

Recent Changes to our Lake of Bays Parish Family of Churches.

On Sunday, August 30th, we gathered in Dorset to participate in the de-consecration of **St. Mary Magdalene Church**. Archdeacon Kelly Baetz officiated on behalf of the Archbishop and read the deed of de-consecration.

Warden Joanne Krawczyk spoke about her time with the church over the past ten years. “St. Mary Mag’s”, as all affectionately call the church, blessed the community of Dorset for over a hundred years, proclaiming the Gospel, baptizing, confirming, marrying, and celebrating Christian burials which transformed countless lives. Add in the pot lucks, community dinners, ACW work, Bible studies and other countless activities



and you get some measure of the legacy of the people and the priests and deacons. It is indeed a time for some fond tears, yet also a time of vibrant memories and blessings.

Final Blessing,
Rev. Judie+ (photo by Joanne Cunningham

On Sunday, October 11, 2020 the final service was held at beautiful **St. John’s Church** in the equally beautiful community of Fox Point. The leaves were in full glory, sunshine twinkling on the water. The de-consecration of the church



building was a sad occasion, but also generated many fond memories of baptisms, weddings, funerals, pot lucks, community dinners, WA and ACW meetings, Morning Prayers and Holy

Eucharists spanning 119 years. Eighteen people gathered outside as Archdeacon Kelly Baetz led the service, Warden Susan Magee read the Archbishop's Letter of de-consecration, and prayers of Thanksgiving were offeredthanksgiving for all who had laboured and prayed and given and blessed others for so many years.

Imagine all the little children in homemade frocks and short pants tumbling out the door in 1901. Sleighs and buggies and horses abounding. Picture brides and grooms heading off in Model-Ts with cans banging after them. Think of all the prayers offered during the all the war years, the polio years, the influenza pandemic, years right up to the present time. Fashions, fears, problems all changing over time, but human hearts remaining just as they always been....full of dreams and hopes and faith in God who would bless them and see them safely home to the Kingdom in His time. St. John's, Fox Point has left a precious legacy indeed.

- Rev. Judie Cooper+

