

*Weekday & Sunday Mass Schedules & Mass Intentions for the week of Sept. 25- Oct. 1*

Mon Sept. 25 & Tues. Sept. 26	St. Anthony's 6:30pm	Tues. – No Mass
Wed. Sept. 27	St. Augustine's 9:00am	
Thursday Sept. 28	St. Augustine's 9:00am	
Saturday Sept. 30	St. Patrick's 4:00pm	
Sunday Oct. 1	St. Augustine's 9:00am  St. Anthony's 11:00am	Pro populo  Michael Merrigan – requested by Don & Lorraine Heffler

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Global Ceilidh**  
- Friday October 20, 2017, 7:00pm-10:00pm, St. Mary's Boat Club, 1641 Fairfield Rd., Halifax NS, ticket price: \$20 each. To purchase tickets, please call our Atlantic Regional Office at (902)429-9489 or send us an email at [dpatlantic@devp.org](mailto:dpatlantic@devp.org) . You may also purchase tickets from your local Development and Peace Diocesan Council representatives

**St. Rose of Lima Parish** presents Laura Smith in concert with Kim Dunn. Come out for an evening of great music, fellowship and refreshments, Friday, September 29 at 7:30pm, 1400 Fall River Road, Fall River – tickets are \$20.00 per person. For more information, please contact the parish office.

**DONATE NOW:** Is an online payment option found on our church website. Simply click the button on the left side of the home webpage and it will allow one donation or a setup of monthly tithes. This site will email a receipt immediately for your taxes. You will not receive a duplicate from the office. Thank-you.

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 24, 2017*

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



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Collection for the week of Sept. 17

Envelopes - \$4764.75; Loose - \$237.50 – Total - \$5002.25

## Two short reflections on the Gospel:

"God's grace is so great, so surprising, that it can provide enough no matter how late in the day it has become. It is not too late even on the deathbed, even in the jail cell, even after the repeated failures at whatever one has repeatedly failed at ... Should the sun threaten to set on one's life in mere minutes, it is still not too late. And we may trust that in heaven, those who labored all their lives long will discover that heaven's 'enough' makes all earthly comparisons petty and meaningless." (Marguerite Shuster, in The Lectionary Commentary, Vol. 3: The Gospels, p.112)

"We must ask whether it is better to live most of one's life without Christ—without faith— without prayer—without hope—and to pay the cost of discipleship only in one's last days? To imagine that those who find Christ on their deathbed have struck a better 'deal' suggests that we do not really value our relationship to Christ—that we value the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow rather than the joy of knowing Jesus. Such discipleship is like valuing great art only for its price tag—failing to appreciate the way that it enriches life." (Richard Donovan, SermonWriter; online)

### Parish Announcements

There will be no Mass this Tuesday, September 26, at St. Anthony's.

**Journey of Faith Group** – You are invited to participate in our Journey of Faith Group. We meet every two weeks in the fall and winter months to discuss our faith and explore ways to grow spiritually through prayer and reflection. Please contact Fr. Jose for more details.

**St. Augustine's Guild Sponsored Child** – There is an updated photo and letter posted at the back of the church above the donation jar. Your donations are very much appreciated to help support the Guild's sponsorship.

**St. Anthony's – Just a reminder** – mark your calendars for the annual Fall Harvest Supper – Friday – October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth** has just released its Annual Financial Report for 2016. Copies are available at each church for anyone who is interested. The report can also be found on the diocesan web-site.

**Living alone (Ages 45+)** – this FREE 5 week program will provide skills and information to assist adults who may be faced with living on their own (through divorce, separation, or the death of a loved one). Topics include: grief and bereavement, downsizing, legal issues and many practical tips for living on your own. Tuesdays. September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 1:30pm - 4:00pm at Our Health Centre, Chester. To register call 902-275-3490 or 902-275-8503.

### *Diocesan News*

**Life Chain on Sunday, October 1** – The annual Life Chain, a pro-life prayer and witness event, takes place this year in cities across Canada and the United States on Sunday, October 1. In Canada approximately 30,000 people participate each year, carrying signs that say, "Abortion Harms Women", "Abortion Kills children" and "Say Yes to Life". This peaceful and prayerful event gives people the opportunity to stand up for what they believe in with a sign that gets a message out there. It's an opportunity for people to pray for the victims of abortion, the babies, the parents, the nurses, and the doctors, everyone who's involved. Halifax will host its 26<sup>th</sup> Life Chain where hundreds of Haligonians will form a human chain along Robie Street from 2:30pm – 3:30pm while visually stating that abortion is wrong because it kills pre-born children and harms women. A Life Chain is a profound statement of single fact, simple but very effective. We witness to the truth – abortion kills babies and hurts women.

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Officially Launches 2017 Fall Action and Education Campaign** - Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's new campaign, Women at the Heart of Peace, highlights how



women are our best hope for establishing peace in the world today, and asks the Government of Canada to provide the necessary funds to support grassroots women's organizations that are promoting peace in their countries.

