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**Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022
Pastor: Fr. Michael Barker**

Mass Schedule for December 24 - January 8, 2023

Saturday	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.	Hr. Main	Jack & Mary G. Corbett/ Jack, Esther and Mary Lacour/ Alban Murphy/ Bert, George & Mary Dalton & deceased family members/ Don Hawco/ Con & Nell Sullivan & deceased Sullivan & Corbett families/ Agnes & Gerald Strapp/ Kathleen & Arnold Mahoney/ Stephen Hickey (Living)
Saturday	Dec. 24	8:00 p.m.	Holyrood	Parishioners / Eugene & Ernest Crowley, Bill Besso & Muriel Maloney/ Nora & Lawrence Healey and the Healey & Hickey families/ Reg Anthony & deceased members of the Anthony and Mansfield families/ Ed Dalton/ Gerald Devereaux/ John Hennessey/ Donald Dooley/ Ambrose & Ethel Penney/ James & Mary Lewis/ Brendan Hunt/ Frances & Dan Hunt/ Bridget & James Ryan/ William J., Marjorie, Kenneth & Billy Dunphy/ Cyril P. Flynn/ Eileen, Walter & Sean Walsh/ John Devereaux/ Jerome & Mary Crawley
Sunday	Dec. 25	10:30 a.m.	Hr. Main	Parishioners / Bill & Annie Murphy/ Lawrence & Bill Murphy/ John Flynn & deceased members of Flynn & Whelan families/ Renee Walsh & Simon Hickey/ Marie Buckle/ Stephen Hickey (Living)
Sunday	Jan. 1	9:30 a.m.	Hr. Main	John Connor/ Renee Walsh & Simon Hickey/ John & Edith Corbett/ Patrick & David Flynn/ David Power
Sunday	Jan. 1	11:00 a.m.	Holyrood	John W. & Thomas Healey/ Ward & Jim Murphy/ Herb & Alice Murphy/ John Murphy & Herb McGee/ Carmel Costello/ Robert, Margaret & Ambrose Power/ Marie Roche, Florence Pond & Aloysius Power/ Nora & Lawrence Healey/ Irene Kavanagh/ Walter, Eileen & Sean Walsh
Saturday	Jan. 7	5:00 p.m.	Hr. Main	Memory Tree
Sunday	Jan. 8	11:00 a.m.	Holyrood	William & Jenny O'Brien/ Cyril & Gertrude Dwyer/ Severin Bourgeois/ Benedict & Bride Costello/ Elizabeth & John Harding/ Ignatius & Iris Costello/ David O'Brien/ Genevieve Walsh/ Michael & Laura Walsh

**Sunday, January 1, 2023
May God be gracious to us and bless us.**

Day	Readers	Sacristans	Music Ministry
Jan. 1 9:30 a.m. Hr. Main	Bob Myers	Denise & Emily Brown	Angela Woodford & Maria Woodford
Jan. 1 11:00 a.m. Holyrood	Sean Beresford	Mary Hynes-Nolan	_____
Jan. 7 5:00 p.m. Hr. Main	Josephine Duggan	Gerry Furey	Tony Myers & Maria Woodford
Jan. 8 11:00 a.m.	Barbara McGrath	Jeanette Mahoney	_____

Hr. Main

For the Month of January:

Collection Monitors: Denise Brown & Mary Dalton

Church Cleaners: Barb Penney (Co-ordinator), Paula Corbett, Betty Woodman, Rhonda Dalton, Sandra Corbett & Lisa Costigan

Linens: Rose Trahey



Holiday Christmas Hours

Holy Cross Parish: Closed Monday, December 26th - Tuesday, January 3rd

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish: Closed Monday, December 26th - Thursday, January 5th

This is a two week bulletin as both offices are closed next week



Revenue for Holyhood

Collection for Sunday, December 18th: Regular Sunday - \$1275.15; Dues - \$530.00; Mission Sunday - \$20.00; Christmas - \$925.00; Flowers - \$45.00; Hampers - \$740.00 - **in memory of:** Brendan Hunt - \$500.00; All Souls - \$25.00; Restoration - \$210.00 **in memory of:** Norah, Michael Healey, Michael & Suzannah Hickey and Healey & Hickey families - \$25.00, Edward & Patsy O'Toole - \$10.00, Peter & Carol Humphries - \$10.00, Sally Kelly - \$5.00, Muriel Maloney - \$5.00, Leo Connors - \$5.00, Margaret Collins - \$5.00, Patricia Hamlyn - \$5.00, Sheila Hanlon - \$5.00; Donation - \$20.00 **in memory of:** Wilbert & Christine Furey, Philip Furey, Mary & Mike Power, Bill & Cyril Power, Paula & Joseph Furey

Revenue for Hr. Main

Collection for Sunday, December 18th: Regular Sunday - \$821.00; Fuel - \$65.00; Dues - \$50.00; Christmas Offering - \$150.00; Flowers - \$270.00; Food Hampers - \$465.00; Cemetery **in memory of:** Bill Costello - \$10.00; Bldg. & Main. **in memory of:** Anita Gushue - \$10.00



DECEMBER 25 - SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:

Today we begin the Christmas season which celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. The word *Christmas*

literally means *Christ's Mass or the Mass of Christ*. Historically, Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth to Mary, a young maiden from Galilee. Theologically, Christmas is the celebration of the Incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ – the self-revelation of God to the world in human form for the reconciliation of humanity to God. Liturgically, the Christmas season begins with "Mass During the Night" on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

the God of all creation watch over you, keep you in his care and bless you with His peace. **A Very Merry Christmas to you all and Many Blessings in the New Year!**

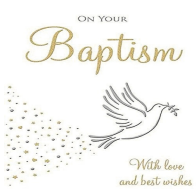
Sts. Peter & Paul Food Bank. Sincere thanks to everyone for contributions to the Parish Christmas Food Hampers. Thanks to the staff and students of Holy Cross & Roncalli Schools, the Community Food Sharing Association, to the Town Recreation Committee, Royal Canadian Legion and to the volunteers who helped organize the hampers. Thank you to all who helped with sorting food for the hampers. To all who donated toys and gift certificates to the Toy Mountain, your generosity of gifts was wonderful. All donations of food, money and toys and selfless acts of giving are gratefully appreciated. It is never easy to ask for assistance but please know that families who enjoyed this extra help at this time of year were thankful and grateful for your help. **Merry Christmas! Signed: Angela Woodford**



Prayers & Sympathy to the family and friends of **Bill Costello** of Conception Harbour who passed away on December 9, 2022; **Bride Lewis** of Holy Cross Parish who passed away on December 19, 2022 and **Michael Cleary** of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

who passed away on December 19, 2022. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Holy Cross Parish Council. A happy and peaceful Christmas to all parishioners and to family and friends who are visiting our parish. Christmas is a time when we remember the birth of Jesus and reflect on God's amazing generosity. It is the season for peace, joy and fellowship with family and friends. It brings us together and helps us appreciate the love in our lives. We are grateful for your support and encouragement in our Pastoral Council ministry. We are very thankful to all volunteers who help ensure the liturgical, financial and social care of the parish is completed with excellence. May your hearts and homes be filled with contentment, laughter and harmony. We pray that the peace of the Christ Child be with you and your Families. We ask God's continued blessing on Father Mike and all who lead us in faith.



Congratulations & Best Wishes to **Jesse Martin Conway**, son of **Eugene & Anna Conway** who was baptized on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Holy Cross Church. May God continue to bless this child with love, especially through his parents and godparents.

Bishop Daniels Christmas letter to parishioners is available at the Church entrance. Please take one.

Christmas Message from our Pastor. To the parishioners and visitors: Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with peace, joy and love. May the love of Christ fill your hearts during this holy season and may you continue to experience this love each day as you journey through life. May God bless each and every one of you with good health and strength.

God bless you, Fr. Mike

Holy Cross Parish Food Bank. Our Christmas hampers were a tremendous success again this year. We want to thank our parish community and local businesses who gave so generously to ensure our families enjoy a great Christmas. We appreciate your continued support. May you all be blessed with the peace and joy of this beautiful season. And to our volunteers who work tirelessly with the Food Bank at Holy Cross Parish, we thank you for all you do throughout the year and at Christmas time. This project would not be possible without your dedication.

It is with gratitude, The Parish & Pastoral Councils of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish offer a sincere thank you to all parishioners and friends of our parish for the countless hours you continue to give. Your spirit of generosity not only at Christmas time, but all during the year to ensure that the social, liturgical and financial care of the parish is cared for with excellence. The number of people who give of their time in the various ministries is overwhelming and we encourage and welcome new people to join us. To our youth, we encourage you to continue in your ministries. You are such a vital part of our parish! You lift our hearts and minds having you around! Thank you to our church choir for your continued hard work and dedication in making our liturgies so special with music and song. To the many people who prepared our church for the Christmas Season in decorating, liturgy preparation, members of our volunteer fire department for the cleaning of the church and to all who generously donated to the Christmas Food Hampers and Parish Food Bank, we say thank you. Your continued dedication does not go unnoticed. We ask God's continued blessings on **Father Mike** as he ministers to us. May the peace of God, bless you and your families for your generosity and support of your parish. May

Family Catechesis. We would like to wish all our year level coordinators, leaders, helpers, parents and boys and girls a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health and happiness!

2023 Holy Cross and Sts. Peter & Paul Sunday Envelopes are now available and can be picked up at the church entrances. If you have not received your envelopes or would like to receive envelopes, please contact your parish office.

