Immaculate Conception Church

Palmer Road

Our Lady of Assumption Mission Miminegash

Bulletin for December 16-23, 2018

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December 9, 2018: \$1,987.55 IMO Adrian Doucette: \$500.00 IMO Patricia Smith: \$500.00 **Thank you for your generosity**



Third Sunday of Advent

Today we light the third candle of Advent. The pink candle represents joy. It reminds us of the joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

...As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

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The Gospel of Luke



MIMINEGASH Christmas Eve 8pm PALMER ROAD Christmas Eve 10pm Christmas Day 10am



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Palmer Road, Monday, Dec 17: Liturgy of the Word and the presence of neighbouring priests at Palmer Road on Monday, Dec 17 at 7 pm. Also, on Tuesday, Dec 18 at St Simon & St Jude, Tignish at 7 pm

News

Church Envelopes for 2019: Church envelopes for the year 2019 are now available at the back of both churches. If you are already an envelope user and cannot find your name please contact the parish office at 902-882-2622 in case it went to the wrong church. If you don't already, but would like to start using envelopes for your contributions please take a box of envelopes with no name on it and begin using. Be sure to put your name on the envelope so we can record your name and issue a tax receipt. Thank you.

Cross Stitch Winner: Thank you to all who purchased tickets on the Cross Stitch picture. The winner is Cindy Dean but the phone number on the ticket is not working. If anyone knows this person please ask her to call the parish office (902-882-2622). Also, thank you to all who came out to enjoy our Christmas House Tours and music last Sunday.

St Dunstan's Annual Christmas Concert: The Annual St Dunstan's Christmas concert is on Friday, Dec 21 at 7 pm. Music director Leo Marchildon corrals the PEI Pops and a 50 voice chorus in a performance of Bach's "Magnificat", as well as the Island premiere of "Fantasia Noel 2", the sequel to the popular cantata introduced a few years ago, which takes traditional carols and turns them on their ear for a more contemporary sensibility. Due to fire regulations, seating is limited, and doors will close once 1,000 attendees have been admitted, so be sure to arrive early.

Thank You: Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Hamper program this year by donating

foods and monetary items for those needing a helping hand this Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember to drop off your items by December 17.

Reminders

Christmas Eve Choir: The next practice for the Christmas Eve Choir is on Tuesday, Dec 18 at 7:15 pm in Palmer Road Church. New members are welcome!

Mass Intentions for Christmas Eve: Please get your mass intentions for the masses on Christmas Eve in to the parish office as soon as possible. You may contact the office (Monday & Thursday) at 882-2622 or put a message in the Sunday collection. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Donations: During our Festive Season Christmas flowers (in memory of a deceased loved one) for our two churches are always appreciated. You may choose to make a monetary donation or you may select and bring your own flowers to the church. Please contact the parish office (882-2622) if you require further information. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sunday Missals for 2019: Sunday missals for 2019 are now available for sale at \$5 each. Thank you.

Retreat Update: There will be a general retreat with Fr. Danny Wilson, themed "*The Four Marks of the Catholic Church*," at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre on the weekend of January 18-20, 2019. Book early to avoid disappointment. The cost per person is \$137.50 (HST included). Please call the Centre to reserve your spot: 902-621-2385 or 902-388-1952.

Children's Liturgy: All children age three to grade two are invited to attend the Children's Liturgy each Sunday during the 11a.m. Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: 17/12 9:00 a.m.

Gerard Kelly by Kelly & Dwyer families

2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 18/12 9:00 a.m.

Audrey Miller by Austin Bernard

Wednesday: 19/12 9:00 a.m.

Yvonne Harper by George & Velda

Thursday: 20/12 7:00 p.m.

Deceased loved ones of Ed & Lorraine Maddix

Friday: 21/12 No Mass

4th Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

Saturday: 22/12 4:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday: 23/12 (M) 9:00 a.m.

Florrie Mills by Phyllis Gallant

(PR) 11:00 a.m.

John & Catherine Handrahan by Bertha & families

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

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<u>BAPTISMS</u>: 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

<u>Please Note</u>: 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. Please include a phone number with your mass intentions. Thank you

Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for December 2018

Universal – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith: That people who are involved in the service and spread of faith, may find in their dialogue with today's culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present times.