

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
St. George's: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 6:30 p.m.
All Saints: Sun. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

St. James - Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
St. James - Saturday 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.
St. George's - Wednesday 6:00 - 6:15 p.m.

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** (from November to May) **

practices as police checks and volunteer registrations. Right now each parish committee is receiving three copies of the CCCB document, "Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse" for study. By the beginning of the new year the Diocesan Committee for Strengthening the Caring Community program will publish a parish CODE OF ETHICS.

Workshops to implement this new Code will be provided at that time. In addition the Diocesan Committee regarding Allegations of Misconduct will review its commitment and procedures in the light of the new document and make whatever changes are recommended.

One of the recommendations in the CCCB document, "Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse" clearly states that our programs be audited on a regular basis by an outside auditor. I have already consulted with our insurers who audit parishes for physical safety on a regular basis. They have agreed to monitor parishes as well for compliance with our program and protocols for the safety of vulnerable adults and children. This is an additional commitment we are making towards accountability and transparency.

My dear people I was taught that ours is Holy Church. It is Holy by the grace and presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are nevertheless a Holy Church of sinners. Current events have shocked us into realizing and accepting this fact. But because of Jesus' commitment to us we don't give up. We rely on God's grace to forgive and to ask forgiveness; we rely on God's grace for wisdom to make the right and necessary decisions and we rely on the presence of the Holy Spirit to continue the ministry and mission of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

+ *Richard Grecco*

Bishop of Charlottetown

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Please pray for Ellie White, John MacIntyre, Corinne Myers, Ivan Gallant & Kevin Roberts. If you wish prayers for your loved one due to illness please email or phone Edith (583-2541) to let her know. Thank you!

Week Day Masses

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. St. George's Int. Albert & Allan Joe MacPhee by Mary Anne and Lawrence Johnston
Thursday, Nov. 15, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Martin VandenBroek by Ansy & Eddy Donahoe
Friday, Nov. 16, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. Irving Sampson by Marion Delaney
Saturday, Nov. 17, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit
Sunday, Nov. 18, 9:00 St. George's Int. Barbara MacLellan by Bennett & Family
Sunday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Adrian & Gerry Sullivan

PARISH MISSION!!! Every once and a while it is good to take some time out of our busy lives to ponder the direction of our lives... A mission is a great way to do just that. Set the dates in your calendar so you don't miss it. The title of the mission is "The True Face of the Father" with the mission

priest, being Fr. Guy Desrochers. Fr. Guy will be at each of the weekend Masses Nov. 17th and 18th with the mission beginning at All Saints, Sunday evening on the 18th... and concluding Wednesday evening the 21st. with Mass followed by a small social

A little background on Fr. Guy Desrochers...

Born in 1956 in Gatineau, in the province of Quebec, Fr. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., a French Canadian Redemptorist, is the third of a family of five children: one girl and four boys. He studied Fine Arts and Commercial Art at Algonquin College in Ottawa, and at 18 years of age, he became a graphic artist for a French newspaper where he worked for seven years. Since he was 14 years old, he had not put a foot in church, and led a disorderly life: drugs, alcohol and sex. Shortly after turning 24, his whole life suddenly changed, mainly because of his father's illness and his mother's prayers. He started reading his Bible after hearing an inside voice compelling him to read it. After 2 years of spiritual journey with the Lord, he finally answered God's call to become a priest. Ordained at the age of 32, he has since become a passionate preacher of the Good News, both in French and in English, around the entire North American continent. He has been the rector of the beautiful Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, near Quebec City, for 4 years. He was previously in charge of the French and English magazine of the Shrine (La Revue Sainte Anne and The Annals of Saint Anne), and is presently active in full time preaching since June 2015, and director of Pastoral Vocations for his community.

Prayer Partners are needed for First Communion and Confirmation students of St. Benedict's Pastoral Family of Churches. You are asked to pray at home and to attend one prayer session at the church. We need twenty prayer partners. If you wish to be a prayer partner, please contact Claudia (902-969-0266) or Edith (902-5i3-2541)

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for Nov. – 4 Unavailable. Ministries for Nov. 17: Lector – Kevin Gotell; Eucharistic Minister – Claranne Lavandier. Church cleaner for November is Dave Beauchamp.

St. James Church Cleaners: We are in need of able-bodied men or women to take on this important task of keeping the Lord's house in order as we come to worship. Some people have had to resign and it is too much for one person. Please contact Kevin Gotell (652-2387).

St. James Snowmen or Snowwomen: This is an important job to enable fellow parishioners to come to worship our Lord and for the youth to be trained in His ways. Could you lend a hand shoveling? Please contact Claudia (969-0266).

WISDOM of the SAINTS- Self-Sacrifice

"The more intense the love, the less we think of a sacrifice involved to secure what we love." ~ *Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for Nov. 4 – 26 Envelopes - \$665.00; Loose -

\$48.60; proceeds from the roast beef dinner - \$4,458.00. Ministries for Nov. 17: Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Joe MacDonald; Gifts – Andrew & Denise Rowe; Ushers – Reg Peters & Michael Sullivan; Church Custodian for Nov. 12 to Nov. 18 are Kenny & Florine MacPhee; Church Cleaners for November are Karen VandenBroek, Mary Ann Donahoe, Pauline Kelly, & Chrissy Riley.

Card Play Lunch Committee for November 12 is: Joanne MacGuigan, Margaret VandenBroek & Florine MacPhee – Loaf of sandwiches. Julie VandenBroek, Shari MacDonald & Frances MacDonald - 2 – 3 dozen sweets.

PLEASE NOTE: The card play on Monday, November 19, is cancelled so parishioners can attend the Parish Mission.

Everyone is welcome to come to All Saints church at sunset (4:42 p.m.) on November 11 for the ringing of the church bell in remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I which was from 1914 – 1918.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for Nov. 4 - 27 Envelopes - \$760.00; Loose – \$63.60. Ministries for Nov. 18: Lector – Geordie Johnston; Eucharistic Minister – Colleen MacDonald; Gifts – Agnes & Rosella MacDonald; Ushers – Owen & Paul Fitzpatrick; Church Cleaners for November are Dolores Campbell, Sheila Johnston, Gertie Llewellyn, & Claire McCarron.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Advent Faith Sharing: Anyone interested in participating in faith sharing during Advent please contact Edith MacDonald. (583-2541)

The Island Pregnancy Centre is gathering items for their annual Silent Auction & Dessert Night fundraiser Nov. 17th from 6-8 p.m. at the Christian Reformed Church, Charlottetown. They are accepting donations of artwork, handmade knits, gift certificates, baked goods, business merchandise as well as a variety of other items. If you are interested in donating an item, please call 902-370-3700 or charlottetown@islandpregnancycentre.com

PRAYER for the WEEK: Prayer of Remembrance

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

~ from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

NOTE: Please send items for the Bulletin to Edith MacDonald at - elmacdonald56@gmail.com or phone 583-2541 by Noon, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.

Letter from the Bishop

Dear faithful of the Diocese of Charlottetown,

The recent news of sex scandals in the United States was particularly disheartening and hurtful because of the implication of some Bishops and Cardinals who tried to cover up these sinful crimes. None of this reflects the Way, the Truth and Life of Jesus which you and I expect of Church leaders (John 14:16). Although this happened in a different country, I nevertheless feel shame for the Church as it is the same Christian faith we share. This storm indeed is making troubled waters for the Barque of Peter. The understandable plea of the Apostles, "Lord, do you not care we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38 and Matthew 8:25) could well be our prayer these days.

However, in Canada some good news was announced on October 4, 2018 with the publication by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), "Protecting Minors from Sexual Abuse: A Call to the Catholic Faithful in Canada for Healing, Reconciliation and Transformation". Consultants for this document included psychologists, social workers, legal experts and most important, victims. The Canadian Bishops identify nine lessons they learned and wish to share with priests, deacons, lay ministers and all the faithful. Each lesson emphasizes accountability and transparency. Upon these two pillars stand sixty-nine recommendations for every Diocese in Canada to implement at the Diocesan and parish level. I invite everyone to read the entire document which is posted on our Diocesan Website, dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Looking forward, your parish and the Diocese may expect a dedicated commitment to long term-prevention and the pre-emptive action. Accountability and transparency make no sense unless it is offered for the long term and with a pro-active strategy. We have already established a good beginning in this respect when we inaugurated in 2010-2011 the "Strengthening the Caring Community Program" which is dedicated to securing a safe environment in each parish. Every parish is expected to have a committee to coordinate the protection of vulnerable adults and youth with such

