

Dear Rev. Julio, Parish Council and My Dear St. John's Family:

It is well known that God has a purpose for everything that happens in our journey through life, from new beginnings, to jobs, to friendships, to love, to challenges and, yes, even heartaches and loss. God bringing me here to St. John's over five years ago was certainly one of the most important parts of my journey. The friendships developed, the emotional and spiritual support received have done more for me than I could ever could have prayed for, hoped for or imagined.

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to sincerely thank you all for all your love and support over the last five years that I have been here and especially the last several months during the recent illness and loss of our much loved Mom, Nanny, Sister, Aunt and Friend.

Thanks so much for the prayers, hospital visits, memorial donations, sympathy cards, food, kind words, attending the funeral Mass celebrating Mom's life, hugs, kisses, handshakes, special gifts and so much more. Each act of kindness didn't go unnoticed and was truly appreciated.

Mom loved to come here to St. John's and share in many worship services and special events with me and all of you. She always felt right at home here and for that, my family & I are truly grateful.

May God bless each and every one of you and I truly look forward to sharing many more years of faith, friendship, love, guidance, fun and, of course, food with each of you. May you all have a very blessed Christmas and may your New Year be filled with faith, good health, friendship and many more blessings.

All our love.

Carol and the Vickers & Higgins families.



Home & hospital visits: If you or a member of your family require a home or hospital visit, please contact Rev. Julio at 902-794-7371 or call the office at 902-794-3392 or contact one of the wardens, Cecil Day at 902-794-3335 or Brenda Pope at 902-736-3475 or fill out the form at the back of the Church and arrangements for a Pastoral visitation will be made.

The Point Edward Women's Institute is sponsoring a Christmas Tea & Sale this afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the WINS Hall, Edwardsville. Admission is \$7.00. There will be tables of crafts, home baking, a white elephant table and tickets on items. Enjoy a variety of sandwiches, homemade sweets and tea or coffee. A great chance to support worthwhile projects and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of friends and neighbours.

Please note: The Advent & Christmas newsletter along with the 2018 envelopes and an update donation statement are now available at the back of the Church. If you haven't already done so, please pick yours up today. Many thanks to all who continually support the Parish in so many ways. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Looking for a Christmas gift for that special someone? The book "The Miracle of the Kerosene Lamp", (Surviving the 1929 Tidal Wave), written by Claude F. Bonnell may be just what you're looking for. The book is about Claude's Mom surviving the great tsunami of 1929. Books are available in the office during office hours. The cost for the book is \$15.00.

Please note office closing policy for storms: The inclement winter weather may soon be upon us, so if School is cancelled for the day due to weather, the Parish Office will remain closed as well.