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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016

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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
Like 'Good Shepherd Parish' (@GoodShepherdParishSMB) on Facebook for updates.
Website for the Archdiocese of St. John's www.rcsj.org

MASS SCHEDULE

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

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Tuesday December 20	6:30 pm	St. Joseph's	Joseph P., Stella & Patrick Ryan, Peter, Ethel & Francis Furey; Richard & Susie Grace & deceased family members; Rose, Leo & Chris Gardiner
Wednesday December 21	6:30 pm	St. Joseph's	Cecilia Davis; Brendan Nolan & deceased members of the Fagan & Nolan families; Kathleen & Frank Nolan, Christina & William Critch & deceased members of the Nolan & Critch families
Thursday December 22	9:00 am	St. Joseph's	Mary & Michael Walsh; Patricia Gough & Regina Ryan; John & Eileen Lewis
Friday December 23		Rectory	Deborah Stamp; Marie Tobin; Kevin Hayward
Saturday December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 8:30 pm	St. Vincent's St. Vincent's St. Joseph's	<i>Blessing of the Crib</i> "Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners "Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners
Sunday December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	9:30 am 11:30 am	St. Mary's Mount Carmel	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners "Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners

LITURGY & MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec 21	9:00 am 7:00 pm	St. Catherine's Academy St. Joseph's	Breakfast with Students, Staff & K of C Holy Hour
Friday, December 23	7:00 pm 3:00 pm	Admiral's Beach St. Mary's	Holy Hour Chaplet of Devine Mercy

From The desk of the Pastor...

Dear Parishioners

1. POSITION AVAILABLE, I am looking for someone to do housecleaning for me, 6 hours a week on Wednesdays. Payment is minimum wage. Duties include general house work only. Please submit a resume to the parish office on or before Mon Jan 2, 2017. The position starts, Jan 11, 2017.

2. 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.

3. FUNERAL PLANNING, I was recently asked by someone making their Will, to help them plan their funeral liturgy. These decisions, as difficult as they can be, are important, and in the end, help your family members in carrying out you 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.

3. GATHERING PLACE: After Christmas, the parish will sponsor a Valentine's Day meal at the Gathering Place. The cost of this is \$1500.00, approximately two hundred people in need will be served. 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 is **FEB 14, 2017**. Thank you for your support.

4. 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.

5. 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 , 2nd deposit of \$100.00 is now due.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 or visit 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

9. LAND FOR SALE: The parish is currently having surveys completed on five pieces of property. (1) Church and land in Peter's River; (2) church and Land (3) and field next to town hall in Riverhead; (4) church and land in Mall Bay; (5) church and land of the church in Colinet. Once the survey for each property is complete the parish will advertise the sale of property in the parish bulletin

God Bless – Fr. Steve

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 I, 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

VOCATION REFLECTION: "When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Ken Walsh 781-1696; Fr. Jeff Kolonel at 745-8183, Fr. Ray Earle at 488-2525 or email: vocations@rcsj.org

RUAH COUNSELLING CENTRE GROUP OFFERINGS WINTER 2017 GROUP OFFERINGS - 35 Barnes Road (The Lantern) please go to 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

SANCTUARY LIGHT: In memory of Cyril & Agnes White – St. Mary's
In memory of Anthony & Catherine Hicks, Ross Barney & Wanda Molloy – St. Vincent's

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

FINANCES WITH SINCERE THANKS!

Mount Carmel: Weekly Offering: \$596.00 Christmas Offering: \$10.00 Advent Offering: \$30.00 Church Dues: \$200.00
Word Among Us: \$10.00 Certificates: \$15.00 Mass Card Print Cost: \$11.00 In Memoriam (*late Richard Wade*): \$10.00
Card Game (Mt. Carmel Altar Society Dec 11): \$88.00 **North Harbour Weekday Offering (Dec 8):** \$275.00

St. Joseph's: Weekly Offering: \$723.00 Christmas Offering: \$200.00 Advent Offering: \$60.00 Church Dues: \$100.00
Memoriam (late Phonse Duggan): \$300.00 **Anonymous Donations:** \$145.00 **RCEC Clergy Travel Expense (Dec):** \$200.00
Admiral's Beach Weekday Offering (Dec 8): \$42.05
Queen of Holy Rosary Church Admiral's Beach Special Monthly Collection (November): \$540.00

St. Vincent's: Weekly Offering: \$277.35 Advent Offering: \$20.00 Church Dues: \$100.00 Sunday Missals: \$237.00
Hall Rental: \$50.00 **Recreation Committee Bake Sale:** \$412.00
Card Game (Dec 6): \$140.00 *sponsors... Janice Fleming, Ray St. Croix, Cynthia Hicks*

St. Mary's: Weekly Offering: \$423.40 Advent Offering: \$55.00 Sanctuary Light: \$5.00 Memoriam (*late Donald Tobin*): \$10.00
Anonymous Donation: \$100.00

MEMORIAM: A very sincere thank you to Fintan and Bernadette St. Croix for donating *The Book of Gospels* to Our Lady of Assumption Church St. Mary's in loving memory of John, Alice and Edmund Bowen, Vincent, Frances and Ellen St. Croix, Marie, John and David Bonia and Charmaine St. Croix.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH RIVERHEAD Insurance Premium (July 2016-June 2017): \$1,138.50 received from Riverhead Recreation Committee, thank you!

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 NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR ST. CATHERINE'S, MOUNT CARMEL AND MITCHELL'S BROOK, located in the old ball field, is ready for planting in the spring. We still have garden beds available, at an annual cost of \$10 per bed. If you would like to participate, please contact us by Dec 31. Sandra McDonald at 521-4903 or email smcdonald57@gmail.com, or Maureen Noel at 521-2472, or email mnoel35@gmail.com

Please subscribe to our Living Faith weekly resource by emailing Familycatechesis@rcsj.org

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
 MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

<p>Christmas Eve: 6:00 pm St. Vincent's 8:30 pm St. Joseph's Christmas Day: 9:30 am St. Mary's 11:30 am Mt. Carmel</p>	<p>New Year's Eve: 4:00 pm Mount Carmel New Year's Day: 10:30 am St. Mary's</p>
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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY DECEMBER 20