



Feast of the Holy Family

December 30, 2018



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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Shirley Kielly – 525-2936.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Howard Power – 521-2431.

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

PRE-BAPTISM COURSE: To register call Dave Kenny @ 229-7395

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

(When there is a funeral, weekday mass will be re-scheduled)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTIONS
Monday Dec 31 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	4:00pm	Mount Carmel Ministry	"Missa Pro Populo" <i>For Parishioners</i> Phonse & Annie Power; Joe Walsh & deceased family members <i>Server: Dave Kenny Readers: Bertha Fowler, Donal Greene</i> <i>Gifts: Connie & Robyn Hickey Eucharistic Minister: Richard Fowler</i>
Tuesday Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	10:30 am	St. Mary's Ministry	"Missa Pro Populo" <i>For Parishioners</i> Patrick & Eileen Butler Alice & Clifford St. Croix & deceased of the St. Croix & Watson families <i>Cross Bearer: Mary B. Comerford Readers: Uriel Kielly, Anne Hayward</i> <i>Gifts: Marion Bishop & family Eucharistic Minister: Bill Breen</i>
Wednesday Jan 2	6:30 pm	St. Joseph's	Patricia Gough & Regina Ryan; Edward Power Georgina Dobbin
Thursday Jan 3	6:30 pm	Riverhead	Memory Tree Mass
Saturday Jan 5	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's Ministry	Thomas & Mildred Neville Adrian & Doris Fleming & deceased family members; Patrick Dobbin <i>Cross Bearer: Anne Hayward Readers: Verna Hayward, Patricia Crawley</i> <i>Gifts: Frances Fleming & family Eucharistic Minister: Mary Fleming</i>
Sunday Jan 6	10:30 am	St. Joseph's Ministry	Frank & Betty Linehan; Richard & Clotilda Singleton Aiden Connolly <i>Server: Donal Greene Readers: Joseph Dobbin, Madeline McDonald</i> <i>Gifts: Tony & Elizabeth Daley Eucharistic Minister: Howard Power</i>

LITURGY & MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 2	7:00 pm	Admiral's Beach	Holy Hour
Friday, January 4	3:00 pm	St. Mary's	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Saturday, January 5	3:30 pm	St. Vincent's	CONFESSIONS
Sunday, January 6	10:00 am	St. Joseph's	CONFESSIONS

I wish to offer personal heartfelt thanks for the cards, gifts and words of support I received over Christmas. I am truly humbled by your generosity and kindness towards me. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Christmas masses such prayerful and joyous celebrations. Please be assured of my daily prayers for you! God Bless and Merry Christmas, Fr. Steve.

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Peter Hundt, currently Bishop of the diocese of Corner Brook-Labrador, as Our New Archbishop. **The Archdiocese of St. John's cordially invites you to a farewell Mass and Reception in honour of Archbishop Martin W. Currie on Monday, January 7th, 2019 at 7:00 pm Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and to the mass on Installation on Jan 29 at 7pm at the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, of Bishop Peter Hundt as the New Archbishop. Everyone is welcome!** It would be nice to have a large group of parishioners present at each of these masses. If there is enough interest, we will have a Bus available; leaving from St. Mary's to take people to the masses. If you have never attended the installation of an Archbishop I would really encourage you to attend as it is a beautiful mass with many ancient rites, through which Bishop Hundt, becomes the Archbishop taking possession of the Archdiocese. **PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU PLAN ON TRAVELLING ON THE BUS FOR EITHER OF THESE MASSES, ASAP.**

1. HOME CATECHESIS/ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN WILL TAKE PLACE January 12 Mount Carmel at 3pm, January 13 St. Mary's at 9:45am. Regular attendance at mass and participation in the children's liturgy program are a requirement for the reception of sacraments. All children of the parish are welcome to participate in the Children's liturgy program.

2. IRELAND PILGRIMAGE 2019: Registration fee of \$250.00 per person is now due and payable. The Next Deposit of \$500 is due Jan 31, 2019. Final Payment will be due May 31, 2019.

3. MINISTRY: The parish is in need of volunteers for all ministries in the parish. **AS OF YET WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED MANY NEW PEOPLE COMING FORWARD FOR A MINISTRY.** Please consider the gifts and talents that you have and where God is calling you to use them. Sign-up sheets are available in the churches and on the parish website.

4. GATHERING PLACE. The parish will be once again sponsoring a meal on Valentine's Day 2019. The cost of the meal is \$1500. If you would like to make a contribution towards the meal that would be appreciated.

5. ED ROCHE CALENDARS are available at a cost of \$20 (This is a discount from the regular retail price), all proceeds to the parish. These would make great Christmas Gift; there are only a limited number available.

6. THE CATHOLICISM SERIES: St. Mary's, Wednesday Jan 9 at 6:30pm; Mount Carmel, Thursday Jan 10, 6:30pm.

7. THE PASTORAL TEAM: will meet in the chapel in St. Joseph's at 2pm, Thursday Jan 17.

Feast of the Holy Family -- Sunday, December 30, 2018 "He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father Jeff Kolonel at (709)745-8183 or Father Ray Earle (709)781-1696 or Father Philip Melvin at (709)754-1195 or email: vocations@rcsj.org

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

In memory of Darrin Bowen – Our Lady of Assumption St. Mary's

In memory of Anthony Bishop, Ben & Bride Making – Sacred Heart Church St. Vincent's

FINANCES WITH SINCERE THANKS

St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/ St. Joseph's/ Mount Carmel

St. Mary's Luminary: \$368.80

Lewis Personal Care Offering (Dec 21): \$83.00

St. Joseph's Church Memoriam: \$300.00 (Phonse & Tony Duggan): \$50.00 (Anna Dobbins) \$20.00 (Nora Ryan Andrews)

Mount Carmel Church Memoriam: \$100.00 (Denis & Margaret Murphy & Margaret Rose Edgar)

Gathering Place Dinner: \$130.00

Ed Roche Calendars: \$180.00

Advent Caroling Event and Donations: \$2331.00 thanks!

Admiral's Beach Weekday Offering (Dec 20): \$41.35

North Harbour Weekday Offering (Dec 20): \$115.00 Christmas Offering: \$10.00 Advent Offering: \$35.00 Church Dues: \$60.00

Colinet Church Operating Expenses (Jan 1, 2017 – Oct. 31, 2018) \$5452.45 received from the Colinet Loggers Inc.

St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/ St. Joseph's/ Mount Carmel (Dec 22 – 23)

Weekly Offering: \$1841.10

Christmas Offering: \$155.00

Advent Offering: \$100.00

Church Dues: \$450.00

Sanctuary Light: \$7.00

Gathering Place: \$10.00

Ed Roche Calendars: \$100.00

Missals: \$5.00

St. Vincent's Card Game (Dec 17): \$145.00 sponsors.... Doreen Hayward, Andy Hayward

St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/ St. Joseph's/ Mount Carmel (Dec 24 - 25)

Weekly Offering: \$1670.35 Christmas Offering: \$1965.00 Advent Offering: \$109.55 Church Dues: \$610.00 Memory Tree: \$20.00

All Souls Offering: \$5.00 Gathering Place Meal: \$50.00 Mount Carmel Cemetery Memoriam (Jimmy Hearn): \$50.00

Christmas Hampers Donation: \$200.00

St. Vincent's Hall Rental (Julie Hayward): \$50.00

*Parish Monthly Financial Report for **November** Posted On the Church Bulletin Boards*

Please take time to review. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the parish office or

Mr. Howard Power, Finance Council Chairperson at 521-2431.

GRAND IN YOUR HAND: Thank you for your support! December Month Draw #2: Ticket No. 00016
Winner: Liz McDonald Drawn at Parish Office on December 28 by: Donal Greene Witness: Howard Power
Congratulations! Liz Thank you, Donal & Howard

CARD GAMES: Mt. Carmel: Sunday at 8:00 pm Admiral's Beach Fire Dept.: Monday at 8:00pm Nt. Harbour: Monday @ 8pm
Salmonier South 50 + Club: Tuesday at 8:00 pm Salmonier 50 + Club: Wednesday @ 8pm

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CLEANING GROUP (January): Elizabeth Daley, Mercedes Daley, Gail Singleton, Doris Squires

*The year-end brings no greater pleasure than the opportunity to express to you Season's Greetings and good wishes.
May your holidays and New Year be filled with happiness! Betty*

NOTICE: New Year's Night Dance, Parish Hall St. Mary's Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 Music By: Me & Him. Admission \$10.00 Single (19 years of age and older). To purchase tickets contact Ferg Tobin at 525-2503.

TIME IN THE HALL ON NEW YEAR'S EVE !!! The St. Joseph's Parish Hall Committee invites everyone to a Time in the Hall to be held on Monday, **December 31st**. Children's Program with music and snacks begins at 6:30pm with **Fireworks at 8:30pm**. Then, there's a **Dance with music by Rodney Linehan** which begins at 10:00pm. **Great raffle items and door prizes**, too! Come and bring a friend A good time is guaranteed! Suggested admission donation is \$15. Children admitted free of charge. Proceeds from this event are used to help cover the operating costs of St. Joseph's Parish Hall. **Your support is greatly appreciated.** See you there.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? If not, there's still time, and Pope Francis has some ideas for you.

These are the ten things that he called upon Vatican employees to do:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

Mary, Mother of God – Prayer for New Year

Heavenly Father, You blessed the Virgin Mary with the fullness of grace.

She is my model of faith, hope and love.

I give this New Year to her intercession and ask for her holy prayers.

Place my needs into the protection of her motherly love.

With her help, I want my faith to grow.

Give me an increase in the virtue of hope when troubles tempt me to despair. Guide me in understanding Your infinite love.

Join my heart, dear Lord, to the Holy Mother's Immaculate Heart, so that I may improve in loving everyone unconditionally, in imitation of my Saviour, Jesus. Amen.



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