

Support for Beacon House — Beacon House is asking the St. Rose of Lima congregation for support with its 2023 Christmas Box Program. They are preparing to distribute 500 Christmas boxes, and are asking us to donate 100 cans of turkey gravy by next weekend!! So sorry for the short notice... please do what you can.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree — From now until Christmas, you will see a St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree at the entrance of both St. Rose and St. Bernard Churches. Please take an ornament and donate either a Sobeys gift card, gas card or cash to help those less fortunate in our local community. Donations can be put in a SVDP envelope or in the collection basket.

Donations directly to St. Vincent de Paul Fall River can now be sent by etransfer at [SSVDPFallRiver@gmail.com](mailto:ssvdpfallriver@gmail.com). Please ensure that you include your name and full address in the "message" section of the etransfer for receipts.

More facts about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society:

1. We are a Catholic lay organization that tries to see Christ in the poor.
2. The Society's funding comes from generous parishioners and private benefactors.
3. Over 90% of all donations goes directly to those in need.
4. This year, over 45,000 meals were served at our soup kitchen called Hope Cottage.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Phone: 902-476-8626
Email: ssvdpfallriver@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) — The group meets each Thursday at St. Bernard Church Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please contact Fr. Gerald at frgerald@standrebessette.net if you have any questions.

Father Eric Theriault Christmas Gift Ministry for Mental Health & Addictions Program — Donations are being accepted for the inpatients and residents of the Nova Scotia Hospital, Abbie J. Lane, East Coast Forensic Hospital, and Community Transition Program. A list of suggested items can be found on the green sheets at the entrance of the church. Organizers ask that gifts be unwrapped, new (not used), and unscented. There are more male clients than female clients. Thank you for bringing great cheer from the community during the holiday season.



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November 25th, 2023

Open House to Celebrate Florence Benere's 95th Birthday — This will take place on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Enfield Fire Hall. No gifts please. However, donations of non-perishable goods for the food bank are welcome.

Caring & Sharing — Caring & Sharing-Angel Tree Food Bank is now taking registrations for the 2023 Christmas season. Adopt a family by contacting Allison Gilby at caringsharingaaf@gmail.com or call Pam Hutchinson at 902-476-7982. Monetary donations can be sent c/o 50 Old Enfield Road, Unit 2, Enfield, NS B2T 1C9 or e-transferred to caringandsharinghants@gmail.com. Additional details can be found on the letter posted on the bulletin board.

The Musquodoboit Valley Foodbank — The foodbank is getting ready for Christmas and anticipating needing to meet more needs than ever. Please consider helping us this year with a monetary donation, non-perishable food, toiletries, socks, mittens, and toys for the Angel Tree. We will also need lots of cookies. Financial donations can be etransferred to mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com.

Celebrate our Diocesan Feast Day: December 8 — Starting this year, we will celebrate December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as our *diocesan feast day*. Join Archbishop Dunn as he presides at a special 7:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral on December 8. Let's gather to entrust the people and parishes of our diocese to the care and intercession of Mary.

Over the past few years, many across the diocese have experienced hardships from the pandemic, to fires and floods, which have left a profound mark on each of us. As a result, an increasing number of people are experiencing food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness.

Because of your continued help and support, our Emergency Shelters Program has been able to provide shelter, access to personal care items and necessities, and help to apply for benefits. As well this program provides support while helping shelter occupants to find long-term housing and employment. Furthermore, as a result of the continued and growing need of those experiencing homelessness, the Emergency Shelters Program added five shelters this fall. I am also pleased to say that our Emergency Shelters Program received a grant to help shelter occupants receive counselling and mental health services. Helping those in need is essential in our mission as Christians. Through these actions, we follow the Lord's command to look after the homeless and we help facilitate opportunities for others to encounter, experience, and come to know Christ.

As we continue to serve those in need, especially through this Emergency Shelters Program, I ask that you prayerfully consider donating to our Mission Collection. I am very grateful for any donations you can give and thank you for your continued support.

You can donate by:

- Mailing the enclosed envelope
- Credit card by calling (902) 429-9800 ext. 125
- Giving online at our website: www.halifaxyarmouth.org
- Dropping your envelope in the collection at your local parish church
- Setting up a monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance by calling (902) 429-9800 ext. 309
- Sending an E-Transfer to finance@halifaxyarmouth.org-In the memo please write "Mission 2023"

Sincerely in Christ,

†Brian Joseph Dunn
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth