

Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
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Bulletin from Jan 3-10, 2016

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Sunday Collection:

December 27, 2015: \$2,093.00
Christmas: \$3,566.00
Thank you for your generosity



Epiphany of the Lord

... Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who was born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

The Gospel of Matthew

From the Pastor's Desk



Palmer Road, P.E.I.
November 16, 2015

Dear Bishop Grecco,

In the 80's I made the decision that I would never ask for a sabbatical of a few months or a whole year. The main reason is that I would feel guilty. As a member of the French Acadian clergy, I belong to a minority group. Rather, I chose to invest in a library; I continually read books all related to parish ministry.

On the occasion of my 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, in 2006, Bishop Vernon Fougère granted me permission to be on retreat at the Abbey of the Genesee in Pifford, New York (December 10-22) and at the Bethlehem Hermitage, Chester, New Jersey (evening of December 22- 26). The Diocese covered all expenses. I resumed my parish duties on January 6, 2007 in St. John the Baptist Parish of Miscouche.

To mark my 35th anniversary, I would appreciate being a resident of the Abbaye Norte-Dame du Calvaire of Rogersville, New Brunswick for a month (March 28-April 25, 2016). I received permission from Dom Bede. My mandate, my goal to reach is to write my script for a book on spirituality, including as background an autobiography. Last December 12th, I was the guest speaker for our Diocesan Lay-Associate Program. Interestingly, I received very positive feedback on my passion for writing a daily spiritual journal entitled: "Cleopas" who is one of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

I deliberately chose the Easter Season to be in this monastery because I truly believe that the risen Christ will inspire me and "my heart will be burning" as I wish and hope to accomplish my dream.

Fr Art Pendergast kindly accepted to be the presider of weekend and funeral liturgies during my absence if I receive your blessing.

As I make every effort to stay healthy, to live a well-balanced life and to daily experience "the Joy of the Gospel", I am expecting to remain very active during my senior years. There is longevity in my family: My maternal grandfather's first cousin died at the age of 114 and a number of my relatives lived to a ripe old age (their early 100's and late 90's). Being

able to experience "a special retreat" every 10 years will energize me physically, mentally and spiritually.

Sincerely,
Fr Albin Arsenault

The reason I shared this letter with all of you is because Bishop Richard Grecco responded to this letter on November 26 and he has granted me his blessing.

Père Albin Arsenault

News

Information Night - St. Patrick's of Ireland Tour 2016: On Wednesday, Feb 17 at 7 p.m. there will be an information night held in the St. Joseph's Room, Palmer Rd Church. Accompanied by Father Albin Arsenault, the trip includes; 10 day tour, 12 meals, Sept 18-27, 2016, flight from Charlottetown – based on double occupancy - \$3899.00 p/p Please contact CWT Harvey's travel for info: 1-902-566-3979 or 1-800-871-3979 or lthompson@harveystravel-cwt.com

Palmer Rd CWL: The January meeting of the Palmer Rd CWL will be held Tuesday, Jan 5 at 7:15 p.m. at the Palmer Rd Hall.

Reminder

Proud of Our Christian Heritage: Donations are still being accepted to the Building/Paint Fund – Proud of Our Christian Heritages – and the names will be placed in the Memorial Book in the church.

Thank you for your donation

Palmer Rd Church Repair Fund Donations

Proud of our Christian Heritage

Donations to December 27: \$20,648.00
Grand Total: \$20,648.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 04/01 10:00 a.m.
Deloris Perry by Ellen & Eleanor
Tuesday: 05/01 9:00 a.m.
Lemond Delaney by Austie Delaney
Wednesday: 06/01 9:00 a.m.
Robert Gaudet by Corinna & Joey Butler
Thursday: 07/01 7:00 p.m.
Anniversary Masses: Charlotte, Wilfred & Henry Thibodeau,
Friday: 08/01
No Mass

Baptism of the Lord
January 10th, 2016

Saturday: 09/01 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 10/01

(PR) 9:00 a.m.

Wayne Chaisson by Miminegash Firemenettes

(PR) 11:00 a.m.

Marcel & Marie Perry by the family

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com

BAPTISMS: Baptism will be held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30 Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. (882-2622) or email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com

Please Note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled when there is a funeral, but please remember that anyone can attend the funeral of a brother or sister in Christ. The Mass Intention scheduled for that day will then be offered at a later date.

Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for January 2016

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue. That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity. That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions