



ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*
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Pastor: Fr. Suresh Savariraj, HGN

Pastoral Council Chair: TBD

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Family Faith Formation: Nadine LeBlanc

Parish Office Hours:

Mondays | Wednesdays | Fridays
 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesdays | Thursdays
 9 am - 9 pm

Saturdays - 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sundays - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Co. Pastor: Fr. Peter Osborne

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Confession at St. Dunstan's Church:	Saturdays 2:30 – 3:30 For any other time, please call or email the office
Baptisms:	Please call the office ONE (1) MONTH before desired date
Marriages:	Please call the office SIX (6) MONTHS before desired date
RCIA:	Please call the office any time to request information
Sts. John & Paul Church:	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 5:00pm

September 14th to September 20th, 2025 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1st Reading: *Numbers 21.4-9*

Gospel: *John 3.13-17*

2nd Reading: *Philippians 2.6-11*

Faith Formation - Call for Catechists Volunteers - **MODIFIED DATE FOR THE MEETING:**



As we are preparing for the beginning of the Faith Formation Program for children, we would like to put a call out to all who would like to volunteer as a "Catechists". We will have a **"first initial meeting"** on **Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Monsignor Boyd Family Centre**. If you feel a call to help but are not sure how to go about it, please join us for a meet and greet

Faith Formation Registry: To register your child into the Faith Formation Program, you can find the registration form on the table at the entrance at each church site. Registration forms can also be found on our Parish website: www.stmarymagdaleneparish.ca under "Faith Formation".

Our Lady of Peace Parish's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place at St. Anthony's Church on **Friday, September 19th at 7:00 pm**. ALL ARE WELCOME 😊



READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

1ST READING: Numbers 21.4-9

GOSPEL: John 3.13-17

2ND READING: Phillippians 2.6-11

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Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By
Sat. September 13th 4:00pm	Charline LeBlanc Beaupré Chris Power	Nadine LeBlanc The Armstrong Family
Sun. September 14 th 9:00 am	Cristy Lily Edlene Flores & Rik Camiel Roger Deman (Wedding Anniversary) Ho Woon Wah	Cristy Lily Edlene Flores Thomas and Betty Lo
Sun. September 14 th 11:30 am	Ian Flemming	Clarkia Lindsay
Tues. September 16 th 6:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Wed. September 17 th 6:30 pm	NO MASS	NO MASS
Thurs. September 18 th 12:05 pm	Timothy Dilworth	Carol Dilworth
Fri. September 19 th 6:30 pm	Charline LeBlanc Beaupré Ho Woon Wah	Nadine LeBlanc Bernardine Carter
Sat. September 20 th 4:00 pm	Charline LeBlanc Beaupre Chris Power	Nadine LeBlanc The Armstrong Family
Sun. September 21 st 9:00 am	Ho Woon Wah Bill Sarty	Thomas and Betty Lo The Sarty Family
Sun. September 21 st 11:30 am	Majella Godin William Woods	Clarkia Lindsay Natasha Woods

STS. JOHN & PAUL

Mass Schedules	Mass Intentions	Sponsored By
Sun. September 14 th 11:00 am	Tim Gallan	Lorraine Bird
Sun. September 21 st 11:00 am	Walter McHugh	Lorraine Bird

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Sun. September 14 th 9:00 am	Greg Glasgow Albert & Pauline Simpson	Neala Braedley The Simpson Family
Sun. September 21 st 9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory	Gina Roy

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Looking to Strengthen Your Marriage? Take a step toward a deeper, more joyful relationship at the **Marriage Encounter Weekend**, happening **September 26–28, 2025 at *Between the Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS***. This unique experience, rooted in Catholic values, offers couples private time to reconnect, reflect, and grow together—no group sharing required. The weekend includes presentations by Catholic couples and a priest, accommodations, and meals. Registration fee: \$135 per couple (with opportunity to make a donation). No couple is ever turned away due to finances. For details or to register, contact Ron & Joanne at (506) 451-8489 or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org. **Give your marriage the gift of time and renewal!**





SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH THE CHURCH DEDICATES TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our Lady of Sorrows appeared to St. Bridget of Sweden in the 14th. c., revealing the Rosary of 7 Sorrows. From this rosary we understand better the sufferings of Our Lady and her Son, our neighbours and our own sufferings and sins. This Rosary regained popularity with the modern-day-approved apparitions of Kibeho, Rwanda in the 1980's. Our Lady appeared to a young visionary in Rwanda, Marie-Claire Mukangango, commissioning her to reintroduce this Rosary to the world. Marie-Claire was later killed in the genocide of over 1 million people in Rwanda. The Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows is often prayed throughout September and particularly on September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Copies will be available on the table across from St Joseph's altar, at St Dunstan's Church (front left side of the church), next week, continuing throughout September. Please take a copy and pray for your intentions, families and peace in the world, and for the intentions of Our Lady of Sorrows who suffers greatly along with her Son for the sorrows of the world.

Anniversary of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

On the evening of Sept. 13, 1935, an angel called "The Executor of Divine Wrath" appeared to St. Faustina, dressed in a dazzling robe and striking the earth with lightning bolts. Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus the Divine Mercy and recorded them in her *Diary*, pleaded with the angel, asking him not to unleash a certain "sign of divine wrath." "But my plea was a mere nothing in the face of the divine anger," she said. Then after having an intense vision of the Most Holy Trinity, St. Faustina found herself interiorly pleading with the God in the following words, "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us". As St. Faustina prayed these words, the angel became helpless, unable to carry out the punishment he intended. The next morning, Jesus first gave St. Faustina specific instructions on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which should be said on Rosary beads. "This prayer will serve to appease My wrath", He said (476). Join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us: www.formed.org and search "Divine Mercy Chaplet"

WELCOME TO THE FALL SEASON OF SAINT DUNSTAN'S CHOIR



The acclaimed **Saint Dunstan's Choir** which has been providing music for the 11:30 Mass and special occasions for more than 25 years, is still alive and well. We welcome individuals of all ages, young and old alike. We are a four-part choir that sings both contemporary and classical church music. If you like to sing, can carry a tune and are willing to attend rehearsals, please come and join us. In addition to experiencing the joy of singing with others, you will be enhancing the liturgical experience for our parishioners. Although being able to read music is an asset, it is not necessary as guidance in learning your part is provided.

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm and on Sunday mornings before Mass from 10:45-11:15 am. Rehearsals start on Wednesday September 17. Please use the Brunswick Street blue double doors to gain entrance to the church. Need more information or have questions? Please call Helen Chenier at (506) 454-3035

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MEN'S GROUP - Growing in prayer through the scriptures together as men, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Group meets **every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lincoln**. For more information, or to receive email updates please email sacredheart3n1@gmail.com

Is God Calling You to Serve the Youth?

Do you feel a stirring in your heart to walk with the young people of your parish? Now is the time to answer that call! Join us for the Youth Ministry Training Workshop, October 3–5, 2025 at the *Between the Hearts Retreat Centre, Amherst, NS*. This dynamic weekend will equip you with the tools, inspiration, and community you need to make a real impact in the lives of youth. As all costs are covered, spots are limited to two participants from each area in our diocese: Woodstock, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Sussex, Upper Miramichi, Miramichi and Saint John. Apply by September 24, 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by September 26, 2025. Apply on line: <https://forms.office.com/r/5B4pa35sNP> For more information, contact: Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by phone 506-627-6465

“Praise God in his holy temple” – A Witness Story



As I am sitting at my prayer corner, the morning after a beautiful Pilgrimage at the Cathedral, watching the birds outside of my window feasting in the feeder around my flowers so flourished after a most needed rain. I am listening to a podcast on today's scripture and the commentary from a priest especially on this special day of the canonization of Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati. Jesus is asking us to be a true disciple, to take up our cross, to love the church and to love His Father more than anything else in the world. What He means is to love our neighbors like a brother or a sister. Each one of us is the church; this will keep building our church. To be united as one is vital, the most important part of the church, out of love for the church if we want it to survive.

Reflecting on this commentary, I relived my experience of yesterday. I was among my brothers and sisters in Christ and never felt **so much love and at home** where I belong. To be able to pray with the Holy Eucharist during the Adoration, to pray and touch Holy Relics, shoulder to shoulder with my fellows in Christ, to be in awe and in tears with so much emotion inside of me. It is too much to explain in so little words. Our Bishop, our Shepherd, welcome us with so much warmth and love because he has the Diocese at heart which he is renewing physically and spiritually in such an amazing way. The choir was outstanding; so angelic. I felt the Holy Spirit pouring all over me during mass and I could not help but cry. The message from Father Melanson gives us “**Hope**” for a beautiful and promising future to come. As a fellow parishioner told me “This extraordinary experience renewed our baptismal and rekindle the fire of faith in us”. To have a pilgrimage each year to bring the sheep to the Shepherd for a renewal of our faith would be like refueling us – like refilling the tank of gas of our car, to keep our journey on the road ahead of us. So, this is our wish – that we can experience another Pilgrimage along with my brothers and sister in Christ, especially those who could not join us this time, so they too can come and refill their tank. Words cannot express our gratitude to the Diocese for this experience of the renewal of faith and “Hope” for our church. I know I can speak on behalf of my brothers and sisters in Christ by expressing this gratefulness.

~ **Nadine LeBlanc**

🎄 Christmas Exchange Program 🎄

In order to help build our fund for the Christmas Exchange Program for 2025, which is currently sitting at \$6460.00, we will have a Tree in the entrance of Regent Street for the whole month of September. You are welcome to take an envelope off the tree and include your donation to be dropped in the offertory basket or leave it at the office. You can also send your offer etransfer, indicating “Christmas Exchange Program” in the notes. For those of you who use a weekly envelope remember to indicate your number for taxes receipt purposes. Your contributions done during this summer and up until the end of September will serve to purchase gift cards for the 2025 Christmas Season. Your contributions starting October 1st will go toward the 2026 Christmas Season. Thank you in advance for your tremendous generosity 🙏

PLEASE NOTE:

The Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Paris and Rome is being postponed until spring. Updates to follow in the bulletin and our Facebook Page



Yard, Book & Bake Sale
Saturday, Sept 20th - 8 AM - 1
St. Francis of Assisi Hall
2130 Route 102, Lincoln



Land Acknowledgement

This is to acknowledge that the land on which we gather to pray is the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik whose ancestors, along with the Mi'kmaq and Passamaquoddy Tribes/Nations, signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700's.

Offertories Received Week Ending September 7

Please call the Parish Office at 444-6001 if you have any questions

	<u>St C</u>	<u>Sts J&P</u>	<u>St D</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular offertories	\$502	\$1,483	\$6,593	\$8,578

Next Special Collection: September 28 - Needs of the Canadian Church