

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

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ~ FEBRUARY 21, 2010

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 27 - 4:30 - St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, Feb. 27 - 6:00- St. Joseph
Sunday, Feb 28 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes
Sunday, Feb 28 - 11:00 a.m. - Intentions of all parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, February 22 - 2:00 p.m. - Seaside Manor - Brenda Martell
Tuesday, February 23 - 6:00 p.m.- St Joseph, Port Felix
Wednesday, February 24 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Agnes
Thursday, February 25 - 6:00 p.m. - Star of the Sea

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

COMMUNION CALLS: Communion will be brought the sick and shut-ins **the first Friday of each month.**

If you wish to have your name or that of a family member added to the list please contact the parish office.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays, - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - Stations of the Cross, followed with Mass
Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m. - St. Agnes - Stations of the Cross, followed with Mass
Thursdays - 6:00 p.m. - Star of the Sea - Stations of the Cross, followed with Mass
Saturdays (starting Feb. 20) - 4:00 p.m. - St Vincent de Paul - Stations of the Cross - - followed with Mass

“Not by Bread Alone” - Daily reflections for Lent - a limited number of this booklet is available in the entrance of our churches. We encourage you to make a donation of \$4.00 to cover the cost of the booklet.

Lent 2010 Calendars will be distributed to parishioners, children and teenagers, these calendars are filled with prayers, short reflections and suggestions for Bible reading. **Please take them home and post them on your fridge and follow them daily.**

LENTEN DVD SERIES - *A Lenten Journey with Father Michael Himes* - a four part series which will run during Lent. The dates and times are Thursdays, February 25, March 11 & 18 immediately after Mass. Themes covered are Session 2 - Danger & Desire; Session 3 - God Sees Onto the Heart; Session 4 – Endless Possibilities. **Please contact the Rel. Ed office if you are interested in attending, Hosted by the Faith Development.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel. Ed. continues for all groups. **Mondays** - 2:45 p.m. - Groups 1 & 4 - Fanning Education Center, 5:00 p.m. - Groups 5 & 6, 6:00 p.m. at Canso Academy - remainder of Star of the Sea groups. **St. Agnes groups** will meet as indicated by their catechists.

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation - Parents are asked to continue working with their children to prepare for the celebration of these sacraments. Parents meeting Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the vestry of Star of the Sea Church.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Ministries Schedule for Sunday, February 28

Lectors - Edmund & Mary LeBlanc
Euch. Ministers - Mary LeBlanc
Presentation of Gifts - Deanna Nickerson & family
Church Cleaning - Irene MacDonald & Karen Swaine
Ushers/Coll.- Gertie Snow & Lawrence Dort
Hospitality - Eddie & Florence Garcia
Sacristan - Juanita Dort
Servers -Allie & Cassy

Prize Bingo - will be held Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Canso Fire Hall. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Parish Council - Regular monthly meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 14** immediately after Mass. All members are requested to attend. **We are presently seeking a parishioner who is willing to make a commitment to parish council**, please contact the parish office to volunteer. Our constitution requires us to have 12 elected members.

Liturgy committee Meeting - will be held **Sunday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the glebe. All committee members are requested to attend. We extend an invitation to parishioners from all of our parishes to become involved in the Liturgy Committee. We could use input from all parishes when scheduling events.

Ways and Means Star of the Sea - Tickets are now on sale for a **fuel oil voucher value - \$300.00**, contact Diggie to buy or sell tickets. Please offer to help with a project that interests you. If you have any ideas please contact Diggie. Thank you for your anticipated help. Draw date: February 24.

Club 100 - tickets go on sale Wednesday, February 24, please contact Ray White for more information or the parish office.

125th Anniversary of Star of the Sea Parish - we are currently seeking volunteers to assist the Social Committee to help with planning a celebration. If you are interested please contact Ginny Boudreau a meeting time will be arranged for all those interested. This will require the assistance of many volunteers, so please give it some thought.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Family Night is well underway on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We begin with Religious Education, followed by fun, games and lunch. We strongly encourage Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners to attend these very important events. It is wonderful to experience the growth of the Christian community as we meet and share.

Women's Night - is held every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Convent. We have prayer, sharing, fun and lunch. Women from our four parishes are welcome come at any time.

Prize Bingo - will take place in Port Felix Parish Hall on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 at 7:30 p.m. in aid of Royal Canadian Legion, Tor Bay Branch. David Cashin is organizing this event. Prizes would be appreciated.

BETHANY CENTER EVENTS

Book study on "Catholicism at the Crossroads: How the Laity Can Save the Church" by Paul Lakeland. Bethany Center, Antigonish begins Wednesday evening, February 24 at 7:00 pm

This book is so timely, it could have been written just for the Antigonish Diocese. It provides a constructive framework for working through the issues we face and moving toward an adult church.

Cost: Book plus donation for sessions

Call 902-863-4726 or email:

bethanycenter@themarthas.com

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

St. Agnes (38)	307.00
Loose	6.00
Star of the Sea (69)	712.00
Loose	16.00
St. Joseph (26)	171.00
Loose	16.85
St. Vincent de Paul (14)	170.00
Loose	26.00

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

April 23 & 24, 2010. Pre-registration is required.

Friday: 6 pm to 8 pm, Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm,

Registration: \$70.00 per couple, Pre register by calling 863 5987 (ask for Brian) or email

bbarkhouse@eastlink.ca Location and directions:

The Marriage Preparation Course is held on the bottom floor at St. Ninian Place, (behind St. Ninian's Cathedral) on Notre Dame Avenue (off St. Ninian Street), Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

NOTES

Foster Families needed - Nothing is more important to a child than being part of a family. Have you ever thought about becoming a Foster Family? While homes are being sought for children of all ages and abilities, the most serious need in the Northern Region is for families or individuals with skills in caring for children and youth with behavioural problems and/or special needs. Now is your chance to learn more and become part of this worthy effort. If you are ready to open your home to a child or youth in need, please call 1-800-565-1884 for more information.

Pilgrimage - the 28th Annual Sadie Burton Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre and Cap de la Madeleine, leaving Inverness on August 15, returning on August 21, 2010. For more information please Email sburton@ns.sympatico.ca or contact Sadie Burton at 902-461-9051.

Reflecting

GENERAL INTERCESSION - Imagine this majestic scene: all the people of God, the baptized, standing with Jesus before God. We join Jesus in prayer. In the presence of God we plead that the work of creation, the work of salvation of Jesus, and the sanctification of creation and of our Christian community be completed. We remember before God all the immense needs of the world and of people. This scene is not imaginary: it is enacted whenever the community intercedes with God, as it does in the

Eucharist. In Baptism, we were so immersed in Christ that in our prayers we speak as one person with Christ. Through, in and with Christ we act as priests – that is, as mediators between God and the world. That is why the Prayers of Intercession,

which end the Liturgy of the Word, are so important. The salvation and well-being of the world depend on these prayers. That is why they require that we be attentive to all the needs of the Church, of the world, of our communities and of our person.