

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE:

St. James: Sat. 4:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
St. George's: Sun. 9:00 a.m., Wed. 9:30 a.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.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings of today tell us how we can pattern our lives according to the divine invitation. They call us to reflect upon the many ways in which we can respond to God and give him our total attention. God communicates with us in many ways and he seeks a response from us. The whole church always strives to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. The Gospel of today directs us to a method in which we can respond to him. We have the Sermon on the Mount as presented by Matthew, which is the Christian ethical teaching and the core of the Christian way of life. Here Jesus presents us with real opposing values, those of Jesus and the world. He teaches us that we can create happiness and the capacity for joy by ourselves and radiate them to others, to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Gospel tells us that when we are facing a certain trial in our life, don't forget that there are also blessings attached to it. What is God's Kingdom for us?

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Pauline Walsh & Betty Martell. 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, Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m. St. George's Int. No Intention Listed

Thursday, Feb. 2, 9:30 a.m. All Saints Int. No Intention Listed

Friday, Feb. 3, 9:00 a.m. St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Saturday, Feb. 4, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Sunday, Feb. 5, 9:00 a.m. St. George's – Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Amanda Lannigan by Noreen

Winter Storm Mass Cancellations: You can check the banner on our website for immediate Mass cancellation notifications. For weekday Masses the policy that if school is closed or delayed for the day due to the weather, Mass will be cancelled.

Catechism Classes: Catechism Classes for grades 1 – 7 are held on Monday evenings at St. James church from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Classes for grades 8 & 9 are held on Thursday evenings at St. James church from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Please pray for all our catechism students.

Hospital/ Nursing Home Visits: In the past, priests and lay pastoral associates were able to freely visit the sick. With Covid restrictions, unless we are on the list of visitors for a patient, most health care facilities will not allow us in. To receive the Sacrament of the Sick, which can be administered with a change in health or before surgery, and the "Last Rites" at the time of death, please ask the nurse to contact a priest and he will be allowed to go to the patient's room. If you wish to have a home visit or a home visit with communion, you can contact Fr. Kishore or Claudia. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession or the Sacrament of the Sick at home contact Fr. Kishore.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for January 22 - 15 Envelopes - \$310.00; 1 Initial Offering Envelope - \$20.00; Loose - \$31.00; 1 Maintenance Envelopes - \$20.00; 1 Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day

Offering - \$20.00. **Ministries for February 4:** Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Veronica Curley; Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Team 1. **Snow Clearing** from January 26 to February 1 is Mike LaVie and from February 2 to February 8 is Hal Publicover.

The 2023 church envelopes for St. James are at the back of the Church. Please pick up your box of envelopes. Thanks.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for January 22 – 21 Envelopes - \$635.00; Loose - \$150.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. **Ministries for February 5:** Lector – Robin Laird; Eucharistic Minister – Ron Blue; Gifts – Norbert and Eileen Rice; Ushers – George VandenBroek & Michael Rice. **Church Custodian** from January 30 to February 5 is Joey Cain and from February 6 to February 12 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan; **Church Cleaners** for January are Edwena Campbell, Joanne McGuigan and Debbie Quinn. **Snow Clearing Team** from Monday, January 30 to Sunday, February 5 are Dan Shepherd & John Brothers and from Monday, February 6 to Sunday, February 12 is George and John Allen Hughes.

All Saints 2023 Envelopes are at the back of the Church for pickup. Remember you can also register for the automatic monthly contributions; forms are with the envelopes or ask Mary Ann Donahoe. The property and finance committee "Thank You" for your generous donations this past year.

All Saints Parish CWL dues can be put in the collection basket or given to Joanne McGuigan, Ansy Donahoe or Mary Grant. This year's membership fee is 25.00.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for January 22 – 20 Envelopes - \$600.00; Loose - \$52.00. **Ministries for February 5:** Lector – Diane Brennan; Eucharistic Minister – Raymond Morrison; Gifts – Raymond & Joanie Morrison; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay Matheson; **Church Cleaners** for January are Sharon MacEachern, Micheline Downe, & Paula Fay Matheson. **Snow clearing team** from Sunday, January 29 to Saturday, February 4 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee and from Sunday, February 5 to Saturday 11 are Owen Fitzpatrick and Claude MacKinnon.

2023 Church Envelopes: If anyone did not receive a box of envelopes but wishes to use a box, there are boxes of envelopes available in the Sacristy.

The St. George's C.W.L. invites girls and women attending colleges and universities to apply for the **Catholic Girls Bursary by the deadline of January 31,**

2023. Application forms will be available at the back of the church at St. George's and St. James. Contact Edith MacDonald regarding signatures required on the form.

St. George's C.W.L. Members are reminded that your C.W.L. dues payment deadline is January 31. You can put an envelope in the collection with your name on it or you can contact Maggie, Carol, Audrey or Edith. Thanks.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Clergy Change: Effective January 1, Fr. Martin Carter has been appointed Parish Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi (Cornwall), St. Martin of Tours (Cumberland) and St. Anne (Emyvale) until June 2023. Fr. Doug MacDonald, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and Administrator of St. Anne and St. Martin of Tours, has been granted medical leave until June 2023.

PRAYER for the WEEK: The Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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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.