or for personal use.

It is expected that, if the hall or meeting rooms at the parish center are needed for either parish or personal use the booking is done through the parish office to insure availability. At the time of booking the requirements for using the hall will be explained.

After the hall is used it is expected that the hall be returned to the same of similar condition to which it was found before the time of use.

Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING MEN'S RETREAT

All men of the Archdiocese are invited to attend a Men's Retreat at Saint John XXIII, January 26th, 35 Colby Drive Cole Harbour. We will begin at 8:30 with coffee and fellowship. At 9 am we will begin the formal part of our day.

The theme for the day is "Who do you say I am?" A light lunch will be served at noon. Please pre-register at adultfaith.stjxxiii@gmail.com so we can properly provide for your lunch. We wrap up at approximately 3 pm. Come grow in your faith in a community of like-minded men.

FRANCISAN CHOIR LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



The Franciscan choir will be accepting new members for its winter season. Tenors would be especially

welcome! The choir currently sings repertoire from Taize prayer and traditional hymnody. Hopefully, we will delve into some sacred polyphony this winter! If you are interested,

please contact Sr. Ilaria at 902 454 0441 or smartha85@gmail.com. An informal audition will be required. You can sing something as simple as "Happy Birthday."

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC FRANCISCAN LEAD APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 16

Applications OPEN



January 16 2019



Franciscan LEAD (Leadership, Evangelization, And Discipleship) is a five-day opportunity for teens that are ready to step up to the next level in leadership and evangelization.

It is an intense (but also really fun) immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi.

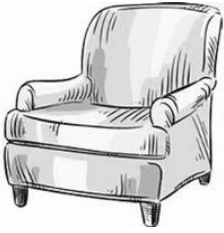
Teens learn about and experience different forms of prayer, and gain practical tools and skills for sharing their faith with others and becoming leaders in the Church (and beyond).

LEAD isn't for everyone... but if you're passionate about your faith and want to learn how to better live as a disciple of Christ and an evangelist, maybe it's for you!

LEAD takes place the week before the Steubenville Atlantic Conference, July 1-5, 2019, at St. Mary's University in Halifax.

Learn more at site.steubenvilleconferences.com/lead

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

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.

Why not consider joining our Facebook page. It is a private membership so just ask and one of our Administrators will approve you.

**St. Andrews Catholic Church Eastern
Passage**

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>

2020 GRAND CATHOLIC ITALY AND OBERAMMERGAU

Join us for a 13 day faith based escorted tour of Italy starting in Rome and ending in Oberammergau with the Passion Play.

Spiritual Advisor is Deacon Patrick Morris from St. Joseph's Parish in Bridgewater, NS.

Pricing:

\$5,319 CAD per person, double occupancy (dates, prices and itinerary are subject to change). International flights are additional. Cost of flights estimated to be approximately \$1,200 per person*

*Actual amount of flights to be confirmed in November 2019 when flight schedule is released by the airlines.

Travel Dates:

Depart Canada - September 13, 2020
Arrive in Rome and start vacation - September 14, 2020
End vacation and depart for Canada - September 26, 2020

For more information or to reserve your seat(s) please call Kevin and Michelle Hayward call 902-543-4948 or email kevinandmichelle@stewarttravelgroup.ca

2019 PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES



There are a few parish envelopes remaining for 2019 which will be removed from the church by the middle of January. If you have not picked up

your boxed set of parish offering envelopes for this year please do so before they are removed from 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.

POPE AT MASS: 'INDIFFERENCE IS OPPOSED TO GOD'S LOVE'



In his homily at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta on Tuesday,

Pope Francis says

God takes the first step towards us and loves us because He is compassionate and merciful, despite our indifference.

Pope Francis offered Tuesday's Mass for the eternal rest of Archbishop Giorgio Zur, who died late Monday night. He lived in the Casa Santa Marta with the Pope and once served as Apostolic Nuncio to Austria. I

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel (Mk 6:34-44) about the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and on the First Reading, taken from the First Letter of John (4:7-10).

God loved us first - The Holy Father said the Apostle John explains "how God manifests His love in us." "Let us love one another, because love is of God," John writes.

Pope Francis called this the mystery of love: "God loved us first. He took the first step." *God loved us, he said, even though we "don't know how to love" and "need God's caresses in order to love."* "This first step God takes is His Son. He sent Him to save us and to give meaning to our lives and to renew and recreate us."

Listen to our report - Jesus has compassion on crowd. Reflecting on the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Pope Francis said Jesus fed the crowd out of compassion.

"God's heart, Jesus' heart, was moved when he saw these people, and he could not remain indifferent. Love is restless. Love does not tolerate indifference; love is compassionate. But love means putting your heart on the line for others; it means [showing] mercy." Give them food yourselves

Then Pope Francis described the scene as the disciples went in search of food. He said Jesus taught them and the people many things, but they grew bored, "because Jesus always said the same things."

As Jesus teaches "with love and compassion", the Pope said, maybe they began "to talk amongst themselves." They start to check their watches, saying "It's getting late."

"The more-common opposite of the love of God – of God's compassion – is indifference. 'I'm satisfied; I lack nothing. I have everything. I've assured my place in this life and the next, since I go to Mass every Sunday. I'm a good Christian. But leaving the restaurant, I look the other way.'

Let's reflect on this: Confronted with God who takes the first step, is compassionate, and is merciful, many times our attitude is indifference. Let us pray to the Lord that He heal humanity, starting with us. May my heart be healed from the sickness of the culture of indifference." By Alessandro Di Bussolo.