

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 – Trevor Pluff

Thursday 7:00 pm – Michael Shaw

Saturday: June 29th 2019 - 4:30 pm

*Peggy Bellemore, Mitchell Bellemore and
Frances Naugle*

ST. CLEMENT

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 6:30 pm – Flora Fitzgerald

Wednesday 9:00 am – Bob Hinds

Thursday 9:00 am – Sharon Keddy

Friday 9:00 am – Wayne Faulkner

Saturday: June 29th 2019 - 4:00 pm
– Paul & Chris Doyle

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



This Sunday we celebrate a Feast that directs our attention to the source and summit of our Faith. The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the food that nourishes us on our pilgrim way through life. When Jesus invited the Apostles to take and eat, to take and drink, He invited them to partake and participate fully in his life.

The central most important reality of the Roman Catholic Faith is belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We do not believe that the Eucharist is a mere symbol or sign – in the Roman Catholic Tradition we believe that the Eucharist – the consecrated host is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no compromise on this teaching, there is no other way to understand the Eucharist.

When we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – we are sitting and praying before Jesus Christ – who is truly present to us. When we walk up for Holy Communion – our AMEN as a response to the words “The Body of Christ” means “YES LORD WE BELIEVE”

We believe that You are truly present before us ... we believe that You will share with us the Will of the Father ... we believe that You will nurture and feed us on our earthly pilgrimage ... we believe that You are here with us.

My dear friends, today as we celebrate this beautiful Feast, may we come to more deeply appreciate and understand the depth of God’s Love for you and for me – present truly in the Blessed Sacrament. “*Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of everlasting life.*”

FINANCE COUNCIL

I would like to thank our members of the Finance Councils for their collaborative efforts over the past year.

It has been an interesting year especially where we have incorporated the work of combining the three churches that we are about to be more closely associated as a New Parish.

As a Faith Community we are blessed with many people who have the good of the parish at heart. I want to thank you for your work for the parish and I am praying that we will continue to work together for the good of our Church and I ask that you continue to share your gifts of visioning and financial expertise to help us to grow.

TRANSITION TEAM

Last weekend we shared at the three parishes the new schedule of Sunday Masses as of August 3rd and 4th, 2019. There will be another adjustment made for the second week of September which will move us into the new schedule for the year.

As we move toward this new schedule of Masses, I hope that we take some time to consider what this will mean for us personally and communally. The centrality of the Eucharist for us as Roman Catholics can never be compromised. It is through the celebration of the Mass, where we are nourished in the Sacrament of the Word and most excellently in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we identify most succinctly as followers of Christ.

Vatican II reminds us that the Mass is the source and summit of our Faith. Over these next couple of months, I invite anyone who is involved in ministry to consider how you will continue to offer your gift.

There are two Masses in particular which have been affected. Saturday afternoon at 4:30 pm has been removed from our schedule at Saint Andrew, and Sunday evening at 6 pm as of September has been moved from Saint John

XXIII to Saint Andrew in Eastern Passage. It would be great if any involved in the ministry of Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality/Greeters, Altar Servers, and Music Ministry, would be open to consider assisting at another Mass in your own Church or in one of the other Churches in our Parish.

For example, if you presently attend Mass at Saint Andrew at 4:30 pm would consider offering your gift of ministry at 4 pm at Saint Clement or Saint John XXIII?

If you are presently offering a ministry at the 6 pm Sunday evening Mass at Saint John XXIII, would you consider helping to build a Mass which will be offered at 6 pm at Saint Andrew in Eastern Passage?

As we move into this New Parishes/Stronger Together, these are some of the realities that we hope you will think about. Our three Churches are invited to become one Parish.

Each Church is affected in this change or transition. In the midst of any change there is disruption of our schedules and our routines. What does this mean for each of us individually and as a member of the Family of Faith? Where are we in our Faith?

SUMMER AND CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

As we approach the days of summer, we need to be mindful of celebrating our Faith with regularity and consistency. The same God who has created the seasons of the year, also still longs for us to gather in praise to Him.

These next couple of months, will offer us a lighter schedule especially regarding school, work, church meetings, and any other organizations we belong to. That, being said, as we take some time for vacation, may we remember to seek out the nearest Catholic Church to celebrate Mass and our Faith each Sunday.

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The Transition Team would like to thank you for taking the time to engage in the Name the Parish process.

We were absolutely thrilled with the number of people who have submitted names and the obvious thought and prayer that went into your suggestions. The ballots are still available and we will conclude voting at the Masses at the three Churches this weekend.

The Transition Team is meeting next week and will prepare a recommendation to submit to the Archbishop for approval.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move through this process of becoming a New Parish: Stronger Together.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Now that the summer season is upon us, the Sunday Evening Prayer for vocations will no longer take place. Thank you Corey for offering this to us.

WELCOME TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY

This Sunday we will welcome to the Christian family through the celebration of Baptism, Xavier Luc Lockyer, son of Jeff and Julie.

Please pray that Xavier and his family will always walk in the light of Christ.

JUNE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This month we are given an opportunity to reflect on the age-old devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is through the Sacred Heart that we come to recognize the power and love of the Good Shepherd – Jesus Christ.

The pierced side of Jesus, water and blood flow out – this symbolizes the life-giving and life-renewing Sacraments of the Church. Jesus,

gives us the great gift of mercy, this is the Father's love poured out for us.

It is this love that moves us and inspires us to become God's own again. The purpose of God the Father sending us His Son, was to bring us back to Him.

This is no easy task for us to understand with our limited capacity, but simply put, we have a God who is so gracious and kind, one who waits for our return.

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
have Mercy on us!*

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer.

Our mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit steubenvilleconferences.com.

Steubenville Atlantic, Canada's first Steubenville Youth Conference, is presented in partnership with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The event is held annually in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The 2019 conference dates are July 5-7, 2019.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION CLOSED
Except to off-campus volunteers or clergy.

Please email kchisholm@halifaxyarmouth.org for late participant or on-campus volunteer inquiries.

CHALICE MISSION TRIP TO TANZANIA



Join the next Chalice Mission to Tanzania! From October 2nd to 22nd. Chalice will be visiting our Mbinga and Neema Sponsor

Sites in the communities of Morogoro, Mkongo and Mjimwema. (We will also visit Ruaha National Park for safari at the end!)

Together with our partners, the Vincentian Fathers and the Sisters of Visitation, we are changing lives in these communities through Chalice's Family Funding model, complemented by Capital Projects and Human Development Programs. Our goal is educated children in healthy families and self-sustaining communities. Come and see it all firsthand! Learn more: <http://ow.ly/m4kE50ux5Ut>

Applications due June 24. Contact 1-800-776-6855, joannealbrecht@chalice.ca
Download [2019_Chalice_Tanzania_Mission_-_intro_reduced.pdf](#)

STATEMENT REGARDING THE EASTERN SHORE PARISHES

On Sunday, June 16, Archbishop Mancini celebrated Mass with the community on the Eastern Shore at Saint Philip Neri Church in Musquodobit Harbour.

After Mass ended, he gathered with the community and read a statement regarding the journey of transformation in the area and announced the closure of five church buildings. The statement and accompanying information was distributed to the people.

A copy of that document can be found at the following link

[https://halifaxyarmouth.org/images/pdf/pastoral_plan/Statement Letter for Eastern Shore 16 06 2019.pdf](https://halifaxyarmouth.org/images/pdf/pastoral_plan/Statement_Letter_for_Eastern_Shore_16_06_2019.pdf)

Archbishop Mancini's focus as Chief Shepherd in this local Church is the pastoral care of the faithful entrusted to him. The initiative to become new parishes that are stronger together seeks to bring us all to a better place that will see a future where there are growing, healthy, and viable communities of missionary disciples throughout the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

Please continue to pray for our bishop, our pastors, our parishes, and all the faithful as we call on the Holy Spirit to guide this journey of transformation and renewal.

EMPOWERMENT MEN'S CONFERENCE



We are excited to announce that you can now register for the 2nd Annual Catholic Men's Empowered

Conference being held in Halifax, at the Bella Rosa Arts Center, October 4-5, 2019.

The Empowered Conference is a call to men to be challenged and grow in faithfulness to serve God, the Church, and especially their families. This Conference is an opportunity for men to become more engaged in their faith, whether they're lukewarm or already on fire!

In addition, the Conference helps men find their purpose, meet others who are like-minded looking for a spiritual experience, allows men to feel comfortable talking about their faith, support one another, share their struggles including spiritual ones while rediscovering their role as men in the church and families.

Event Location: Bella Rose Arts Centre
Event Date: Friday, October 4 - Saturday, October 5, 2019. Early registration deadline: June 30, 2019.

Visit our website or contact us at empoweredccfm@hotmail.com

MAGICAL JOURNEY TO PORTUGAL and NORTHERN SPAIN

**Featuring: Lisbon - Coimbra - Fatima - Porto
- Santiago de Compostela - Oviedo - Logrono
- Santander OCTOBER 8- 18, 2019**

Total Cost \$2990.00 - Included in cost:
Round trip air fare from the Maritimes.
3 - 4 star accommodation based on twin
occupancy. Daily breakfast & dinner.
Tours as per itinerary.
Services of professional local guides.
All entrance fees to places of interest.

Not included in cost:

Airport taxes/fuel surcharges - \$685.00
Tips to drivers/guides
A deposit of \$500.00 guarantees you a spot!!

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POPE AT AUDIENCE: THE FIRE OF GOD'S LOVE, THE POWER OF HIS WORD



Pope Francis reflects on the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered with Mary in the Upper Room, and says the same Spirit continues to dwell in us.

June 19th, 2019

By Vatican News - At this week's General Audience held in a sun-drenched St Peter's Square, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, focusing specifically on the day of Pentecost.

Prayer and Breath - The Pope described the Apostles, gathered around Mary in the Upper Room, as being "in prayer". Prayer is the "lung", said the Pope, "that gives breath to disciples of all times; without prayer one cannot be a disciple of Jesus". The descent of the Holy Spirit, he said, was "an event that exceeded their expectations": they were "surprised" by

the "force of a wind that reminds us of the...primordial breath".

Wind and Fire - To the wind is then added the fire, continued Pope Francis. The fire reminds of us the burning bush because, in the biblical tradition, "fire accompanies the manifestation of God". In the fire God delivers his living word, said the Pope, and the fire itself expresses God's work of "warming, illuminating and testing hearts". On Mount Sinai, we hear the voice of God.

In Jerusalem, on the feast of Pentecost, it is the voice of Peter. Despite his own weakness, once filled with the fire of the Spirit, Peter's words acquire strength, "capable of piercing hearts... For God chooses what is weak in the world to confuse the strong", said Pope Francis.

Truth and Love - "The Church is born of the fire of love", continued the Pope, a fire that "breaks out at Pentecost and manifests the power of the Word of the Risen One imbued with the Holy Spirit".

The words of the Apostles themselves become imbued with the same Spirit. They become "a new, different word, which can be understood, as if it were translated simultaneously into all languages". This is the language of "truth and love, which is the universal language: even the illiterate can understand it".

Communion and Reconciliation - Pope Francis went on to describe the Holy Spirit as "the creator of communion, the artist of reconciliation who knows how to remove barriers between Jews and Greeks, slaves and freedmen".

The Holy Spirit "makes the Church grow by helping it to go beyond human limitations, sins and scandals", said the Pope. "Only the Spirit of God has the power to humanize" and to create connections, "beginning with those who receive Him".