

*Weekday & Sunday Mass Schedules & Mass Intentions for the week of Jan. 22 - Jan. 28*

Mon. Jan. 22 & Tues. Jan. 23	St. Anthony's 6:30pm	
Wed. Jan. 24	St. Augustine's 9:00am	
Thursday Jan. 25	St. Augustine's 9:00am	Joshua Clute (healing) – requested by Catherine Clute & Michael O'Connor
Saturday Jan. 27	St. Patrick's 4:00pm	
Sunday Jan. 28	St. Augustine's 9:00am St. Anthony's 11:00am	Pro populo Len Whiffen – requested by Jim & Colleen Ferguson

In the past few weeks Archbishop Mancini has made some changes in the leadership of a few parishes.

Due to health concerns both **Mgr. Gérald LeBlanc** and **Fr. Joe MacKinnon** have stepped down from their pastoral ministries.

To that end, **Fr. Albéni d'Entremont** has been appointed the Administrator of the parishes of Saint-Pierre, West Pubnico and Immaculée Conception, East Pubnico and **Fr. Patrick Cosgrove** as Administrator of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Upper Tantallon.

We ask you to keep all these priests in your prayers in this time of transition.

**Low Gluten Hosts** - The parish has Low Gluten Hosts available at each church for those who may require them.

**Sunday School** - If there are any parents interested in our catechetical program or who have questions regarding Sacramental preparation please contact Jennifer Paterson at 902-275-4427.

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 21, 2018*

*St. Augustine's Parish, Chester  
St. Anthony's, Hubbards & St. Patrick's, New Ross*



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Collection for Jan. 14 – Envelopes - \$1300.00; Loose - \$98.00 –  
Total - \$1398.00

**SHROVE TUESDAY ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE SUPPER** – Tuesday, February 13, from 4:30 – 6:30 in St. Anthony’s Church Hall, sponsored by the men of St. Luke’s and St. Anthony’s Church. Come and enjoy pancakes, fresh fruit, homemade muffins, tea and coffee. Adults - \$8.00, Children - \$5.00 and under the age of five – free.

**Mission Trip to Sierre Leone** - Ben John, one of our parishioners from St. Anthony’s, is the Executive Director and Founder of Help 2 Overcome ([www.help2overcome.org](http://www.help2overcome.org)). H2O is a Registered Canadian based charity. Ben has travelled to Sierre Leone to build washrooms in schools and plans are underway for another trip in May. Please email Ben at [benjohn@help2overcome.org](mailto:benjohn@help2overcome.org) or Fr. Jose at [josephthomas15@gmail.com](mailto:josephthomas15@gmail.com) should you be interested in the mission or if you have any questions.

### ***Recent News from the Diocese –Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application Concerns....***

In the recent days concerns regarding the annual Canada Summer Jobs Grants has been in the news headlines. In short, a policy change has been made to the application process for the Canada Summer Jobs Grants. Agreeing to the change would require us to agree to something that is contrary to Church teaching. This in turn makes our parishes **no longer eligible** to apply for these grants.

The Canada Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) offers a clear explanation and statement regarding the issue. Released last Thursday, January 11, it reads in part:

Employment and Social Development Canada posted information on its website, dated 19 December 2017, announcing a major change to its requirements regarding applications for federal funding under its **Canada Summer Jobs program** for youth employment. Attestation must now be included that *"both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights and the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."*

According to the Department, this insistence on reproductive rights (which specifically includes *"the right to access safe and legal abortions"*), sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression is intended to *"prevent youth (as young as 15 years of age) from being exposed to employment within organizations that may promote positions that are contrary to the values enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and associated case law."*

Faith communities consider abortion, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression as major questions with ethical, moral, social and personal bearing which determine our understanding of human dignity and thus appreciation for the meaning and significance of each and every human life. This new policy conflicts directly with the right to freedom of religion and conscience which too are enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as in associated case law. It seriously undermines the right to religious freedom since the Government of Canada is directly limiting the right of religious traditions to hold, teach and practice their principles and values in public.

Many parishes, and various diocesan offices, have applied to and relied on these grants in the past as an important way to support students and increase human resources over the summer months. It is unfortunate that at this time our parishes have become ineligible for this important funding and we encourage parishes to apply for funding from other sources.

**Development and Peace** – Caritas Canada wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to its donors for their quick and generous response to the crisis affecting the Rohingya people of Myanmar.

Development and Peace donors gave **\$546,820** during the matching period for the Canadian government’s Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, which ran from August 25th to November 28, 2017. Generous donors in the Halifax-Yarmouth Diocese contributed **\$6,200** to this special appeal.

In addition, Development and Peace received \$750,000 from Global Affairs Canada to increase its response to the needs of the Rohingya people. **Together, Development and Peace will be able to contribute over \$1 million towards humanitarian aid efforts for the most vulnerable.**

