

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH
St. Joseph's Church Stella Maris Church St. William's Church

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

&

H.O.P.E. Centre News
4347 Loch Lomond Road
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Rev. Ralph McRae, Moderator
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Our Vision Statement

A parish dedicated to the spiritual well-being of God's people through on-going family based religious education programs, a deepening of the sacramental life of the parish, and the continuing development of meaningful and life-giving liturgies. A parish that lives out this commitment through social service and ministry.

Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10 am to 2 pm Closed Friday

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H.O.P.E. Wellness Centre Mon. Tues. Wed. 8 am to 3 pm Phone 632-5695

Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019

Saturday, May 4
3:30 pm Rosary will be prayed
4 pm Helen & Alexander Bede Stevens
Terry MacNeill
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Collection of non-perishable goods for
Lakewood Headstart, Inc.

Sunday, May 5
Breakfast in Centre has been cancelled
10 am Lynn Basker
1 - 2 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, May 6
6:30 pm Sacrament of Confirmation
7 pm Quigley Share Group cancelled

Tuesday, May 7
10 - 11:30 am Moms & Tots
10 am Seniors Exercises
1 pm Seniors Cards

Wednesday, May 8
12 noon Special Intention
7 pm Lavigne Share Group

Thursday, May 9
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, May 10
12 noon For The People

Saturday, May 11
4 pm Bob McKillop

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day
10 am Carol Ann Hatfield

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, May 5 here at St. Joseph's Church
from 1- 2 pm

PARISH FINANCES

Last Week's Offerings:

Offertory \$2974

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$230.

Easter \$255.

Lenten Folders \$1390

Just a reminder that pre-authorized debit is available. Please call the office for further information. Offertory Envelopes are available at the front door of the church.

NOTE: Any contributions made by cheque **MUST** be made payable to St. Joseph's Church or The H.O.P.E. Centre depending on where you want the donation allocated.

ALSO...to assist those counting the weekly contributions, please put the amount of your donation on your Offertory Envelope.

For May 11 & 12

Lectors

4 pm Bill Wiseman & Esther McQuade

10 am Jack Nielsen & Patty Davis

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Carol & Art Ryan, Vaunda Loughery

**10 am Beth Wilson, Fred Frigault,
Kelly Richard**

NO SCENTS IS GOOD SENSE

Be considerate of others. Recognize that some people have allergies or adverse reactions to fragrances. Please reduce or eliminate your use of scented products at Mass.

PASTORAL CARE

A committee provides Pastoral Care for the sick and elderly of the parish. Regular home visits will be made at a time of your convenience. Please call the church office or Pauline Hughes-McKillop 696-7907 to arrange a visit.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 Acts 13-14, 43-52

Reading 11 Revelation 7-9,14-17

Gospel John 10:27-30

Key Passage: *Jesus said, "My sheelp hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. o one will snatch them out of my hand."*
(John 10:27-28)

Adult: *Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?*

Child: *Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?*

Ecclesiastes III....Under every season there is a timea time to heal....we remember these people in need of our prayers:

Carol McNally, Bob Donovan, Kathleen Folkins, Fred Savoie, Kiley Clements, Muriel Richard, Walter Smith, Gladys McGrath, Ian Walker, Harvey Beck, Hilma Tracey, Gail Scott, Danny Murray, Sam Williams, Phyllis Titus, Louis & Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon & her family, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, John Richardson, Theresa Ryan, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Irwin & Kathy Tufts, Ann Quigg, Marilyn Galbraith, Jackson Morton, Kevin Bennett, Peter Chouinard

Attention CWL Members

The next CWL Meeting will be held Monday, May 13 at 1 pm in the Centre Ballroom.

FATHER HENRY RAMAGE COUNCIL 8364 is offering three \$500.00 Bursaries to all members and immediate family members of Our lady of Good Counsel Parish (Stella Maris, St. Joseph's and St. William's Churches). Criteria to be met is on the Bursary Application available in the entrance of the Church. **Deadline is May 30, 2019.**

H.O.P.E. CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

Monday

10:30 am Adult Line Dancing
Drop-in rate - \$9.00 - Bring comfortable shoes (no street shoes) and No Scents please.

Tuesdays

9:30 am Moms & Tots

10 am Seniors Exercises

1 pm Seniors Cards - all are welcome

Wednesdays

Latin Line Dancing

Beginners 6:30 -7pm, 5\$ drop in, Regulars 7-8:30 pm paid or 10\$ drop in - See you there

FOOT CARE CLINIC

Last Wednesday of each month Cost \$40 - provided by nurses trained in Advance & Diabetic Care. Call 847-0254

Thursdays

Bingo....Doors open at 5:30 pm

Games begin at 6:50 pm. Come out for a night of fun and relaxation....

Moms & Tots Program Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

This structured play time is held in the Church Basement (enter by the front door of the Centre and go down in the elevator). The cost is \$2 per family.

Free Preview - Salt + Light TV is available on a free preview from participating cable and satellite providers across Canada, until May 12. Join us for live Papal events and our line-up of Catholic programming to grow in the knowledge of our faith and Catholic tradition in its many expressions. Be sure to check out S+L's new documentary, *The Francis Impact*, premiering May 5, 9 pm AST. Check your local provider or visit www.saltandlighttv.org/subscribe for more details. Sharing the joys and hopes of the Gospel through television, radio, print, and online media. During this month long free-preview, in addition to Holy Week and Easter live Vatican events, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation is pleased to announce the premiere their new documentary *The Francis Impact* on May 5, 9pm AST.

Community News

BINGO each Monday, in Stella Maris Church Hall, Saint John; Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Early Bird Games at 6:30 p.m. Regular Games begin at 7 p.m. Bingo Packets are \$20 at the door, Treasure Chest. Sponsored by Father Henry Ramage Knights of Columbus 8364.

Knights of Columbus Council 11201 every other Friday night in Bradley Lake Community Centre. Doors open at 6 pm - Early Bird Games at 6:45. The next game night is May 17.

ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH'S NURSES ALUMNI DINNER: Villa Madonna Retreat House

Tuesday, May 7, – Mass at 11:00 am followed by dinner. Tickets \$25, by calling Gloria Comeau at 672-4897.

St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary Fashion Show, St. Joachim & St. Ann Church
Tuesday, May 7, doors open 6:15 starts at 7 p.m. Light refreshments. Cost \$15.00. For tickets call Marie 696-8464.

Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus:

During the Easter Season we are invited to join the disciples on the road to Emmaus as Jesus enlightens them and breaks bread with them. Take time out of your busy schedule for an evening of reflection on this topic – Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 – 9 pm, Villa Madonna Retreat House. The evening will be facilitated by Sr. Gertrude Mulholland, SCIC. Suggested Donation \$10.00.

Join us May 8th at Market Square for ***A Day in Her Shoes***. Enjoy a special evening of fun and fashion in support of Canadian Mental Health Association of NB in Saint John to promote mental health and awareness amongst women. Delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine, and the most anticipated spring fashion show Saint John has to offer. Keynote speech by Yennah Hurley and special musical performance by Sam&Becca. All funds raised at this event stay right here in the Saint John area to support the mental health programs and services. Tickets for ***A Day in Her Shoes*** are available at Eventbrite.ca, by calling 633-1705, or at Manchester Shoe Salon and Samuel & Co. in Market Square.

The St. Mark's Parish, 171 Pettingill Road, Quispamsis, Catholic Women's League annual dessert buffet and silent auction will take place Friday May 10th 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Cost \$6.00. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling Win Taylor 847-5242. Please use the back entrance.

Former students of Mount Carmel Academy are cordially invited to the 2019 Alumnae Reunion, Wednesday, May 22, at the Villa Madonna Retreat House. Please call Mary Ann at 847-4309 for details.

DMCS Presents: A Tribute to Beauty, May 23. A spectacular Uptown Event dedicated to experiencing Beauty in Art, Poetry & Music! Art Exhibit & Cocktails: 6:00 pm. Show begins at 7:00 pm. Held at the stunning new uptown venue, The Cornerstone, this Tribute to Beauty will feature: Art Exhibit, Poetry & Musical Performances. More information and details on the show can be found at www.dmcossj.com. TICKETS \$20 | Available at: BACKSTREET RECORDS, DMCS SCHOOL OFFICE, WWW.DMCSSJ.COM. All Proceeds Support Divine Mercy Catholic School.

"Hear Our Voice" in support of Sophia Recovery Centre **Save the Date!** Sunday, May 26, will mark the date of the 2nd annual "Hear Our Voice" fundraiser in support of a wonderful non-profit, registered charity that has been providing hope and healing since 2008 to women in Saint John and surrounding areas who struggle with addictions. The event will bring together hundreds of voices along the Saint John waterfront to sing a song that will inspire and instill a sense of community, hope and love among residents and participants, while also raising awareness and funding for the services and supports that are offered free-of-charge at Sophia Recovery Centre. Let us raise our voices with them on May 26! Tickets are \$20. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the event website at <https://hearourvoice2019.eventbrite.ca> or call 633-8783.

VICTORIA DAY FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE - will be held Monday, May 20th, 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon at St. Pius X Church/Holy Redeemer Parish, 316 Somerset Street. Something for everyone. Come and bring a friend. (No clothing or electronics for sale).

Giving blood is one of the most direct ways you can help someone. Your donation can help treat cancer patients, bring a car crash victim through surgery, and even help a transplant patient's new heart beat for the first time. Please make an appointment to attend the blood donor clinic Online at www.blood.ca or by calling 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283). New Donors are always welcome!

A Summary of the Parish Presentation from April 27 and 28, 2019.

On September 1st, 2018, Stella Maris, St. Joseph's and St. William's came together to form Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. We will soon have one central Parish office, located at Stella Maris Church (the H.O.P.E. Centre office will remain as it is), one common bank account, and one overall accounting record.

Individual finances for each Church will continue to be tracked and subject to ongoing review by the combined Parish Finance Council. Each Church is responsible for its own expenses, plus shared expenses such as the Pastor, Parish Secretary and Diocesan monthly billing. Offertory, bequests and donations will be tracked separately as well, credited to, and used by, the church that receives them.

St. Joseph's, Stella Maris and St. William's ended 2018 and 1st quarter 2019 in a positive financial situation. H.O.P.E. Centre will continue to be managed separately. We will publish a financial statement in early July (2nd quarter) for your information and review. St. Joseph's, St. Williams and Stella Maris are not responsible for H.O.P.E. Centre operating expenses, or for servicing the debt.

We will still face changes ahead, and one will be the loss of Father Rod. We have been blessed to have him with us, but on September 1st, 2019 he will be reassigned, leaving us with one priest looking after three churches. This will mean that we will be reduced to one mass, per Church, per weekend.

Beginning in September, 2019, St. William's will celebrate Mass on Saturday evening, while St. Joseph's and Stella Maris Church will both celebrate Mass on Sunday morning, times to be determined

For some, deciding what to do with this change will be easy, but for others it will take some thought and prayer. That's why we are announcing now, to give you some time to pray with this challenge, to talk about it, and to decide in your heart what you are going to do.

As you discern this decision, please remember that your Church is a family of faith. We need your presence, we need your prayers, and we need your continued support if we are to succeed, to stay open and to keep growing. We need each and every one of you.