

ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT
2nd Sunday in Easter – Divine Mercy
April 16, 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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The two followers who were going to Emmaus were obviously discouraged; they were feeling down, and somewhat hopeless. They were in such a mood because their Lord and Master had a violent death on the cross. They thought that Jesus was their powerful savior but they were disappointed. For Jesus died on the cross badly bruised and beaten.

After breaking bread with them, Cleopas and his companion recognized that it was Jesus who walked, conversed and broke bread with them. Upon discovering the identity of Jesus their loneliness and hopelessness were immediately replaced by happiness, their discouragement was overpowered by encouragement. Their hopeless spirits were suddenly aflame and glowing.

What do we do when we feel hopeless, sad and discouraged? Do we just sulk in one corner as if we are the most hopeless and miserable person in this world? Or do we always call on Jesus to give us hope and strength? When we are at our lowest we always have to remember that Jesus is always there for us and walking with us ever ready to listen to us. He wants to give us hope, He wants to inspire us and tell us this: Be hopeful for I have already risen.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Rose Molloy & Pauline Walsh. 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, April 19, 9:30 a.m. at St. George's Int. Neil Campbell by Maggie and Greg Campbell

PLEASE NOTE: Starting on Wednesday, April

26 Mass will be at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 9:30 p.m. All Saints Int. Stephen MacLean by Bonnie Staford

Friday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Saturday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Edith & Joe MacPhee & Janice Frehlich by Bonnie Staford

Sunday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Urban & Barbara MacKinnon by Family

Sunday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Parishioners of the Unit

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: Monday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Confirmation Classes: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Faith Sharing:

Faith Sharing at St. James Church will be held every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. with reflection and discussion on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Everyone from St. Benedict's Pastoral Family and beyond is most welcome to attend. Come and "journey in faith together!"

Rosary: We will soon begin praying the rosary before Mass on Saturday and Sunday in a couple of weeks. **Volunteers are needed at each parish to lead the rosary.** Please contact Fr. Kishore if this is something you can do. The rosary would begin at 3:30 before the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday; at 8:30 before the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday and at 10:00 before the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Everyone is invited to join in praying the rosary before each Mass.

Welcome! On behalf of St. Benedict's Pastoral Unit, we would like to say a huge welcome to Diane Wood who has agreed to take on the role as Treasurer & we wish her all the best in her new role.

Divine Mercy Sunday: There will be a special celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16) at St. James church starting with a holy hour and a time for confessions from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and concluding with the chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. at St. James. The Novena for Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday. To pray the Novena visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/orderwide-divine-mercynovena.pdf#:~:text=In%20preparation%20for%20Divine%20Mercy%20Sunday%20%28the%20Second,will%20grant%20every%20possiblegrace%20to%20souls%E2%80%9D%20%28Diary%2C%20796%29>.

OLD PALM BRANCHES: If you have old palm branches please drop them off to one of the Churches. There will be a box at each church to place them in. Remember that they have been blessed so the proper disposal is either to burn or bury them. Take them in and we will use them to make next year's Ash Wednesday's ashes.

ST. JAMES PARISH

Collection for April 9 – 20 Envelopes - \$545.00; Loose - \$97.00; 16 Good Friday Envelopes - \$325.00; Loose - \$137.00; 1 Solidarity Sunday Envelope - \$20.00. **Ministries for April 22:** Lector – Florence MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Gotell, Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Organ Choir. **Snow Clearing** from April 13 to April 19 is Mark King and from April 20 to April 26 is Mike LaVie.

Pastoral Council for St. James Parish: Would you like to be part of a team to build a dynamic Christian community here at St. James Church? Would you like to invite and support others to share their gifts and talents? Would you like to help grow our faith experience through spiritual formation, community building, and outreach to those in need? Pray about how God is calling you to serve in our church community. **There will be a gathering in the Church Hall on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.** with Father Kishore and all those interested in this important work. Invite a parishioner to attend with you!

ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for April 9 – 22 Envelopes - \$680.00; Loose - \$132.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00; 29 Share Lent Envelopes - \$905.00. **Ministries for April 23:** Lector – Cindy Shepard; Eucharistic Minister – Billy Conohan; Gifts – John & Mae Campbell; Ushers – Roger Kelly & Ron Blue. **Church Custodians** from April 17 to April 23 is Ron Blue & from April 24 to April 30 is Joey Cain. **Church Cleaners for April** are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre & Joanne Conohan; **Snow Clearing Team** from April 17 to April 23 is George & John Allen Hughes & from April 24 to April 30 are Jimmy Quinn & Benny Nabuurs.

Indoor Spring Cleaning of the Church: In preparation of First Communion and Confirmation at All Saints this year, our Indoor Spring Cleaning will be held on **Saturday, April 22.** Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. Bring your buckets, cleaning rags, etc. Coffee and tea will be on, and refreshments will be provided.

Muffin Sunday: Please join us after Mass at All Saints for "Muffin Sunday" in conjunction with our Unit celebration of First Communion on Sunday, May 7. Coffee, tea, and juice will be on, and contributions to the sharing table would be most welcome.

There is interest in resuming the card plays this fall - we do have some volunteers (thank you!) who are willing to help out. We have had some inquiries around same partners versus different. We would like to get some feedback from those who might come out to play. Please contact Billy Conohan (902-583-2661) or Marilyn Barrett (902-314-3875)

and let us know if you would like to have the same partner all evening or switch partners each game as in the past. Please let us know by the end of April. We appreciate it in advance. Marilyn and Billy

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

Collection for April 9 – 27 Envelopes - \$1,120.00; Loose - \$42.00; 13 Holy Land Envelopes - \$265.00; 1 Initial Offering - \$10.00. **Ministries for April 23:** Lector – Nate Shaw; Eucharistic Minister – John Gotell; Gifts – John & Naomi Gotell; Ushers – Tony Thijseen & Rolland Dionne. **Church Cleaners for April** are Joanie, Sally, & Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers; **Snow clearing team** from April 16 to April 22 is Paul & Raymond Morrison & from April 23 to April 29 are Kevin Campbell & Joey MacPhee.

Thank you to everyone who donated money or flowers for the church altar for Easter.

Church Greeters: Anyone interested in being a greeter before our Sunday Mass please contact Paula Fay-Matheson at 902-961-2166.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Meeting of the North Shore Funeral Co-op will be held at the North Shore Funeral Home in Morell on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Steubenville Atlantic is coming! Talks, friends, fun! Join youth from across the Maritimes at Steubenville Atlantic, a dynamic youth conference hosted at Dalhousie University, July 8-10. This year's theme is Refuge (Mt 11:28)! Registration is open for youth in grades 9-12. Early bird cost is \$200 until March 31. For more information contact your parish group leader, or visit <https://youth.dioceseofcharlottetown.com/steubenville-atlantic/>

Sisters of St. Martha Centennial Award valued at \$2,016, for a third- or fourth-year female student pursuing studies in the field of ethics/ ecology/ theology / education/ healthcare or social work areas. Criteria and applications are available online at www.saintdunstonsuniversity.ca. Look for the *Student Financial Aid* section. Application deadline is May 30, 2023.

PRAYER for the WEEK: EASTER PRAYER

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us. When our faith beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary, "I have seen the Lord!" And grant us faith to believe!

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.