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# Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016

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**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Stephen J Courtney  
Archdiocese of St. John's Toll Free 1-800-563-7700 ext. 250. Or my Direct Line 709-726-9197

**Administrative Assistant:** Betty Kielly  
**Parish Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9:00 am – 12 Noon and 1:00pm – 4:30pm

**Marriage Notifications:** 6 Months (Marriage Preparation course required)  
Please call Jocelyn (RCEC) to register at 1-709-726-3660

**Pre-Baptism Course:** To register call Dave Kenny @ 229-7395, Anna Dobbin @ 521-2867  
Sacrament of Reconciliation available before all Masses, or anytime by appointment at the parish house.

**Visitation To The Sick And Anointing Of The Sick**  
Please call the Parish Office if you would like Father Steve to visit you at home or in the hospital.

Good Shepherd Parish Website [www.gsparish.ca](http://www.gsparish.ca)  
Like 'Good Shepherd Parish' (@GoodShepherdParishSMB) on Facebook for updates.  
Website for the Archdiocese of St. John's [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
*(When there is a funeral weekday mass will be cancelled)*

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Tuesday December 13	6:30 pm	St. Joseph's	Charlie & Nora Daley, Paul & Angela Power; Gordon Penney; Nora Ryan
Wednesday December 14	6:30 pm	St. Joseph's	Laura & Randy Daley & deceased family members; Edward John Molloy; Ron Nolan
Thursday December 15	9:00 am	Lewis Personal Care	Peter, Beatrice & Don Lee; Marg St. Croix; Maurice, Ricky, Heather & Kevin Corcoran, Richard Foley, Irene & Kimberly Stafford
Friday December 16		Rectory	Mary Jane Norman; Karl Stamp; Gerard Meaney
Saturday December 17	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Vincent's St. Mary's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Ambrose, Marion, James, Margaret & Philip Ryan, Joseph, Lucina, Lawrence & Mary Ann Hearn, Thomas & Margaret Gregory, Wayne & Leo Furey, Alice & Patrick Dalton, Bride & Leo Comerford; Frances Lee; William, Monica, Reg, John, Peter & Chris Crawley & deceased members of the Crawley & Power families
Sunday December 18	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mount Carmel St. Joseph's	Michael & Hilda Hearn, John, Sheila, James & Mary Hearn; Theresa, Daniel & Jennie Walsh; James & Annie Nolan & deceased family members Jimmy, Alonzo, Madonna, Billy, Kathleen, Rita & Philip Williams; Annie & William Linehan, Father Edward Purcell, Msgr John Wallis; Vince, Emma, & Fred Doody, Stan & Mollie Dobbin, Cliff, Terry & Allan Dobbin, Florence & Henry Power

**LITURGY & MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, Dec 14	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Joseph's St. Joseph's Admiral's Beach	*PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Holy Hour Holy Hour
Friday, December 16	3:00 pm	St. Mary's	Chaplet of Devine Mercy

**From the desk of the Pastor... Dear Parishioners**

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE**, as you know as of Dec31/Jan1, we will begin a new mass schedule, Sat at 4pm, Sunday at 10:30am, rotating weekly. (St. Vincent's/St. Joseph's and Mount Carmel/St. Mary's). In April we will vote to keep this schedule or not. To date, I have not had a lot of feedback, if you have any concerns/comments about the new schedule, please let me know.

**FUNERAL PLANNING**, I was recently asked to help someone making their Will, to help them plan their funeral. These decisions, as difficult as they can be, are important, and in the end help your family members in carrying out your wishes. If anyone would like help with this, I can provide you with a form to help you plan your final wishes around your funeral liturgy. Also if you have any questions about Catholic funeral rites, please do hesitate to ask me.

**GATHERING PLACE:** After Christmas I would like for the parish to sponsor a lunch at the Gathering Place. The cost of this lunch is \$1500.00. Approximately two hundred people in need will be served at this meal. If you would like to make a donation please make it payable to Good Shepherd Parish. We will also need about twenty volunteers to help serve the meal from 11 am to 1 pm., please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer. The date of this dinner will be announced once it is determined. Thank you for your support.

**REGISTRATION FOR HOME CATECHESIS and SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** To register your child/family in this program, please contact Betty at the Parish Office. More information will be announced about meetings, sessions in the coming weeks. This program is not only for children preparing for the sacraments. It is open to all children, young people and families in the parish.

**IRELAND TRIP** – For those who are travelling to Ireland next year, the online registration form is now on the parish website, under parish news. [www.gsparish.ca](http://www.gsparish.ca), 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit of \$100.00 is now due.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** Christmas Eve St. Vincent's 6:00pm, St. Joseph's 8:30pm, Christmas Day St. Mary's 9:30am, Mount Carmel 11:30am. Mass intentions will be for all Parishioners.

**Mary Mother of God, New Year's Eve & Day:** Mount Carmel Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday St. Mary's 10:30am.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA 2017 CALENDARS:** Calendars are on sale at the parish office, before and after the weekend masses at a cost of \$10.00 each. All proceeds from the sale of the calendars will go entirely to the parish, to help offset the electrical repairs to the rectory.

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN SURVEY** that was conducted the spring/summer of 2015; has now been completed. A summary of the survey has been sent to the parishes for distribution. The full report will be available on the Archdiocesan Website. The Archdiocese wants to Thank Dr. Tim Seifert from Mun for all his work and assistance, and those who helped him. We also thank all those who took the time to complete the survey, almost 1000 were received. The data received will be used by the Strategic Planning Committee, in developing a pastoral plan for the Archdiocese.

**MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP CURRIE**, In June of this year a report was issued from the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Committee, which included a summary of statements that were made at round table discussions held throughout the Archdiocese. A statement that was insensitive and hurtful about priests from other dioceses was included in that summary. Vince Withers and myself, have written or spoken to these priests working in our Archdiocese apologizing for any harm the statement caused them. The Archdiocese greatly values and appreciates the ministry of all priests working in the Archdiocese and the statement was not one of the Strategic Planning Committee, or of the Archdiocese. However, I do realize the confusion and harm it caused to these priests, and the faithful of the Archdiocese and I wish to express my apologies to anyone who was offended by the statement. Let us pray for one another in this Advent season. Most Rev. Martin W. Currie, Archbishop of St. John's

**ELEVATE - STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE** Join hundreds of other youth from Atlantic Canada in Halifax from **July 7-9th** as we celebrate and learn more about our Catholic faith. The Steubenville conferences are held across North America each year and offer young people an opportunity to meet new people and hear fantastic speakers and music while learning more about the Sacraments and our church. Our group will begin meeting and planning in January. For more information or to register, please contact Sara at [sara\\_broderick@yahoo.com](mailto:sara_broderick@yahoo.com) or visit [www.steubenville.ca](http://www.steubenville.ca).

**VISITATION: Thursday, December 15** mass will be at Lewis Personal Care Home at 9:00am. Visitation will be starting in Peter's River at 9:30am visiting St. Vincent's, St. Mary's, and Riverhead

**VOCATION REFLECTION:** "I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Ken Walsh 437-6628, or email: [vocations@nf.aibn.com](mailto:vocations@nf.aibn.com).

**RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE GROUP OFFERINGS WINTER 2017 GROUP OFFERINGS** - 35 Barnes Road (The Lantern) **please go to [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) for more information:** When You See RED (8 weeks) Parenting Children Course (6 weeks); Support Group for End of Relationship, Separation, & Divorce (8 weeks); Self-Empowerment for Women (8 weeks); Stress Management (8 weeks). \*Dates & Times to be announced\* Visit <http://rcsj.org/content/line-registration-form>, call 579-0168, or email: [ruah@rcsj.org](mailto:ruah@rcsj.org)

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** In memory of James & Florence Burke – St. Mary's

**MASS REQUEST INTENTIONS** must be paid in advance before the mass can be supplied. The mass intention fee is \$5.00 per family intention.

**SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2017** on sale before and after the weekend masses. Cost \$4.50

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CLEANING GROUP (December):** Anna Dobbin, Brenda Pender, Sylvia Gushue, Joan Lake

**FINANCES WITH SINCERE THANKS!**

<b>Mount Carmel:</b> Weekly Offering: \$672.75	Advent Offering: \$45.00	Church Dues: \$90.00	Mission Calendars: \$15.00
<b>Card Game (Mt. Carmel Altar Society Dec 4): \$100.00</b>			
<b>St. Joseph's:</b> Weekly Offering: \$334.80	Advent Offering: \$35.00	Church Dues: \$310.00	All Souls Offering: \$10.00
Word Among Us: \$5.00	Mission Calendars: \$109.50	Certificates: \$10.00	Parish Mission: \$768.45
Memoriam (late Ellen Daley): \$100.00	Memoriam (late Anthony Stamp): \$25.00		
<b>St. Joseph's Parish Hall Fundraiser Donations: \$625.00</b> <i>thank you for your generous support!</i>			
<b>St. Vincent's:</b> Weekly Offering: \$235.95	Advent Offering: \$15.00	Church Dues: \$20.00	
<b>P.Hall Heat/light: \$73.12</b> 30% Pond View Seniors Card Game (Nov 29): \$130.00 <i>sponsors... Sylvia St. Croix, Georgina St. Croix, Irene Molloy</i>			
<b>St. Mary's:</b> Weekly Offering: \$276.70	Advent Offering: \$20.00	Church Dues: \$150.00	All Souls Offering: \$10.00
Sanctuary Light: \$7.00	Sanctuary Light: \$6.00	Certificate: \$5.00	

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

**There will be a general cleaning of St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's on Tuesday December 13 starting at 10:30 am. Men and women of the community are asked to please consider giving an hour or two of your time to come and help with this project. Many hands make light work!**

**GRAND IN YOUR HAND:** Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to sell tickets for us and to those who have purchased tickets. The draw has been a great success and will help us pay off the parish operating debt, which is the purpose of the draw. Thank you for your support! **December Month Draw #1:** Winner: Regina Dobbin Ticket No. 0117  
Ticket Drawn at Parish Office Dec 2 by: Fr. Randy Doucette  
Ticket Drawn at Parish Office Dec 2 by: Fr. Randy Doucette Witnessed by: Fr. Steve Congratulations Regina!  
Thank you Fr Randy and Fr Steve

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT** posted on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the parish office or Mr. Howard Power Finance Council Chairperson.

**CARD GAMES:** Mt. Carmel Altar Society Sunday@ 8:00 pm North Harbour: Monday @ 8:00 pm  
Salmonier 50+ Club: Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

**SCREENING PROCESS – RENEWAL:** All new volunteers with parishes have to complete a screening process. Those whose *certificate of conduct* on file is **past the five year mark** are due to apply for an updated **COURT** and **POLICE** check in 2016. These forms must be completed in order to participate in any Parish Ministry/Parish Fund raising event. The new updated forms received from the archdiocesan office are available at the back of the church and at the parish office. Please complete and return to the parish office. A letter from the parish has to accompany your application stating that you are a volunteer with the parish. An applicant for a Police Record Check is required to get a clearance from the Provincial Court. Once a Court Check has been obtained, please forward to the parish office. You then complete the Police Check form and bring it to the RCMP Detachment in Holyrood.

**TIME IN THE HALL 3.0** - The St. Joseph's Hall Committee is presenting a family-oriented event on New Year's Eve, December 31. This fundraising event will help offset the annual operating costs of the Hall. The event starts with a children's program from 7:00pm to 9:00pm with snacks, countdown and early fireworks. Music and dancing into the wee hours of 2017! Door prize, raffles and more! The event will be BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything). We suggest donations of \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Free admission for children aged 10 and under. Email: stjosephshall2016@gmail.com. See you on New Year's Eve!

**The St. Vincent's Fisherman's Museum Committee** wishes to announce that the Memory Tree event will take place on Friday Dec.16th at 6:30 near the church entrance. There will be tree lighting and ribbon tying. Come along and tie a ribbon on the tree in memory of a loved one. Ribbons will be provided. Our Town Council kindly invites everyone into Council Chambers afterwards for a little social. Hope to see you there.

**DUNNE MEMORIAL ACADEMY** will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Bake Sale this Sunday, December 11, in the school gym. Doors open at 2 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, children are free. There will be a variety of baked goods, a door prize, a Christmas item stall, and ticket spins. Come early for best selection

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**  
*Mass intentions will be for all Parishioners*

<b>Christmas Eve: 6:00 pm St. Vincent's</b>	<b>8:30 pm St. Joseph's</b>	<b>New Year's Eve: 4:00 pm Mount Carmel</b>
<b>Christmas Day: 9:30 am St. Mary's</b>	<b>11:30 am Mt. Carmel</b>	<b>New Year's Day: 10:30 am St. Mary's</b>

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon-Fri: 9:00 am – 12 Noon and 12:30 pm – 4:30pm

**REMINDER: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH GENERAL CLEANING  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 13 STARTING AT 10:30 AM**