

Warden on Duty for December:Gerry Fagan

December 27, 2011

2:30 p.m. Lodge Service

December 28, 2011

7:00 p.m. Carols and Lessons with Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism

January 1, 2012

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sidespersons, December 28, 2011

7:00 p.m - Team # 3, Les Haines

Eucharistic Assistants, December 28, 2011

Shirley Batten, Gerry Fagan, Barb Tilley

Greeters, December 28, 2011

Frances Dawe & Dalilah Baird

Readers, December 28, 2011

Marilyn Collins, Judy Jefford, Shirley Batten

Sidespersons, January 1, 2012

Team #4, Percy Greenslade

Eucharistic Assistants, January 1, 2012

Barbara T., Gloria, Nancy Ann, Gerry

Greeters, January 1, 2012

Christina Butler

Readers, January 1, 2012

Georgina Smith, Grace Woodland, Clarence Fagan

Servers, January 1, 2012

Zachary Breaker, Emily Rideout

Baptism Dates

Dec. 28th, Jan. 8th

Next Baptism Preparation Date:

February 5th

from 3:00 pm—4:30 pm

Sobeys Gift Certificates are here

Are you a Sobeys shopper? If so how about supporting our parish by giving us your money in exchange for a Certificate of equal value to shop at Sobeys: for example a \$100.00 gift certificate will cost you \$100.00, Sobeys will give us a percentage of all certificates purchased from All Saints. Your church could benefit from your grocery shopping. Certificates are available in a variety of denominations to meet your needs. Team captains will be in place to take orders — if you are interested. Please contact Barb Porter at 834-3662 for further information .

Queen's College: are you interested in learning? Queen's college offers a variety of courses in degree, non-degree, and certificate programs during the day and on weekends, either by correspondence or on-site. Our winter semester begins January 9th, 2012. For more information, please telephone the College (709) 753 -0116, or check our website www.mun.ca/queens

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THE CANDLE

December 24, 2011

All Saints Anglican Parish is a family of worshipping Christians dedicated to Christian education, Spiritual growth, Outreach, Pastoral care and Fellowship.

We may not be perfect but we are making a difference.

We believe that we are here for a special purpose and that God has given us all we need to carry out His plan for us. We believe that Jesus is always with us, showing us the way of love, the truth of the Gospel, and life everlasting. We believe in the Spirit of God working in us, with us, through us, and for us, to fulfill His Divine will.

Glory to God, whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Thank you for all you do as His Church.

The Christmas season fills our hearts with peace and joy as we look forward to the sights , sounds, smells and tastes of the holidays. Yet when we have some quiet time to think about our greatest blessings we focus on our Blessed Saviour, our family and our friends and we appreciate the gift of you!

We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas ! Sheila, Robin, Sam, Kim, and Clayton

Parish Christmas Social:

On December 28th at 7 pm there will be a service of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist with carols and lessons. The Lodges will be present to provide music. Following the service we invite you, our church family, to gather upstairs in the parish hall for snacks and refreshments. It will be a great evening if you join us. Bring along a tray of your favorite snack to share with your friends.

The Christmas Heart

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years... Underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart."

- George Matthew Adams

Envelopes for 2012 are available at the back of the church. Please disregard any old boxes you have at home.

Envelope Offerings for 2011

Our books will be closing on December 31, 2011. To receive a tax receipt for your contributions to the church for 2011, you must have your contribution into the parish office no later than December 31st. Note that our office is closing at 4:00 p.m. on December 30th, but the drop off box is available for your convenience. Envelopes received at our 10:00 a.m. service on January 1, 2012 will be credited to 2012.

Marriage Course

The clergy of the Deaneries of Avalon East and West have agreed that all couples planning to get married must complete a marriage course. We feel that as a Church we must provide an opportunity for adequate education in preparation for a Christian Marriage.

The Anglican Church of Canada's Canon 'On Marriage in the Church' states:
It shall...be the duty of the minister to provide or secure appropriate means of education so that all who seek marriage in the Church may come to it with a Christian understanding of its purpose and may be encouraged to give effect with God's help to the vows which they are preparing to make. CanonXII.1.2

If you are planning a wedding at All Saints in 2012 please clear your calendar for our Marriage Course which has been scheduled at for Saturday, April 21st

Office hours for December

Monday through Friday: 9am –12noon and 2pm –4pm

Office will be closed on December 26th and 27th as well as January 2nd

A big thank you goes out to the faithful carollers who came along on Monday night. Although it was a small crew, I know it made a huge difference to the people who were visited. The true meaning of Christmas shines through brightly in the faces of the person we visited as well as their family members. They really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas and may God bless all you. Helen

God's Story Your Story: When His Becomes Yours. Six Week Church Experience:

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on January 8th, February 12th, March 11th, April 15th, May 13th and June 10th. Together we will look at how our life story is part of a grand, overarching narrative. Our church's journey of faith will come alive as we explore the divine story and discover God's divine plan for us.

Preparation for Confirmation: A Two-Year Process

Confirmation isn't a requirement – it is a choice. As a parish our goal is to provide our candidates with the foundational teachings they will need to confirm their faith at their Confirmation.

We currently have twelve candidates going through Step One: Faith Cafe, they will move to Step Two: in Sept and will be confirmed in Jan 2013.

Our forty-eight candidates completing Step two will be confirmed in January 2012.

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED STEP ONE (FAITH CAFÉ) WILL ENTER STEP TWO IN SEPTEMBER AND BE CONFIRMED IN JANUARY 2013. New candidates entering the process in Sept, 2012 will begin with Step 1: Faith Café and they must be a minimum of 11 years of age by December 31st, 2012.

Memorials

The Candle has been given in Loving Memory of:

Joe Dawe (remembering his birthday, December 31st) by Lena, Joey, Jackie, Alice & Darrell, Rebecca, Mitchell, Kyle, Shawn, Hunter & Andrew

Memorials have been given to All Saints Parish Renovation Fund in Loving Memory of

- ◆ **Mona Caines** by Eagle Construction Limited, Kennedy's Store, Residents & Staff of Cluney's Boarding Home
- ◆ April Arnott (remembering her birthday December 22nd.) by Dave & Sarah

Memorials have been given to the PWRDF in Loving Memory of:

- ◆ **Mona Caines** by Ray & Doris Bishop
- ◆ **Judy Newhook** by Ray & Doris Bishop