

**SANCTUARY LAMP-** For the week of December 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for special intention Sarah Ghaney. The Sanctuary Lamp in the St. Thomas of Villanova shrine will burn for the repose of the soul of Eileen Oliver. If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a deceased relative or friend or for a special intention, contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per week.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK -** Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, aging and in need of our prayers, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through their faith. **We Pray for** – Ed Broderick, Bertha Noseworthy, Glen Bursey, Sophia Ribble, Gerry Perry, Elizabeth Hayden, David Roche, Colby Chipman, Emily Kenny, Clement Walsh, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Mugford & Marie Lundrigan.

**RENAMING OUR PARISH ST. EDWARD'S -** The name of our church will remain St. Thomas of Villanova Church. However; with the restructuring of parishes we were required to rename our newly formed parish. At a meeting of the three parish steering committee, there was a lengthy discussion and a review of the history of Conception Bay South and Paradise parishes. The original name for the parish from the overpass to Seal Cove was called St. Edward's Parish; which dates back to 1877. Both the small churches in Topsail and Kelligrews were called St. Edward's Parish. After this review and with the combining of the three parishes into one parish; **a motion was made and seconded that the combined three parishes of Holy Family/St. Thomas of Villanova/ St. Edward's take the original name of St. Edwards's Parish. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST?**

A vocation discernment group, led by Fr. James Fleming, meets regularly on the last Sunday of every month. Single Catholic men, 18 years and older, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend. To register or find out more, please contact Fr. James Fleming at 834-9481 or [vocations@rcsj.org](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org)

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** This is a season filled with generosity and caring. In that spirit, we are collecting money for our local food bank, to ensure that everyone can have a Merry Christmas. This year the need is greater than ever. Our Giving Tree is near the church entrance. Please take an envelope and place your donation inside. The envelopes can be dropped into the collection. Some envelopes have a suggested donation of the cost of a turkey. However, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. All donations need to be returned on or before December 18.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** Please help us beautify our Church for the Christmas Season, please pick up an envelope at the back of the church and make a donation for flowers. You can make your donation in memory of a loved one; include their name on the envelope. You may drop your envelope in the collection or to the parish office. (Deadline Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>) Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

<b><u>MASS SCHEDULE –</u></b>	<b>December 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Tues. - Dec. 13 (St. Lucy)	- 10 am -	Edward Long – Florence Curran
Wed. - Dec. 14 (St. John of the Cross)	- 10 am -	John McGrath – Mary Jennings – Keith Jennings
<b>Adoration following Mass</b>		
Thurs. - Dec. 15	- 10 am -	Morrissey/Dunn families–Bridget Fewer
(Holy Hour with Confession)	???- 7 pm	
Fri. - Dec. 16	- 10 am -	Carol Dalton – Regina Laurie
Sat. - Dec. 17	- 4 pm -	Jim Noseworthy-Brian Power-Josephine Carroll & members Carroll/Ricks families
Sun. - Dec. 18	- 9:30 am -	All Parishioners
	11:00 am -	Rita & Edward Stapleton & Stapleton/Lawlor families- Art Tilley & family

**CONFESSIONS -** Saturdays - 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm  
Sundays – 8:45 am – 9:15 am  
Wednesdays - 10:30 – 11:00 am  
**or by appointment**

<b><u>PARISH COLLECTIONS -</u></b>	<b>December 3 &amp; 4</b>		
Sunday offering env. -	\$2,447.00	Sunday off. loose -	\$227.80
Dues env. -	\$ 230.00	Maintenance env. -	\$ 70.00
Mission offering -	\$ 20.00	Christmas off. -	\$ 10.00
Advent offering -	\$ 10.00	Donation -	\$ 50.00
Remembrance Mass offerings	\$ 230.50	Food bank -	\$235.00
Donation for Poinsettias -	\$ 185.00	Offerings Etransfers Nov. -	\$795.00

**Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.**

**FINANCE COUNCIL -** St. Edward's Parish Finance Council will meet on **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. All members are urged to attend.

**CWL 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET DRAW -** winner was Rick Fitzgerald - Ticket # 127. We would like to send a special thanks to all those who brought the tickets. We also would like to thank all parishioners who helped with our collection of toques, mittens, gloves, socks and scarves for the Salvation Army, Long Pond Corp, CBS. All donations were greatly appreciated.

**REMINDER CHEQUE WRITING -** When writing a cheque to the parish please continue to write to **St. Thomas of Villanova Parish**, the banking information will not change until January 2023. Thank you.

**NL K OF C STATE FALL SWEEP WINNERS EASTERN ZONE “A:”**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$4,500.00 - #4875 - Chris Hickey - Bell Island

Seller - Dave Hickey - \$300.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500.00 - #10576 - Careen Family - Witless Bay.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$200.00 - #28630 - E. NASH - St. John's

Thank you for your support.

**WINTER COATS FOR THE NEEDY** – Holy Spirit Council Knights of Columbus are seeking your help in providing the needy with winter Coats. If you have a good and clean winter coat (of any size) that you no longer need and would like to donate to a great cause, please feel free to drop off at Kelligrews Dental Clinic (615 CBS Highway) or St. Thomas of Villanova Church during weekend Masses. Winter books, scarves, mittens & gloves & hats accepted as well. Items donated will be delivered to the CBS/Paradise Food Bank.

**ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** The next course is scheduled for March 25, 2023 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 200 Military Rd, St. John’s Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](http://www.marriagepreparation.org).

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Christmas Eve - **6:00 pm, 8:30 pm & 11:00 pm**

Christmas Day - **10:00 am**

**MINISTRIES:**

**Saturday, December 17 - 4:00 PM**

1<sup>st</sup> R - Mona Morrow

2<sup>nd</sup> R & IP - Muriel Lewis

Usher - Trudy Strowbridge & Daisy Carroll

EM - Rita Bruce

Sacristan - Anne Petten

**Sunday, December 18 - 9:30 AM**

Lector - Marilyn Rumsey

Usher - Ray Johnson

EM - Carol Barron

Sacristan - Steve Dray

**11:00 AM**

Lector - Pat Burton

Usher - Ed Philpott

EM - Marguerite Greene

S - Myrna Power

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 11, 2022**



**WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD’S PARISH**  
**Worshipping at St. Thomas of Villanova Church**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Enlightened by God’s Spirit working among us, we go devoutly and boldly with grace-filled hands into all the world to “Proclaim the Gospel to all Creation.” (Mark 16:15)**

**Parish Priest – Fr. James Fleming**  
**Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Hutchings**  
**Finance Council Chair – Steve Dray**  
**Parish Council Chair – Dave Locke**  
**Liturgy Committee Chair – Monika Behr**