

## **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** – Muriel (Foster) Kenny

**Thursday 7:00 pm** – Kelly Myers

**Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 – 4:30 pm**

Patricia Shaw

### **ST. CLEMENTS**

#### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday 6:30 pm** – Maria Nguyen

**Wednesday 9:00 am** - Coady McDonald

**Thursday 9:00 am** – Doris Beers

**Friday 9:00 am** - Coady McDonald

**Saturday: February 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 - 4:00 pm**

Maria Nguyen

## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **REFLECTION** – Fr. Gerald



Today's Gospel is an invitation to "Put out into the Deep". It is essentially a call to have Faith and exercise

obedience. We live in a world where we have now placed a greater emphasis on "what I want, what I can do," In the midst of this environment, a greater emphasis is on my opinion, and generally stems from a mindset that there is no such thing as a Truth that can exist outside of myself. This prevalent attitude is constantly colliding with the Christian mindset, where in prayer and meditation, we are invited to discover and hear what God wants.

The very simple request by Jesus to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.", even though it didn't make sense, and Simon told Jesus that they had been fishing all night and caught nothing. The very simple request by Jesus almost indicates, *but do it, now because I told you.* This is an indication of Faith and Obedience, Jesus proves beyond a shadow of doubt so many times through the Scriptures – do it and it will be different this time – *not because you willed it so, but because I did.* If we want to be true followers of Christ we need to re-learn and renew ourselves in a new way of thinking and a new way of responding to everyday and ordinary experiences.

This Faith and Obedient way of thinking, in relationship to Christ, will inevitably clash and collide with modern day culture, thought and mindset – but no one ever said it was going to be a walk in the park - we are not called to conform to the world. We have to be Disciples of Christ in the world, with a message that is so awesome, and can result in such an abundance of fruit, leading to such joy, because of our Faith and Obedience in Him, who calls us.

## **NEW PARISHES/STRONGER TOGETHER**

This Sunday afternoon (February 10) the Transitional Team will meet for the first time together to begin through conversation about our way forward as three Communities of Faith and One Parish. I invite you to pray for us as we embark on this journey together.

There are many matters to search and discern through and we will hopefully take the necessary time to do what is being asked of us, and keep you all informed of the steps we will be taking. More information will follow as we discern and pray our way through a process of renewal for all of us.

### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Ada Keough, Cathy Patriquin, Elaine Warwick and Rose Dawling for helping out with the cleaning of Saint Andrew Rectory on Saturday, January 26, in preparation for new tenants moving in on February 1.

To Randall Thibault for cleaning the air exchange system. Thank you to Peter Sullivan and Ross Hartley who prepared a room for storing the furniture and goods of the rectory. This room was built well and will serve as an additional bedroom/ chapel in the future. Finally, thanks to Father Peter and Brother Nathaniel and Steven who assisted in the movement of the furniture to basement.

Your help is much appreciated as well as your commitment to helping the Parish out in this effort ... Many hands made the job happen. God Bless you all!!!

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **Financial Reports for 2018 and Projected Budget for 2019**

Both Saint Andrew and Saint Clement Parish Finance Councils has been working on the Financial Report for 2018 and making projection for 2019. This report will be presented and made available to parishioners. Both Finance Councils have also been involved

in conversations together with Saint John XXIII Parish which will be ongoing throughout this year of Transition.

*I would like to thank all of you who are doing your best to support the Parish financially. Thank you for your generous contributions. It is only through your support that we can provide for you the service of the presence of the Church, by providing Faith Formation, Mission oriented programs, and simply paying other bills that help us use the buildings we have in all our areas.*

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM**

I am still awaiting people to come forward before we plan a few formation sessions for this team. Four to six people from each Church (Saint Andrew and Saint Clement) would be great. This would allow for a few extra members who could form a couple of teams in each Church. The greatest emphasis of this Baptismal Preparation Team would be to assist and welcome the couple and the child to be baptized more deeply into our Community & Family of Faith.

There would be a mentoring process by which we welcome people to be part of the relationship that the Father invites us to with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Sometimes people have not been part of the Catholic Faith Community for some time, so there are steps to be taken before we celebrate the very important Sacrament of Baptism and we need help to take these next steps with a greater intention. 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. A major part of this ministry will involve mentoring and assisting those who come forward seeking Baptism for their children.



### . CWL ANNUAL EVENT

Please mark your calendars for the CWL Annual Bean Supper & Bake Sale scheduled for **next Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**,

at the Parish Center from, 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm.

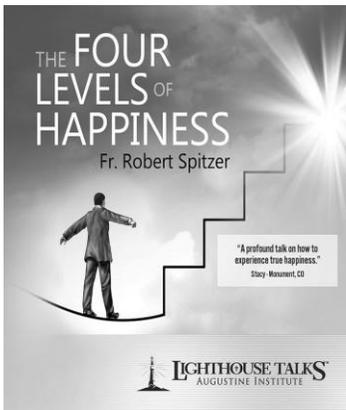
The meal includes Beans, Ham, Homemade Brown Bread, Beverage and Gingerbread. All for \$8.00.

There will also be a children's menu of Hotdog, Cookie and Beverage for \$3.00.

Please make an effort to support this event.



### "HAPPINESS" THE SERIES.



Come and gather with other followers of Christ Jesus. Eric Johnson and Jennifer Milani present the central ideas from the interviews explaining difficult concepts and proposing engaging questions.

Using Fr. Spitzer, SJ's proven paradigm, "The Four Levels of Happiness" as our cornerstone [in the first episode], we move through the remaining six episodes dealing with unhappiness and depression and then to evidence for our transcendent and eternal life.

We examine the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and finally we learn how to properly deal with, and benefit from suffering.

Starting Tuesday, January, 29, 2019 at 6:45 pm in the St. Francis Room at St. Andrew Church.

For more information contact Rick Thibault (c) 902-222-4791 (h) 902-463-7924 or [rickjthibault@gmail.com](mailto:rickjthibault@gmail.com)

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF??



If you think you do, you won't want to miss this fun night of trivia!

St. Andrews is having a Trivia Night on Saturday February 23, 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Only \$5 at the door to play, and you can come with a team, or come and join a team that night! We will have a cash bar, canteen, and prizes for the trivia winners! **Also a Silent Auction!**

Come out to support St. Andrews, and have a great time!

### ST. CLEMENT BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Clement Bereavement Group will be commencing, Wednesday, March 13 in St. Clement Rectory, 16 Gaston Rd. Dartmouth.

These eight sessions are designed for those who have had a significant death in one's life and would benefit from a supportive group to help with ongoing challenges related to grief, mourning and bereavement. Loneliness for example is a common difficult reality to bear.

Please pre-register by calling Susan Duggan, facilitator, retired nurse. Phone 902-446-9599.

The meeting dates are as follows: Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2019. Meetings to begin at 6:30 pm and last about 2 hours each.

### KNIGHTS MEETING

Knights of Columbus Council 10486 meeting to be held at 7PM at the parish centre on Sunday, February 10.



An executive meeting will precede the business meeting at 6PM

## INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts for 2018 taxation year are now available near the entrance of the church. Please pick up your copy and please contact the office with any concerns.

Thank you all for your generous support to your parish church of St. Andrew

## EQUIP FORMATION PROGRAM – Registration now open



How can you EQUIP yourself for service in the Church today? EQUIP is the program of Formation for the New Evangelization

launched by the Archdiocese designed to “equip the saints for the work of ministry” by helping you to discern and develop your God given gifts and use them to live the mission Christ entrusted to you.

Only accepting 10 new program participants per year, so [Read More](#) to see if this program is for you, by visiting [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/equip](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/equip)

## ST. PATRICK'S SUPPER & CEILIDH



Taste a wee bit o' the Irish on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at St. Clements hall, 16 Gaston Road, Dartmouth.

Featuring Authentic Stews, Soda Breads, Biscuits & Desserts. Sing along with live entertainment by “The Girls Night Out”. Raffles, Prizes, 50/50 draw and a cash bar.

For tickets please contact Ethel Jack at 902 464 0086.

## MASS- OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

On Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm a Mass with a focus on Our Lady Help of

Persecuted Christians will be held at St. Peter Parish.

Through the centuries many Christians around the world have suffered and others have died as martyrs in defense of their faith.

Thankfully, we live in a country where prejudice against Christians is on the low end of the scale when compared to what is endured at this time by many practicing the faith in some areas of the Middle East.

The Mass starts at 7:00 pm, but all are welcome to come early and participate in a recitation of the Rosary (The Sorrowful Mysteries) from 6:30 pm to approximately 6:50 pm.

This prayer service, preceding the Mass, will be led by Knights of Columbus members.

## FRIENDS OF SHRINES

Pilgrimage to the three major Shrines in Quebec. August 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Cost is \$893.83 per person and includes 11 meals. Please contact Juanita at 902-466-0625 or e-mail her at [juanitabates1987@gmail.com](mailto:juanitabates1987@gmail.com) for additional information or to make your booking.

Please see the poster on the church bulletin board.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

In Future the weekly collections will be posted in the bulletin so parishioners are better aware of their financial status here at the parish.

Below is an introduction to what this will look like in the future. We will be adding a budget comparison beginning next week.

## ST. ANDREW ORDINARY REVENUE

Ord. Rev.	# of Env.	Feb 3/19	Average
Sunday Env	87	\$1825.00	\$20.97
Loose		\$127.95	
P.A.D.	15	\$250.00	\$16.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>\$2202.95</b>	
Budget		TBA	
+ / -		TBA	

## SAVE THE DATE

Our next Dinner theatre here at St. Andrew is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 26 and 27.

More information to come but it will be its usual fun and exciting evening of entertainment for all.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE ST. PETER CHURCH, DART.

April 26 & 27  
Through Pastoral Associate  
Via parish website link  
[www.stpeterdartmouth.com](http://www.stpeterdartmouth.com)

## 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](mailto:fohfurniturebank@gmail.com)

## SEEK CHRIST AND HIS HUMBLE LOVE, Pope Francis exhorts Catholics in UAE

Pope Francis blesses a child at the Feb. 5, 2019 Mass in Abu Dhabi. *Credit: Vatican Media.*



Preaching on the Beatitudes during his visit to the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, Pope Francis called on those present to seek communion with Christ before all else.

“Let us together ask here today for the grace of rediscovering the attraction of following Jesus, of imitating him, of not seeking anyone else but him and his humble love,” the pope said Feb. 5 during Mass at Zayed Sports City, a stadium in Abu Dhabi.

“*For here is the meaning of our life: in communion with him and in our love for others,*” he added.

Pope Francis is in the Emirati capital Feb. 3-5 to promote interreligious dialogue and to give support to the country’s Christian minority. During his visit he also attended an interreligious meeting and met privately with the Muslim Council of Elders.

Christ pronounced the Beatitudes to “*fix in our hearts,*” the pope said, the “essential message” that “if you are with Jesus, if you love to listen to his word as the disciples of that time did, if you try to live out this word every day, then you are blessed.”

“*The Christian life, first and foremost, is not ... simply a list of external prescriptions to fulfil or a set of teachings to know,*” but “*rather, it is the knowledge that, in Jesus, we are the Father’s beloved children.*”

“*The Christian life means living out the joy of this blessedness, wanting to live life as a love story, the story of God’s faithful love, he who never abandons us and wishes to be in communion with us always,*”

Francis stated. “*This is the reason for our joy, a joy that no one in the world and no circumstance in our lives can take from us. It is a joy that gives peace also in the midst of pain, a joy that already makes us participate in that eternal happiness which awaits us.*”

The Beatitudes are “*an overturning of that popular thinking, according to which it is the rich and the powerful who are blessed, those who are successful and acclaimed by the crowds,*” he said.