

**STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO
ST. AGNES, LITTLE DOVER
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, QUEENSPORT
ST. JOSEPH'S, PORT FELIX**

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THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1, 2010
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 3, 2010

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan 9 - 4:30 - St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, Jan 9 - 6:00- St. Joseph - *+Effie Spears*

Sunday, Jan 10 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes - *+Fred & Leona George*

Sunday, Jan 10 - 11:00 a.m. - *+Intentions of all parishioners*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, January 4 - 2:00 p.m. - Seaside Manor - *+George Hurst*

Wednesday, January 6 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - *+Clarence & Gerald Bouchie*

Thursday, January 7 - 9:00 a.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - *+Wilfred & Elizabeth Bouchie*

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS: please contact Fr. Andrew to arrange an appointment.

COMMUNION CALLS: We are in the process of compiling a **First Friday Communion Call List**, if you would like to receive Holy Communion or know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion on First Friday, please contact the parish office with the name, address and phone number and Fr. Andrew will be in touch to arrange the visit. Communion will be brought the sick and shut-ins the first Friday of each month. We presently have no names, phone numbers and addresses for those who have been receiving First Friday communion calls. We would like to start a list and have it ready for Friday, February 5, 2010.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

Time and again the Old Testament considers the birth of a child, especially a first-born son, to be God's greatest blessing. But a more pessimistic strain occurs also, for to be human is to know uncertainty, pain and death. None can avoid this law. In his letter to the Galatians this is Paul's starting point. God's Son, a Jew born of Mary, knew the subjection of human life even to undergoing his people's custom of circumcision. His perfect acceptance of human life has filled it with glorious possibilities. Before we were slaves; now in the name of Jesus and through his Spirit we can call God Father. But what have these readings to do with Mary, mother of God? From the fifth century, January 1 was celebrated in Rome as her feast. The mother of this child must be remembered with him. Mary's assent to God's plan marks the new age of humanity, allowing us to pass from slavery to the freedom of God's children. How we were blessed when God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son!
- CCCB Sunday Mass Book

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Group Sessions will resume Monday, January 11.

Catechists meeting - will be held Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. to prepare for the next term. If you are unable to attend please contact Marie.

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation - Parents are asked to register their children for these programs by contacting Marie. Anyone interested in helping with these programs, is asked to please contact Marie. **We need adult volunteers to offer the programs to the children.** Children must have completed the year three program and be registered in the year

four program before celebrating First Reconciliation. To celebrate First Eucharist children must have completed primary, year one and be registered in year two.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Ministries Schedule for Sunday, January 10

Lectors - Mary & Edmund LeBlanc

Euch. Ministers - Ray White

Presentation of Gifts - Terri Crane & family

Church Cleaning - Ernie & Marlene Bond

Ushers/Coll.- Rita Johnson & Barry Lumsden

Hospitality - Paul & Lorna Horne

Sacristan - Rita Johnson

Servers - Allie & Cassy

Parish Council - Regular monthly meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 10** immediately after Mass. All members are requested to attend. Recently we had two parish council members resign, Bertha Baker and Dorothy Bennett. We are presently seeking parishioners who are willing to make a commitment to parish council, please contact the parish office to volunteer. Our constitution requires us to have 12 elected members.

Altar Servers - the present schedule runs until January 17, a new schedule will be made up on January 12. If you wish to have your name added or deleted please give Marie a call before that date. We wish to thank you for your ongoing generosity.

MEMORIAL\CHRISTMAS DONATIONS:

We acknowledge donations in memory of:
 Members of the Feltmate/Snow Families
 Terry Parker
 Bob & Gerloch Parker
 John & Annie Richard
 Family members of Kathy Richard
 John & Hazel Phalen
 Family members of Dave & Carol Boudreau
 Mabel & Ellsworth Horne
 Kathleen Munroe
 Paulette Richardson
 George & Bertha O’Hearn & family members
 Special thanks for all donations!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

St. Agnes (22)	154.00
Christmas (40)	410.00
Loose	37.00
Star of the Sea (47)	695.00
Christmas (71)	1,275.00
Loose	268.00
St. Vincent de Paul (9)	490.00
Christmas (14)	310.00
Loose	164.00
St. Joseph (18)	251.00
Christmas (31)	317.00
Loose	188.00

NOTES

Collection Envelopes are available in the entrance of the churches, please pick the box with your name. Some extra boxes of blank (no name) envelopes for collection have been placed in each of the churches. Please record your name on each envelope so we can keep a record of your donations.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - POT LUCK MEAL - to celebrate the Baptism of Jesus and to close the Church Christmas Season. Please come for 12:00 NOON for cider or punch and the meal will begin at 12:30. This is a time to socialize and enjoy time together.

My New Year Prayer

Sunshine above you, to brighten each day
 Blessings to fill all the year on the way;
 Hope to inspire you and Faith to impart
 A feeling of gladness deep in your heart -
 May these be yours as you start a New Year,
 And may His love guide you,
 His presence be near.
 - Re. Francis P Crane, M.S.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE: The World Day of Prayer for Peace is celebrated January 1. We include petitions for peace in the world, for love and goodwill among all the nations, and for light and guidance for civil leaders. The sign of peace in the Mass could be shared more meaningfully. Families are encouraged to pause today to discuss peace and our responsibility to work and pray for it.

Prayer for Peace: Christ, no one on earth really wants the pain and horror of war. We do not want to kill or to be killed, to hurt or to be hurt. But we all see injustice, and sometimes it makes us very angry and we see no other way to right the wrong except by war. Yet we know that a new great war may destroy us all. We feel small and helpless.

Christ, teach us the ways of peace! Calm our angry hearts and grant to all peoples and their leaders unending patience in the search for peace and justice. Teach us and all men to be ready to give up some of our comforts and power and pride so that war will leave the face of the earth and we may work for you in peace.