

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 28

We are faced in today's readings with a paradox of our Christian faith - we belong here and we do not belong here. It is in this world and through this world that we are to find our God. Yet, this is not our permanent home; we are pilgrims on a journey to a more permanent dwelling place, a place of total union with our God of Truth and Love. That is the goal of living and we need to keep it constantly before our eyes. It is so easy to get obsessed with things on the way: our career, our financial security, the education of our children, the house we want in some desirable area... These are mere stepping stones to a life beyond. We must not, like Lot's wife, look back nostalgically at the past and become petrified into stone. Life, as one writer put it, is like watching a movie in a cinema. One cannot cry out: "Stop! I want to stay in this scene!" No, the movie goes on. And life goes on. And it is important to know where it is headed.

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. - Star of the Sea

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, March 1 - 2:00 p.m. - Seaside Manor

Tuesday, March 2 - 6:00 p.m. - St Joseph, Port Felix

Wednesday, March 3 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Agnes

Thursday, March 4 - 6:00 p.m. - Star of the Sea

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

20 minutes before all weekend Masses or by 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, March 11 & 18 immediately after Mass. Themes covered are Session 3 - God Sees Onto the Heart; Session 4 - Endless Possibilities. Everyone is welcome.

Hosted by the Faith Development.

NOTE TO LECTORS FOR ALL PARISHES - The readings for the Scrutinies will be used from the 3rd to the 5th Sunday of Lent. To prepare these readings, you can find them your green *St. Joseph Sunday Missals* on pages 229, 242, 255. For the Masses they will be read from the ordinary Lectionary.

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.

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 Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00p.m. in the vestry of Star of the Sea Church.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Valentine's Fest. Over \$700 was raised. Your participation was appreciated.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

St. Agnes (36)	307.00
Loose	17.00
Religious Ed (8)	54.00
Star of the Sea (63)	707.00
Loose	27.00
Religious Ed (22)	169.00
St. Joseph (27)	170.00
Loose	26.05
St. Vincent de Paul (11)	110.00
Loose	33.00

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Ministries Schedule for Sunday, February 28

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

FREE COPIES-THE ATLANTIC CATHOLIC

The edition which focuses on the Installation of Bishop Brian Dunn are available in each Church.

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.

WEEKEND OF GRACE

The 4th Annual Regional Catholic Women's Conference at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax will take place April 16-18, 2010. Registration is now open and sell-out is expected again. Cost: \$165. Call (902) 433-1330 or visit: www.weekendofgrace.com

Ways and Means Star of the Sea - Please offer to help with a project that interests you. If you have any ideas please contact Diggle. *Club 100* - tickets go on sale Wednesday, February 24. For more information, please contact Ray White or the parish office.

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.

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.

NOTES

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: scburton@ns.sympatico.ca or contact Sadie Burton at 902-461-9051.

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.