

## ST. BENEDICT'S PASTORAL UNIT

### 3rd Sunday in Easter

April 23, 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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As we journey through life with all its problems and distractions, we can certainly lose our perspective. We can lose all direction to life and left to ourselves we become nothing and remain with uncertainty. Any positive support or a sincere understanding can place a person on the right path. This is what the readings of today tell us that hope will come when we expect little.

Human hope is a fragile thing and when it withers it's difficult to revive. Hopelessness as a disease of the human spirit is desperately hard to cure. Today God challenges us to meet the Risen Christ who comes to us in ordinary life situations.

All of the Easter accounts suggest that Christ comes to us in the places where we live our lives. It is easy to mistake the presence of the Lord like Mary for a gardener, Peter as a man on the beach, Cleopas and his companion while at meal. Easter comes and gives us a fresh chance to believe and live in a new exciting way. The Easter story and the story of the Emmaus journey hover around us all the time. God never forces himself on us, but Christ joins us as a consoling letter from a friend.

#### 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 26, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Int. Living & Deceased C.W.L. Members by St. George's C.W.L.

**PLEASE NOTE: MASS TIME CHANGE On April 26 Mass will be at 6:30 p.m.**

Thursday, April 27, 9:30 p.m. All Saints Int. George MacLean by Bonnie Staford

Friday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. at St. James Int. No Intention Listed

Saturday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. St. James Int. Parishioners of the Unit

Sunday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. St. George's Int. Connie & Pius Fitzpatrick by Family

Sunday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. All Saints Int. Mary & C.J. MacLean by Bonnie Staford

Catechism Classes: Catechism Classes for grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 are finished for the year on Monday, April 24. Preparation for First Communion: Sat. April 29 at 9:00 a.m. at All Saints Church for St. Benedict's children to prepare for and receive Sacrament of Confession as well as to practice for their First Communion.

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. We still need Volunteers from 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.

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 16 – 16 Envelopes - \$445.00; Loose -

\$50.00; 16 Good Friday Envelopes - \$325.00; Loose - \$137.00 \$20.00. Ministries for April 29: Lector – Tony Thijseen; Eucharistic Minister – Christine MacMillan, Altar Server – John Gotell; Choir – Guitar. Snow Clearing from April 20 to April 26 is Mike LaVie and from April 27 to May 3 is Hal Publicover.

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!

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with all of our Easter Services. I greatly appreciated what each of you did to help out! Fr. Kishore

## ALL SAINTS PARISH

Collection for April 16 – 23 Envelopes - \$845.00; Loose - \$75.00; Cemetery Fund - \$50.00. Ministries for April 30: Lector – Martina MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Mark Wilson; Gifts – Billy & Anita Conohan; Ushers – Dan Shepard & Frank Brothers. Church Custodians from April 24 to April 30 is Joey Cain & from May 1 to May 7 are Louis & Marilyn Callaghan. Church Cleaners for April are Julie VandenBroek, Janice MacIntyre & Joanne Conohan; Snow Clearing Team from April 24 to April 30 is Jimmy Quinn & Benny Nabuurs & From May 1 to May 7 are John Donahoe & Jacob Perry.

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 16 – 25 Envelopes - \$625.00; Loose - \$20.00; Regular Maintenance of the Cemetery - \$200.00. Ministries for April 30: Lector – Edith MacDonald; Eucharistic Minister – Raymond Morrison; Gifts – Raymond & Joanie Morrison; Ushers – Owen Fitzpatrick & Paula Fay-Matheson. Church Cleaners for April are Joanie, Sally, & Amy Morrison & Bernadine Somers; Snow clearing team from April 23 to April 29 is 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

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 on-line at [www.saintdunstonsuniversity.ca](http://www.saintdunstonsuniversity.ca). Look for the *Student Financial Aid* section. Application deadline is May 30, 2023.

Men's Cursillo Weekend is scheduled for April 27- 30 and a Women's Weekend is scheduled for May 18 – 21 and they will be held at Marguerite Bourgeoys Retreat Centre in Summerside. Cost of \$150 per person. For more info, please contact [brhood12@hotmail.com](mailto:brhood12@hotmail.com) or visit the Cursillo website [www.peicursillo.com](http://www.peicursillo.com).

## 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](mailto:elmacdonald56@gmail.com) or phone 583-2541 by noon, the Wednesday prior to the weekend.