

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 31, 2010

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 6 - 4:30 - St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, Feb. 6 - 6:00- St. Joseph
Sunday, Feb 7 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes
Sunday, Feb 7 - 11:00 a.m. - Intentions of all parishioners

NOTE: We welcome Fr. Bill Crispo back with us. I will be away on Retreat and Pilgrimage until February 4.
Be assured of my prayers and please remember me in yours. - Fr. Andrew

BLESSING OF THROATS: Throats will be blessed after Mass on the weekend of February 6 & 7. The Feast of St. Blase is Wednesday, February 3.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES No weekday Masses this week.
Monday, February 8 - 2:00 p.m. - Mass at Seaside Manor

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

COMMUNION CALLS: Communion will be brought the sick and shut-ins **Friday, February 5, 2010.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no group sessions this week at Canso Academy due to a school administration day. Rel. Ed. will resume **Monday, February 8.**

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation - Parents are asked to register their children for these programs by contacting the Rel. Ed. office. 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, February 7

Lectors - Veronica Peitzsche & Ginny Boudreau
Euch. Ministers - Edmund LeBlanc
Presentation of Gifts - Paul & Lorna Horne
Church Cleaning - Harry & RoseAnn Delorey
Ushers/Coll.- Barry Lumsden & Gertie Snow
Hospitality - John & Cindy Myatt
Sacristan - Rita Johnson
Servers - Alexander & Denise

New Ministries Schedule - is available this week.

Even Split Bingo - special thanks to all who supported this event.

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, February 14** immediately after Mass. All members are requested to attend. **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* - a schedule is being circulated.

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.

HAITI RELIEF:

The devastation in Haiti as a result of the recent earthquake is so extreme that it defies description. The need for aid is huge and immediate in light of the scale of human misery. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and Development and Peace have launched a joint appeal in light of the urgency of this situation. Contributions can be funnelled through Development and Peace by using the following toll-free number which is specifically for Haiti Emergency: 1-888-664-3387. If you contribute

before February 12, 2010, your contribution will be matched by the Canadian Government. Please remember the people of Haiti, Canada and all those affected by the earthquake in your prayers.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

St. Agnes (39)	298.00
Loose	6.00
Star of the Sea (64)	701.00
Loose	11.00
St. Joseph (21)	175.00
Loose	13.00
St. Vincent de Paul	No Mass

WEDDING PLANNING? - As preparations begin for this year's wedding season, couples are reminded that **six months notice is requested** in order to successfully complete the preparations. Couples planning on a "church" wedding should also be practising their faith on a regular basis and be in good standing with the church. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew or the parish office.

BAPTISMS: Parents wishing to have their child baptized should phone Fr. Andrew or the parish office to make arrangements for instruction and an interview.

BISHOP DUNN PLANS TO MEET PEOPLE IN DEANERIES

During the next two weeks Bishop Dunn will be visiting the seven deaneries to have an initial meeting with the people throughout the diocese. These visits will take place at several churches and will begin with Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a social. The gathering will give people who may not have attended the Installation Ceremony an opportunity to meet the bishop and to raise issues for discussion. Please note the gathering in your area:

Mon. Feb. 1 - 7:00 p.m. - St. Ann, Guysborough Antigonish/Guysborough Deanery

NOTES:

Free Pancake Breakfast at Lions Club

Saturday February 6th from 9AM to 11AM

Pancakes, syrup, sausages, tea or coffee

Everyone is welcome. A Special Thank you from the Canso Lions Club for your support.

Port Hawkesbury Relay For Life Survivor Dinner - Registration - Contact Ruth MacRae at 625-2424 or register on-line at www.cancer.ca/relay choose Port Hawkesbury Relay For Life and join the Survivor's Victory Lap. The Relay For Life Survivor's Dinner is being held at St. Mark's Church Hall and the Survivor's Lap will follow at the Tamarac Education Centre on Friday June 11, 2010.

BETHANY CENTER EVENTS

Care for Caregivers - A time for nurturing body and spirit in an atmosphere of welcome and quiet. There is an opportunity for discussion, a meal together, and quiet – private room and /or Bethany grounds. Topic: Managing stress with Gladys MacDougall Facilitators: Joan Fultz, csm and Donna Brady, csm Bethany Center, Antigonish

Wednesday, February 10, 10 am – 2:30 pm

Cost \$20.00 Please pre-register

Oasis Day - Come and enjoy a time to be, a time to pray, a time to rest! The theme is "Lent - the spring time of the soul". There is also opportunity for spiritual direction if so desired.

Facilitator: Claire MacNeil, csm

Bethany Center, Antigonish

Wednesday, February 18, 9 am – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25 Please pre-register

Call 902-863-4726 or email:

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VALENTINE FEST

PORT FELIX PARISH HALL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Mini Straw Booth

Candy/Variety Wheel

Fish Pond

Fudge Sale

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

Ice Cream Social (donation)

Complimentary Hot/Cold

Beverages

Come One, Come Call,

Come and enjoy !