

Upcoming Services

• For the winter months there are no services scheduled at St. Andrew's. There is a weekly service at 10am in St. Paul's Gaspé, a weekly service at 11am in Malbay, and a monthly service at 2pm in Peninsula.

Everyone is welcome!

There will be an All-Parish Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Dennis Drainville at St. Paul's Gaspé, on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 10am.

The future of the Greater Parish - come and have your say!

A discussion group has been scheduled for Saturday, February 18th, 2012 beginning at 9am at St. Paul's church in Gaspé. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the current state of the congregations in our area, the Greater Parish itself, and the Diocese as a whole. This will be the first step in a process aimed at discovering how the Greater Parish should proceed in the future, as well as the type of ministry that we want to be doing in our area. Answers to these questions are needed prior to asking a Minister to join our Parish.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the discussion group on February 18th. The more ideas and opinions, the better. The discussion group will be led by Bishop Dennis Drainville and there will be a light lunch served.

Please make every effort to come and share your ideas. This process will decide the future of our parish- make sure your input is heard.

Little Helpers Hold Christmas Party at York Rink

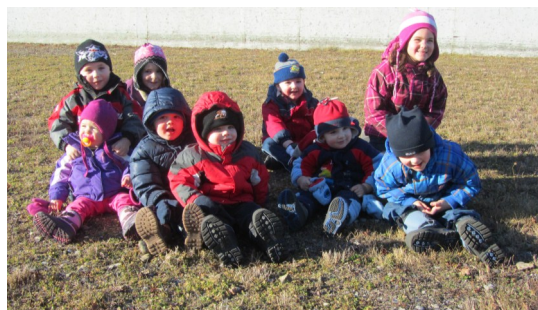
The Little Helpers children's group held its Christmas Party on December 3, 2011 at the York Rink. There were nine children in attendance and a great time was had by all. The children enjoyed coloring, listening to the Christmas Story, playing outside and had lunch.

Part of the Little Helpers group is the collection cans for charity. Each member receives a can which they decorate to collect change throughout the year and the funds collected at the end of the year are used to donate to charity. This year the Little Helpers raised \$130 and used the funds to purchase piglets and chicks from the World Vision gift catalogue.

There are currently 13 registered members in the St. Andrew's Little Helpers and we hope to see that number grow in 2012. If you know of a child between the ages of 0 and 6 who would be interested in joining, please contact littlehelpers@hotmail.ca or Rhonda Stewart at 418-368-7238. The Little Helpers would like to say a big Thank You to the York ACW and the Gaspé ACW Arch-deaconry who supported us in 2011!

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The Christmas Season Celebrated at St. Andrew's

Two services were held in St. Andrew's York to celebrate the Christmas season. The first was the Christmas Carol & Lessons service held December 11th at 7pm. The Greater Parish Choir did a beautiful job with the carols and there were refreshments served afterwards. There was also a Christmas Eve Eucharist held at St. Andrew's celebrated by Rev. Lorna Baird with the Greater Parish Choir providing the music. Both of these services had large turnouts and were greatly enjoyed by the entire congregation.

The church was beautifully decorated this year with new decorations. The decorations were made and the church was decorated by members of the community. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out.

Another Busy and Successful Year in 2011 for the ACW - Thanks to the Community

The York ACW was very busy in 2011 and was able to get much accomplished. The majority of the fundraising done by the ACW is done at the Annual Summer and Christmas Tea and Sales. These events would not be the success that they are without the help and support of the community, so for that we would like to say THANK YOU!!!!

Due to the successful fundraising in 2011 the ACW was able to help local charities such as Accueil Blanche Goulet and the Hospital Foundation. There were funds provided to the church for the annual cleaning and insurance. The ACW has had a sponsor child for many years and in 2011 has also begun sponsoring the Leprosy Mission to provide the medicine needed to

cure Leprosy.

In York we sent 20 seaman's shoeboxes to the port in Quebec City. At Christmastime we also distributed fruit baskets to those individuals in our community who are 80 years and older or are shut-ins. We also gave gifts to members of our community who are staying at the San.

The ACW is counting on the community's continued support in 2012 to allow us to continue making a difference in our community.



The 2011 York ACW Christmas Sale, held at St. Paul's Church in Gaspé

St. Monica's Altar Guild - A Year in Review

The ladies of the St. Monica's Altar Guild were busy in 2011 and helped to make a difference in the community. The group purchases wine and candles for use during services. They purchased a thank you gift for Karl Hackett in recognition of his many years of service as sexton. The group held a fundraising tea in May with the raffle prizes being won by Leo White and Linda and Garry Patterson. At Christmas time, the group made donations to the Gaspé Cancer Foundation, Accueil Blanche Goulet and purchased a World Vision gift. All in all a very active and successful year.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have ideas for ways to get people more involved, are there activities that you would like to see being held? Let us know!

The church and our community can only get stronger with your help and your participation. We are always looking for new ideas so please do not be shy!

Suggestions can be sent by email to standrewsyork@hotmail.com

You can also contact one of the following:

Holly Hackett: 368-3180

Tony Patterson: 368-3276

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Rhonda Stewart: 368-7238

No idea is too big or too small, we want to hear them all!

The Return of Advent Angels a Success!

The advent season tradition of Advent Angels returned to our community in 2011. In all there were 20 individuals/households that participated. From the feedback received, it was greatly enjoyed by everyone who participated.

We are planning on continuing with the Advent Angels in 2012 and hope to see even more members of the community participate. Keep an eye out in future issues of the newsletter for more details.

Get on the Mailing List

Don't forget, this is the last issue of the St. Andrew's Newsletter that will be distributed to the entire community. Beginning with the 2012 Spring issue, the newsletter will only be distributed to those individuals who have requested to be on the distribution list.

You can choose to receive a paper version in the mail, or an electronic version through email.

If you wish to be on the distribution list, please contact standrewsyork@hotmail.com or Rhonda Stewart at 418-368-7238. Please don't forget to let us know whether you want the paper version or electronic version.

Not to be Missed! - Upcoming Events in the Community

FEBRUARY 11th - WY Winter Carnival Breakfast - York Rink 7am - 10am

FEBRUARY 11th - WY Winter Carnival Skidoo Poker Run - Leaving York Rink 10am

FEBRUARY 11th - Gaspé Cancer Foundation Bake Sale at the Carrefour 9am

FEBRUARY 12th - WY Winter Carnival Activity Day (Masquerade, Ice Bowling, Tea Boiling, etc) at York Rink. Activities begin at 11am

FEBRUARY 12th - York River Senior's Group's afternoon tea for the elderly, 1pm at the Senior's Room in Wakeham.

FEBRUARY 16th - WY Winter Carnival Tuck Tournament at York Rink 7pm. Bring a partner.

FEBRUARY 17th - WY Winter Carnival Family Adventure Night begins at 6pm at York Rink. Bring a team of 4 people.

FEBRUARY 17th - Advisory Council of Greater Parish of Gaspé Meeting - 7pm at Senior's Room in Wakeham

FEBRUARY 18th - Greater Parish Discussion Group/ Meeting beginning at 9am at St. Paul's Church in Gaspé. Everyone welcome to bring their ideas concerning the future of the parish.

FEBRUARY 18th - WY Winter Carnival Hockey Skills. 12:30pm at York Rink.

FEBRUARY 18th - WY Winter Carnival Texas Holdem Poker at 7pm at the York Rink

FEBRUARY 19th - WY Winter Carnival Bingo beginning at 1pm at Gaspé Elementary School

MARCH 10th - Potluck supper to support ACW Education Fund. 5pm at St. Paul's Church Gaspé.

MARCH 19th - St. Andrew's York Annual Vestry Meeting - 7pm at Senior's Room in Wakeham. Everyone is welcome.

MARCH 24th - Bingo hosted by York River Senior's Group. Begins at 1:30pm at the Gaspé Elementary School

Please note: The York River Senior's Group has numerous activities scheduled such as Moonlight walks, Kurling, Line Dancing. The complete schedule can be found on GoGaspé.com. You can also contact Tony Patterson at 368-3276 about upcoming events or joining this group.