

St. Mary's Church
SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY GREETERS
 May 14 to December 3 2017

The office of greeter, called the porter or door keeper, is one of the oldest in the Church. From the very first, hospitality has been held up as a supreme virtue, as we find in the Epistle to the Hebrews: 'welcome strangers, for some have entertained angels unawares' (Hebrews 13:2). In the first three centuries of the church's life, Christians were persecuted for their faith, and one of the door keeper's jobs was identifying Christians so as to keep out spies. If the door keeper knew the person, they were let in immediately; otherwise they were expected to show one of the secret Christian signs, such as making the sign of the cross, or wearing an ornament in the shape of a fish. (The Greek for 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour' made an acrostic for the word fish.) We, of course, have no fear of those whom God brings to our door step. Our main task is to welcome them and make them at home. The greeters at St. Mary's are asked to do the following:

- 1) Arrive at least twenty minutes before the service.** You will have time to say your own prayers in preparation.
- 2) Hand out bulletins to people as they enter, greeting parishioners and helping newcomers to find their way into the Church.**
- 3) During the service, sit near the back to welcome latecomers.**
- 4) Take up the collection during the offertory.**
- 5) After the service please gather up any bulletins left behind,** tidy them up and return them to the bulletin table in the narthex. If large print Prayer Books have been left behind, please return them to the table under the Holy Water stoop.
- 6) Please arrange a substitute** if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities on any occasion. As well, please call the person who follows you on the schedule to remind them of their turn.

Thank you!

Debbie & Allan Agnew	458-5791	May 14	June 18	July 23	August 27	October 1	November 5
Marg & Clyde Bungay	472-3247	May 21	June 25	July 30	September 3	October 8	November 12
Rita & Richard Rowan	357-7855	May 28	July 2	August 6	September 10	October 15	November 19
Bill Knox	454-9094	June 4	July 9	August 13	September 17	October 22	November 26
Jean Vanstone Bob Brannen	472-7148 457-0237	June 11	July 16	August 20	September 24	October 29	December 3