

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

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## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 13, 2009**

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

aturday, Dec. 19 - 4:30 - St. Vincent de Paul  
Saturday, Dec. 19 - 6:00- St. Joseph  
Sunday, Dec. 20 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes  
Sunday, Dec. 20 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea - Intentions of all parishioners

**We welcome Fr. Bill Crispo who will celebrate the weekend Masses with us.**

### **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Wednesday, December 16 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Agnes  
Thursday, December 17 - 9:00a.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:** by appointment, please contact Fr. Andrew

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - will be held Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Star of the Sea Church. We are all invited to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Christ. Father Andrew and Father Jonathan will be available for individual confession.

**COMMUNION CALLS:** Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive communion on First Friday. Communion will be brought to the sick and shut-ins the first Friday of each month.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Thursday, December 24  
4:00 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul  
6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph  
8:30 p.m. - Star of the Sea  
Friday, December 25  
9:30 a.m. - St Agnes

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**This week will be the last group session until Monday, January 11.**

Group sessions continue at Canso Academy for primary, two, three, seven and eight on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Groups one and four will meet after school on Mondays at Fanning Education Center, Groups 5 & 6 will meet Mondays at 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Canso Academy.

**St. Agnes Rel. Ed** continues primary, year 3 and year 6 meet in the hall on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Year 5, 7 & 8 will meet as indicated by their respective catechists. For more information please contact Marie.

**Advent/Christmas Play** - practise will take place TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 immediately after school (2:45 p.m.) in the vestry. Dress Rehearsal will be held Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. All those involved in the play are requested to attend. The Christmas play "The Very Important Christmas Pageant" will be held **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 6:00 P.M.** All are invited to attend. The children have worked very hard and are going to be great. It does the heart good to see their faces.

### **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

#### **Ministries Schedule for Sunday, December 20**

Lectors - Marie Parker & Dave Horton  
Euch. Ministers - Jennie Greencorn  
Presentation of Gifts - Deanna Nickerson & family  
Church Cleaning - Marlene & Ernie Bond  
Ushers/Coll.- Percy Bond & Eddie Garcia  
Hospitality - Eddie & Florence Garcia  
Sacristan - RoseAnn Delorey  
Servers - Alexander & Denise

**Parish Council** - Regular monthly meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 13** immediately after Mass. All members are requested to attend.

**Christmas Bazaar** - profits realized were \$2,376.38, great job everyone and thanks again.

**Tickets on Grocery Voucher** - the winner was Betty Ryan and profit was \$1,175.00. Just fantastic!

**Church decoration for Christmas** - can take place any time after Monday, December 21 or after the Reconciliation Service

**Note** - The seating capacity in the Star of the Sea Church balcony is limited to 20 persons. During the Christmas services, in the event of a larger than usual congregation, the main floor of the church will be seated first. If it becomes necessary to use the balcony area, we ask people to use their own good judgement and follow the direction of our ushers. Your cooperation in this matter is important for the safety of everyone.

**ST. AGNES NEWS:**

**Christmas Tree Lighting** - will be held Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow in the parish hall. All are invited to attend .

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

St. Agnes (26)	167.00
Loose	4.00
Star of the Sea (56 )	530.00
Loose	19.00
St. Joseph (29)	239.00
Loose	22.00
St. Vincent de Paul (12)	165.00
Loose	27.50

**NOTES**

**Christmas Flowers** - Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of a loved one to help with the Christmas flowers and decorations can do so by dropping the information into the collection basket in an envelope marked Flowers. Christmas flowers can be placed in the vestry of Star of the Sea after December 21.

**Food Bank Donations** - Boxes have been placed in the entrance of the churches to accept donations for the local Food Bank. Please feel free to drop in any non-perishable items. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on the difference between justice and charity.

**Outdoor Live Nativity** - a music-guided tour through Bethlehem transporting you back to the birth of Christ. Mingle with Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wisemen and live animals. Enjoy Christmas music, hot chocolate and treats. To take place in the St. Ninian's parking lot, Antigonish - Friday, December 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 19, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 20, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Presented by St. Ninian youth. Free will offering appreciated.

Dear Parishioners and Communities of Star of the Sea, St. Agnes, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Joseph's:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the tremendous and heart felt send-off that was given to me as I departed from the area! Your kindness, love, and generosity will never be forgotten! I especially want to thank you for the past ten years! I have always felt it to be a great blessing, honor, and privilege to work and serve with you as we journeyed together towards God's Eternal Kingdom! There is no greater blessing in life than to travel together with friends and family towards something that has value and meaning! Our faith and belief in God is certainly a journey that has lasting value and deep and profound meaning! Over the past ten years you have all become so much like family and friends! As we traveled down that road of faith together, we laughed often, cried a bit through the sad and difficult times, but never lost the faith in God or each other! I thank God daily for that and for each and everyone of you! I would also like to thank the youth! I thank you for your confidence and trust! Know that your faith in God has blessed me tremendously and I have discovered much about God's goodness and grace through your smiles, kindness and example! Our God is a God of Joy and the youth have generously shared and blessed me with that precious gift over the past ten years! Continue to be living examples of God's blessings in the world and never lose your faith and belief in God!!! There is so much I would like to say in terms of thanking everyone but mere words don't seem to be quite enough! Know that I deeply appreciate everything and everyone and you will always have a special place in my heart!!! I may be out of the area but you are not out of my thoughts and prayers! Please keep me in your prayers! I am getting settled into this area and the people here are also very welcoming. Thanks and Continued Blessings!

- Father Daniel J. Boudreau

P.S.. A number of people have been phoning and asking for my new mailing address and phone number, it is:  
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Do keep in touch! You are a truly blessed people of God and I thank you for sharing that with me over the years!!! God Bless.