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 Rev. Mr. Paul Lannan / Rev. Mr. David Hasler
 Rev. Mr. Don Boudreau / Rev. Mr. Jerry Clement



Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father, may the Holy Spirit guide us to become a welcoming, vibrant Catholic community of lifelong learners growing in your love. Be with us as we joyfully share our gifts and talents and serve others through prayer, words and actions. Give us the courage to answer the call to bring all people to Christ.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.



Monthly Ultreya for September will be held at St Patrick's in Digby on Friday September the 21st at 7:30 pm. There will be no monthly Ultreya for October in Berwick or Digby due to the Men and Women's weekends at St. Joseph's Church, Kentville – Men's: October 11 – 14 and Women's: October 18 – 21. See <https://www.valleycatholicchurches.com/cursillo.html> for more information.

Mass Schedule...this week!

Monday	Sept 17	NO MASS	
Tuesday	Sept 18	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Sept 19	6 pm Ridge Rd Cemetery, Wolfville	
Thursday	Sept 20	NO MASS	
Friday	Sept 21	9 am Kentville	
Saturday	Sept 22	4:00 pm	Bridgetown
		6:00 pm	Berwick
		6:00 pm	Acadia
Sunday	Sept 23	9:00 am	Middleton & Wolfville,
		11:15 am	Kentville & Windsor,
		5:00 pm	Kentville

Cemetery Mass – Wednesday, Sept 19th 6pm Ridge Road Cemetery, Wolfville. Please bring a lawn chair!

Final Mass – “Mass of Thanksgiving”

St. Mary Church, Hantsport – Tuesday, October 9th @ 6:30 pm
 St. Lawrence Church, Canning – Monday, October 15th @ 6:30 pm

Readings for this week:

Monday, Sept 17 1 Corinthians 11.17-26, 33; Luke 7.1-10
 Tuesday, Sept 18 1 Corinthians 12.12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7.11-17
 Wednesday, Sept 19 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13; Luke 7.31-35
 Thursday, Sept 20 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 7.36-50
 Friday, Sept 21 Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9.9-13
 Saturday, Sept 22 1 Corinthians 15.35-37, 42-50; Luke 8.4-15
 Sunday, Sept 23 Wisdom 2.12, 17-20; James 3.16-4.3; Mark 9.30-37

Men's Chorus



Men of St. Anthony's and Friends Choir are performing at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, East Dalhousie on Sunday September 16, 2018 @ 2:00 PM. Free will offering, light lunch to follow. Benefit for church expenses.

Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council presents
A Workshop with Sr. Nuala Kenny - "Rediscovering the Art of Dying: Challenges for Disciples of Christ"
 Saturday, September 22, 2018
 Location: L'Arche Building, 341 Main St., Wolfville
 10:00 - 3:00 pm
 Format - Two presentations with discussion after each one.
 Lunch break between sessions. Soup will be provided. Please bring your own sandwich. Tea/coffee provided.
 To register please contact Nancy Harbers - 902-542-2894 or harbersnancyeel@gmail.com

"BEFORE I STARTED CONFIRMATION, MY FRIENDS AND I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING OR WHAT THE POINT WAS. AND THEN AFTER WE DID CHOOSE WE BEGAN UNDERSTANDING EVERYTHING — AND NOW WE'RE ALL ON FIRE. I ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, WHICH IS REALLY GOOD, RIGHT NOW."
 COMBER, AGE 15

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CONFIRMATION
 program

ESSENTIAL Parent Info Session
 20th September 7pm · St. Joseph's, Kentville

Thursdays 6-8pm
 @ St. Joseph's, Kentville

Starts 27th September

The Kentville office will be closed until Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00 am. Emails and phone messages will be checked daily.



Ticket Auction at St. Anthony's, Berwick, September 29th, doors open at 10 am.

PIETY AND PROPRIETY

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

“And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at street corners for people to see them. ... But when you pray, go to your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your Father who is in that secret place.” (Matthew 6, 5-6)

For whatever reason, as churches and as individuals, we have been slow to take seriously Jesus’ warnings against displaying our piety in public. Yet Jesus is very clear, and very strong, in warning us not to do intimate private acts of prayer, devotion, and asceticism in public. Moreover, in this warning, he doesn’t distinguish as to whether these acts come from a sincere heart or a false one. Sincerity or insincerity is not the only issue that concerns him. Public display of piety, however sincere, is also the problem.

Why? What’s wrong with public displays of piety? Don’t they serve as an inspiration to others?

What’s wrong with putting our private hearts on display in public might be answered in one word: aesthetics. It’s bad art, art that irritates more than it inspires. It’s unhealthy exhibitionism. Why?

Because piety is a form of intimacy and intimacy needs propriety. Intimacy is a deep private bond between persons and that private bond demands that deep intimate expressions of affection should be done in private.

This isn’t abstract. We all know that love should be made behind closed doors. Intimacy, in its very structure, demands discretion, privacy, propriety, a shielding from public gaze, something which the early church called the discipline arcane. That’s why we find ourselves uncomfortable when we see people who are too openly affectionate in public. Our spontaneous reaction, to avert our eyes, to feel uncomfortable, to wish this wasn’t happening in front of us, is a healthy one because what we are seeing is an unhealthy exhibitionism, even if the affection between the two persons is healthy. It’s not the love that’s wrong; it’s the public display that’s unhealthy. Intimate affection needs to be more sacred in guarding itself with privacy and propriety.

The same is true for private prayer, private devotions, and private acts of penance. Whether sincere or not, public display of them is unhealthily exhibitionistic. When Jesus warns us to do our private prayers and our private penances behind closed doors he is, admittedly, warning against hypocrisy, against being seen as good as opposed to actually being good. But he is also warning against the public display of private devotion itself, no matter how sincere.

For example, the early church practiced something it called the discipline arcane. This was a practice within which any Christian who had been baptized and was participating in the Eucharist was forbidden to bring a non-baptized friend to the Eucharist or even describe to another person what happens at a Eucharist. The instinct here was not to create some kind of secret cult around the Eucharist, but to guard its intimacy. For

them, the Eucharist was like making love, something done behind closed doors.

I was lucky enough to see this healthily enacted in my own parents, both in their prayer lives and in their relationship to each other. My mother and father had a deep affection for each other and clearly made love a lot behind closed doors. But they never put that affection on public display. Indeed, and the family smiles about this now, we would sometimes catch them holding hands and sitting together when they thought nobody was around. Their prayer lives were the same. Both had a deep faith marked by piety, but both were also careful to keep their more intimate acts of prayer and devotion private. Both too tended to cringe when they saw too overt a display of either affection or piety in public. Perhaps that’s why I have a certain genetic resistance to overt displays of piety.

But, for the most part, we have been reluctant to take Jesus’ warning on this seriously. Sometimes in fact the reverse is true and public display of private devotion is held up as an ideal. To cite an example: Several years ago, I was at a Sunday mass which was being presided over by an Auxiliary Bishop. Just before he was to receive communion, in front of a congregation of more than 500 people, he, in all sincerity and reverence, put his arms on the altar, placed his face down inside his arms, and stayed in that posture of adoration for over a minute, while the entire congregation had nothing to do but to watch him make that private act of reverence. At the time, I was only irritated by something that I considered out of place, bad timing, bad art, but I was more taken aback afterwards by comments outside the church: *“Wasn’t that wonderful!”* *“What a deep faith!”*

Deep faith, probably. Wonderful, no. There’s a good reason why we spontaneously squirm in the face of overt gestures of intimacy that are meant really to express private emotion.

Empowered!

Empowered! will be a weekly interactive faith formation experience and aims to empower elementary aged children, parents/grandparents and care givers to live their Catholic faith.

Presented weekly, in 30 - 40 minute sessions, this liturgically based, four-part series, will last throughout the school year.

You are welcome to attend at any of the churches that the program is offered. Please register at

<https://www.valleycatholicchurches.com/bulletins--news.html>

Empowered A faithful team and program leader is required at each church to assist in this ministry. If you have taught catechetics or have an interest in supporting this meaningful ministry please let Jennifer know by filling out a leader form at

<https://www.valleycatholicchurches.com/bulletins--news.html>

or contact Jennifer Moore: 902-799-1250,

valleycatholicfamilylife@gmail.com with any questions.

New Administrator of Family and Youth Programs with Valley Catholic Churches.

It is with great pleasure that I have recently accepted the position of Administrator of Family and Youth Programs with Valley Catholic Churches.

I have studied, worked and volunteered in child and youth related positions for more then twenty years and I am excited to share the experience I have gained with my faith community.

My new responsibilities include; the development and coordination of the new family faith formation program, Empowered, leading our little ones as they prepare for the Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation and collaborating and leading youth ministries for middle school and high school students. We are blessed to have a talented and gifted team of leaders preparing to launch these programs this month, and the team is still growing! If you are interested in supporting our families and youth please contact me and I will happily assist you in exploring ways you can share your gifts and talents in a meaningful way.

Our programs will be rooted in the Gospel with a focus on serving others in the New Evangelization as we journey toward the creation of one nurturing parish community.

Jennifer Moore

"IF YOU WANT TO BRING HAPPINESS TO THE WHOLE WORLD
GO HOME AND LOVE YOUR FAMILY!"
MARCUS



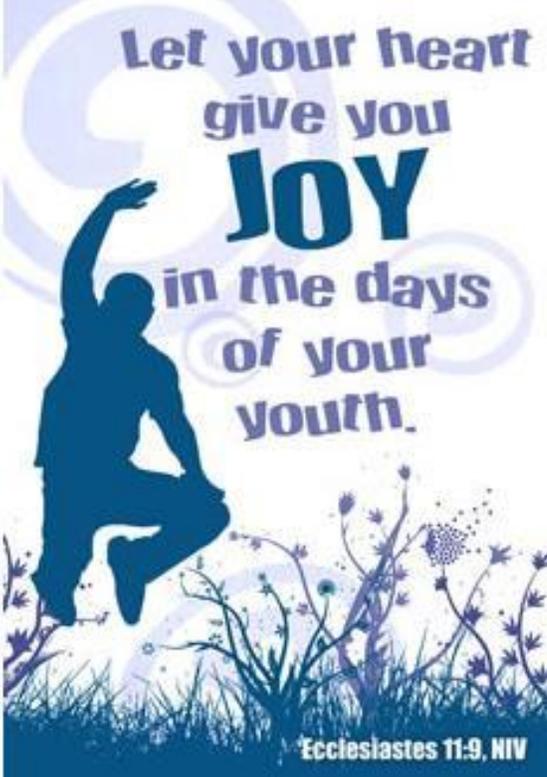
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EMPOWERED

LOVE YOUR FAMILY THE BEST YOU CAN!
BE A LIFELONG LEARNER!
ENJOY WHOLE FAMILY FAITH FORMATION!
KNOW JESUS, WHO IS LOVE! BRING HIM HOME!

* STARTS 23rd/23rd SEPTEMBER - BERVICKE - KENTVILLE - WOLFVILLE - WINDSOR
REGISTER ONLINE AT www.valleycatholicchurches.com
902.799.1250 valleycatholicfamilylife@gmail.com

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JOY
in the days
of your
youth.



Ecclesiastes 11:9, NIV



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Priest: Fr. John MacPherson 1-902-678-3303 (O)
1-902-678-3519 (H)

Secretary: Helen Bartlett 902-798-2341

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:30am-1:30pm

Email: stjohnswindsor@eastlink.ca
(Bulletin Announcements should be received by Mondays)

Choir Director: Suzanne Pierce 1-902-692-1063

Our choir is always ready to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining a choir please call the office or speak to a choir member before or after Mass.

Responsible Ministry Coordinator:

Anna Allen: 902-798-2059

Stations of the Cross: 1st Friday of the month
7pm St. John's Church

Maintenance: Jerone Cleveland: 902-798-4355

Hospitality: Michelle Veinot 902-792-8332

Benevolent Fund: Eleanor McKiel: 902-791-5130

Benevolent Food Sunday: 1st Sunday of the month

Cenacle Rosary: St. John's Thursdays 9:00am

KOC Grand Knight: Henry Bourgeois 902-798-8880

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Contact: Eleanor McKiel 902-791-5130

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT:

Please be considerate of others who are sensitive to fragrance chemicals. Consider using scent-free alternatives.



WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Envelopes (44)	\$1075.00
Loose Collection	73.50
Roof (3)	210.00
Hantsport Food Bank (6)	100.00
Candles	16.00
Church Maintenance (3)	85.00
Benevolent Fund (4)	90.00



Financial update

Balance on total loan	\$51,536.49
Balance on Roof Portion	\$17,193.85
Balance to collect	\$12,903.42
Payment on loan Sept 10	\$5,500.00

Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church, and will also be placed in the pews on the third Sunday of each month.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

THE BENEVOLENT FOOD BANK FUND thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. John's, there has been a considerable increase during the past month in donations of food, as well as monetary contributions. This has brought some much needed relief to several families in the Windsor area. Please continue to assist in any way you can. Envelopes for monetary contributions will be placed in the pews on the first Sunday of each month, and are also available on the table at the back of the church. Please make cheques payable to St. John the Evangelist.

THE HANTSPORT FOOD BANK With the closing of St. Mary's church and the migration of some of the parishioners to other churches, it is now more challenging to continue our long-standing support for this very essential service to the Hantsport community. However, the generous contributions to this fund during the past month are cause for optimism. Please consider donating to this cause if you can. Envelopes will be placed in the pews on the first Sunday of each month, and are available on the table at the back of the church. Please make cheques payable to St. John the Evangelist.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 11:15 am Windsor

For: Marilyn Harvey

From: Patty Burgess

USE OF THE CHURCH HALL: Any events requiring the use of our church hall must be booked in advance by contacting our Church Secretary, Helen at 902-798-2341. **Users are responsible to clean up after they use the hall.**

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: With Father Pyriho Marcellin - Sept 28 - Oct 8: Cost of \$2065.00(+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. Seats limited. **INFO:** Hector and Cecile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506)857-2295

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: *In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."*

St. Francis, Wolfville and St. Lawrence, Canning

Office Assistant & Contact for Visitation Ministry of Pastoral Care:

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st.francis@ns.sympatico.ca or

nandghenry@eastlink.ca or ultreya902@gmail.com

Mass and Intention for Sunday

Sept. 15th Acadia 6pm for the repose of the soul of Fr. Mike Weagle, s.j. by the parish.

Sept. 16th Wolfville, 9am: Repose of the soul of Clare McKee by Maurice and family.

On-Going Activities at St. Francis

- **Meet Your Feet:** Free foot care by C. Manzer, LPN, 1 to 3pm, second Thursday monthly, St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. For information or transportation call Orchard Valley United Church at 902-681-0366 Extension 1.
- **Wolfville Group AA** 8pm every Thurs. in parish hall.
- **Christian Meditation** 2pm weekly Valley Regional Hospital chapel
- **Youth Group:** Contact Michael Gnemmi please place your refundable bottles in our shed at the east-end of the Parish Center or take them to the Greenwich Enviro Depo, for credit to **St. Francis Youth account**. Many thanks!
- **To help with the monthly Open Arms Meal**, fill in contact information sheet at the entrance to the church or contact Nancy Harbers: 902-542-2894.
- **Wolfville Nursing home prayer service every second Wednesday of the month** at the Wolfville Elms at 10:15 am & the Wolfville Nursing Home after that. Inquiries or questions contact Nancy Harbers at 902-542-2894
- **Donating to the parish by cheque?** Make the payee **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH**

Registration for Empowered will take place at St. Francis on September 16, after Mass and is available. On line:

<https://www.valleycatholicchurches.com/youthfamily-life.html>

ALPHA Prayer Request

Please pray for the success of the ALPHA program being held at the Saint Francis Parish Centre beginning in September. Prayer is needed to support our leaders, for those who will be taking part and also for those considering to take part in the sessions if not this time perhaps in the near future.

Cemetery Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish cemetery on the Ridge Road will take place on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 6:00pm. Please bring a lawn chair. **One Call Now** notification will be sent nearer the date to remind you or to announce a change in case of weather.



Alpha

Doubting my faith

by Aine Casey-Tan

What does it mean to be a Christian? Was Jesus really the Son of God or just a great guy? For a long time I felt that Jesus undoubtedly existed but was most likely just a very charismatic man who had revolutionary ideas.

For much of my adult life I believed this and felt that it was the most logical reason for Jesus's existence and impact on civilization.

Then came Alpha....

Alpha is not for everyone, especially if you have unwavering faith and do not need proof that Jesus is really the Son of God. We say 'Son of God' often and hear it in Mass. But, do we really understand what it actually means? Alpha breaks it down, explains how Christians came into existence, and explains how Jesus definitely is not just a man.

I was going through a personal crisis during the time I took Alpha, and I came to realize that everything was going to be okay because I am never truly alone. I not only had the mind-blowing realization that yes, Jesus is the Son of God, but he is also love that is pure and unadulterated. He is there for all of us, if we just take the time to let him in to our hearts. He can help us come to peace within ourselves and that is a beautiful way to be.

Life after Alpha is certainly not going to be all bliss, but the teachings help us realize life can be better, if we just take the time to let Jesus grow within us. When the difficult times come, I know that I am not alone, that it is going to be okay, and this gives me a sense of comfort.

Another Alpha is coming up. Anyone and everyone is welcome. I will be there. If you are interested please contact any of the people below and we will gladly assist you.

Aine Casey-Tan – Email: ainetan@gmail.com Phone: 902-670-0482

Roger Bazinet – Email: rbazinet@ns.sympatico.ca Phone: 902-542-0619

Phil Kenny – Email: philipd.kenny@ns.sympatico.ca Phone: 902-542-3526

Registration now open at

<https://www.valleycatholicchurches.com/alpha.html>

Birthday party invite - Andy Webster turns the big 4-0 this month and everyone in the parish is welcome. Dinner is potluck and this will be an ALL AGES event! **Friday, September 28, doors open at 7pm at the Canning Lions Club** and dancing starts close to 8pm. There will be a cash bar. In lieu of gifts, please donate to a scholarship fund for Niamh's dance school to help cover the cost of students' lesson fees. Feel free to invite friends that would love this

St. Joseph's, Kentville

Church Office Contact: (902) 678-3303 or

email: stjosephsrc@ns.sympatico.ca

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Office: Cyndi Palmer stjosephsrc@ns.sympatico.ca

Music Ministry: Michelle Mackey psalm95verse1@gmail.com

Visitation Ministry: Barb Nash 902-681-5520 or

barbaverynash@hotmail.com

Caretaker: Blaine Lockhart

Low Gluten Hosts (gluten content = 0.0017%) are available from a Eucharistic Minister at back of the church near the Confessional.

Mass Intentions for this week: Sept 16 - 23

Sun., SEP 16– 11:15 am Bill Pierik by wife Anne Marie Pierik & family and **Keith Hiltz** by Charlene & Tara-Lyn Wiseman

5pm – *The Parishioners*

Mon, SEP 17 – NO MASS

Tue, SEP 18 - NO MASS

Wed, SEP 19– 6:00 pm - Ridge Rd Cemetery Mass (Wolfville)

Thu, SEP 20 – 9:00am – NO MASS

Fri, SEP 21 – 9:00am – Jean Stevenson by Barb & Dennis Nash

Sun., SEP 23– 11:15 am The Parishioners

5pm – *Thanksgiving Earl Bigelow* by Earl &

Betty Bigelow

Meetings, Groups & Ministries

Rosary Prayer Cenacle: meet Tuesdays at 7pm in Rm 208.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast: held 8am on 2nd Saturday of the month at Callister's, Coldbrook. Call Edna at 678-0068.

Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory: meet the last Wed. of month at 7 pm in Rm 208/210.



Knights Of Columbus KOC General Council meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Fr. Jack's. The next meeting will be held September 19th. GK Rick Walsh 902-300-9738/DGK Al Cyr 902-678-0983

4th Degree Knights meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Fr. Jack's Place.



Catholic Women's League: The next general meeting is Wednesday, October 10, in the chapel at 7:00pm. Praying and working together for our parish, bonds our faith and friendships. Come and meet us! Everyone welcome as we continue to live our Vision Prayer.

A Prayer Vigil for Unborn Children: held Thursdays at 9:30am in the Adoration Chapel.

Wrapped in Love: Knitting and Crocheting meet Tuesday's at 7pm. This will start up again in the fall.

Noah's ARC Open at the 11:15 am Mass and at 5:00 pm Mass, the room is able to be used but childcare is not provided.

Adoration Chapel (St. Joseph's, Kentville)

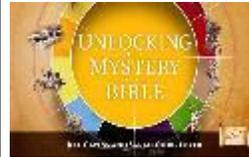
Come and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament!

Access to the chapel is 24 hours/day ... 7 days/week. For more information, contact the St. Joseph's office.

Café Joe Join us after 11:15 am Mass on Sunday for a cup of coffee/tea and a treat. Free will offering, will be taken. Proceeds are for Steubenville.

Music Ministry To serve with us, email Michelle at: psalm95verse1@gmail.com

ADULT FORMATION – Fall/Winter 2018



Unlocking the Mystery of the

Bible is an 8 week course that gives you the big picture of salvation from Adam to Jesus. It will teach you how to read the Bible. Using a colour coded

timeline, learn about the story of our ancestors in the faith. It covers the 14 books of the story line of the Bible so you can understand how our faith developed.

It will run from Tue., Oct. 2, to Tue., Nov. 20, in the multipurpose room. The manual costs \$20.00.

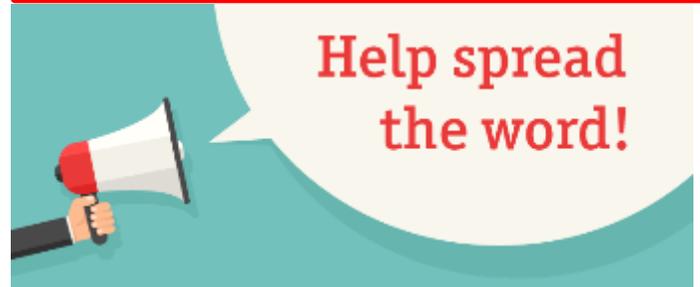
Register now by calling Caroline and Greg at 902-678-2704 or email at greg.brown@ns.sympatico.ca

Do you have questions about your faith? Life? God? If so, **Alpha** is a great place to go to talk about these important topics.

Food, Film and Fellowship!

Alpha returns to St. Joseph's Monday nights in the Fall, starting on Sept. 17th. **Registration open now!** Go to

<https://www.stjosephskentville.org/alpha.html> If you have questions, please email Alison at paullannan@eastlink.ca or speak to Donna at the Welcome Centre (5:00pm Mass).



St. Joe's Praise & Worship

Correction to location

Back at St. Joseph's as usual!
Sept. 30th @ 7pm

Come experience the reckless love of God!

"How cool is it that the same God that created mountains and oceans and galaxies thought that the world needed one of you too." God has created us for a specific purpose on this earth; the world would be different without us, an amazing concept. He wanted you to be on this earth just as much as He wanted the oceans and flowers and everything else in creation. Take a break tonight and just think about how wonderful it is that God would want you to be part of this great world. God Bless!

St. Anthony's, Berwick

Finance Chair: Chris Palmer 902-847-9800

Pastoral Council Chair: Judy Griffith – Coulombe 902-538-0117

Responsible Ministry: Kathy Fleiger 902-679-4523

Youth Group (Middle & High School) & Confirmation: Christine Olynyk valleycatholicyouth@gmail.com

Administrator Valley Catholic Family & Youth Programs: Jennifer Moore valleycatholicfamilylife@gmail.com

There are no office hours at St. Anthony's presently.

Phone messages and emails are checked regularly

(Bulletin Announcements: Monday by 6:00pm)

Email: stanthony@ns.sympatico.ca

Office 902-538-3194

Parish Registration Forms: available as you enter Church or at the Hospitality Table

House Blessings: Contact Office

Food Bank Saturday: 1st Saturday of each month

Rosary and Prayers: Tuesdays at 9:30am (contact Helen or Rose) and every other Thursday at the GVM at 10:30am (Rose or John R.)

Visitation Ministry: Rodina 902-375-2184

↓ **Outreach** ↓
KRRC -2nd Thursday
New Visions-last Monday
Home- on request
GVM

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 15th

Anna Mae Roefs by Grover and Pat Rose
Veronica Boutilier by Ron and Colette Pellerine

Saturday, September 22nd

Joe Howlett by Gary and Jane Whittier
Jeremy Stoelting by John and Elaine Mailman

When attending Mass at another Valley Church, please indicate St Anthony's on the front of your envelope.

Thank you!

Mass Schedule - effective August 4-5, 2018

Saturday - 6:00 pm – St. Anthony's, Berwick

Looking for a Mass card? Please call the office and leave a message.

A Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday September 19th at 7pm in Our Gathering Place.

Prayer, rosary and communion at the Grand View Manor (GVM) on Thurs. September 20th. All welcome!

Registration is now open for the Assembly of the People of God, Oct. 26+27

For more information go to:

<https://halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly>

Ticket Auction, Saturday September 29th.

Any donations of NEW items would be appreciated. **A BOX has been placed at the back of the Church for donations.**

If anyone would rather make a donation it would be appreciated. Just put the funds in an envelope and mark for ticket auction with your envelope number and place in collection plate. Any questions call Charlotte Harrington 902-847-3593 or Elaine Mailman

Dinner Theatre News

The organizers of our Dinner Theatre have met and came to the conclusion we should postpone this year's Dinner Theatre. We will look at rescheduling it in the new year. We would like to thank you for all your support over the past seven years; it has been a lot of work + fun and we do want it to continue in the future.

#TRYALPHA

ALPHA IS A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE SESSIONS EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. [SEP] THERE IS NO PRESSURE, NO FOLLOW UP AND NO CHARGE.

...AND IT'S FUN. Coming to Berwick in September!

St. Monica, Middleton / St. Alphonsus, Bridgetown

MASSES		
SATURDAY 4:00 pm	Sept 22	For Dean Sabean (D) Requested by Lynn & Jon Main St Alphonsus
SUNDAY 9:00 am	Sept 23	For Murray Decker (D) Requested by Carolyn Gilbert St Monica

Receipts Sept 9: St Monica \$ 1600.05 St Alphonsus \$ 1310.00

Visitation Ministry Contacts:

St Monica: Marion Hole (902-765-4435)

St Alphonsus: Abraham Walduvin (902-309-6573)

St Monica



Rosary at St Monica's

Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Everyone Welcome.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE. Starting Tuesday Sept 18th at 10:30 (after Rosary) at St Monica's. This is an 8 week Bible study. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ but many of us find it hard to even begin. This series aims to give us a way to read the bible and begin to understand it ... and so experience its life-changing power! All welcome!

St Alphonsus

Please join us for the following weekly devotions:

The Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings

Altar Gifts – Sept 15 - Terry & Nancy; Sept 22 - Francine & Jackie; Sept 29 - Barb & Teri; Oct 6 - Bill & Peter

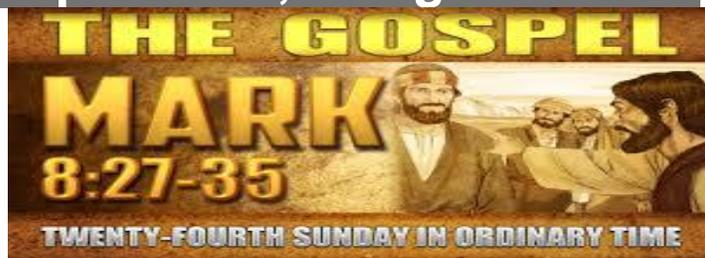
THANK-YOU

I thank every one of my parish family and friends who surrounded me during a tragic time. I can't find the words to express how your kindness and generosity fill my heart while I'm trying to come to terms with losing my husband and best friend, Steve. My sadness will remain with me but so will the heart of our St Monica's Parish.

God will Bless you all. Thank-you.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



St. Monica's Catholic Women's League welcomes our CWL sisters from afar and other visitors who are traveling in our colorful valley this Autumn. Please come and join us for refreshments in the parish hall after Sunday Mass. Feel free to browse in our non-profit religious store and have a friendly chat!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KOC General Council meets the 2nd Monday of every month at St. Monica's/ Queen of Heaven. GK Russ Gaudet 902-717-2859 / DGK Hughie Bagnell 902-680-5238



Sunday, September 16, the Knights of Greenwood/Middleton will be hosting a brunch at St. Monica's hall. Because of the change of time from 11:00 AM Mass to a 9:00 AM Mass the time will be determined by the end of Mass but most likely 10:00 AM. **Please bring your appetites as we will be serving, bacon, sausage, bologna, pancakes, eggs, juice, coffee and tea. A great time to share fellowship with your fellow parishioners. FREE WILL OFFERING.** Come out and help strengthen our Parish Fellowship and Grow Our Domestic Church. Young and Old are invited.

ST. MONICA'S LIBRARY Weekly Highlight: "Surprised by Truth: Eleven Converts Give Biblical and Historical Reasons for Becoming Catholic". These captivating, inspiring stories were compiled by Patrick Madrid, with a Forward by Scott Hahn, and will refresh and inform your own faith! Available to sign out on loan from our library in the parish hall. If you have requests or suggestions, please speak with Mary Crooks (242-5059). Enjoy being a Catholic Lifelong Learner!

Catholic Books & Gifts: "Prayers for Eucharistic Adoration" This nicely bound compact book in soft leather-like cover provides a rich treasury of prayers for Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, for your prayer corner, or for travel, or as a special gift. Available at St. Monica's parish hall after Sunday Mass/call Mary Crooks (242-5059)