

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
&
H.O.P.E. Centre News
4347 Loch Lomond Road
Saint John, NB E2N 1C8**

Rev. Ralph McRae, Pastor

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.

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April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

**Saturday, April 14
4 pm Teresa Chiasson
Earl Cyr**

**Sunday, April 15
10 am George Douglas**

**Monday, April 16
11 am - 12 noon Line Dancing
7 pm Yoga
Quigley Share Group**

**Tuesday, April 17
8:30 am Soup Day for A.I.D.S. SJ
10 - 11 am Senior's Exercises
10 am Moms & Tots
1 pm Senior's Cards**

**Wednesday, April 18
12 noon For The People
7 pm McGrath Share Group
Lavigne Share Group**

**Thursday, April 19
10 am Moms & Tots
12 noon Regina McBride
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo**

**Friday, April 20
12 noon Father Bill Elliott**

**Saturday, April 21
4 pm Lynn DiMerco**

**Sunday, April 22
10 am Leonard Arsenault
11 am Faith Fair
Religious Education
2 pm Open Mic Jamboree**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, April 15 at Villa Madonna Retreat House
from 2 - 4 pm.**

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's offerings:

Offertory \$1812.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$205

Easter \$55

Those In Need \$35

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 April 21 & 22

Lectors

4 pm Pauline Hughes & Esther McQuade

10 am Glen Savoie & Patty Davis

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Carol & Art Ryan, Vaunda Loughery

**10 am Jonathan Cann, Kelly Richard,
Patti McGrath**

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

Carol McNally, Bob Donovan, Kathleen Folkins, Fred Savoie, Mary Naves, Kiley Clements, Muriel Richard, Walter Smith, Brian Naves, Joe Duplisea, Gladys McGrath, Ian Walker, Harvey Beck, Hilma Tracey, Mary Bishop, Gail Scott, Percy Leslie, Will James, Kathy Hackett, Danny Murray, Eileen Shaw, Jocelyn Corscadden, Michael LeCroix, Kyla, Sam Williams, Karen Adams, Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon and her family, Debbie Nolan, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, John Richardson, Arthur Locke, Theresa Ryan, a Special Intention, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Marilyn Galbraith, Sharon Clements, Kathy Tufts

PASTORAL CARE

A committee has been formed to provide 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 696-7907 to arrange a visit.

NO SCENTS IS GOOD SENSE"

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

Question of the week for April 15 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 Acts 4:8-12

Reading 11 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Key Passage: Jesus said "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Adult: Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

Child: Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

St. Josephs Catholic Women's League

The CWL will host a Mini Faith Fair/Social after Mass on Sunday April 22nd.

Various faith items have been collected, including: Books, Rosaries, Pamphlets, Religious Figures, Crucifixes, Pins, Medals, Jewellery and more. Come and see. There may be something at the fair that you are looking for to guide you on your journey of faith or to help you with prayer. Come on over, have a cup of coffee or tea, browse, socialize and enjoy. (There will be cookies!!). Hope to see you there!

Soup Pot Day for AIDS SJ

Tuesday April 17

Please gather with us at **8:30 am** on Tuesday in the H.O.P.E. Center. We will prepare and package Hamburger Soup and cookies.

New members always welcome. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

HOPE CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

TUESDAYS:

SENIORS EXERCISE PROGRAM from 10 - 11am.

SENIORS CARDS at 1 pm. Come and socialize and play 45's.....enjoy the day!!

YOGA

Monday from 7 to 8 pm

MOMS & TOTS

Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 10-11:15 am. Come and have some adult time while you're enjoying watching your children play. Snacks provided for the little ones and of course coffee is on for YOU! (come in the main doors of the H.O.P.E. Centre, take the elevator down to the basement or the stairs to the left)

BINGO

Bingo each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Games begin at 6:50 pm. Please come out for a great night of fun.....

FOOT CARE CLINIC

Last Wednesdays of each month 9 am - 12 noon
Cost \$40 - *Provided by nurses trained in Advance & Diabetic foot care *Receipts provided for income tax purposes *Most Health Insurance plans cover foot care services *Registered providers for Medavie Blue Cross & Veterans
To book an appointment call 847-0254

LINE DANCING Mondays from 11am to 12 noon.

We are considering a Friday night class from 7-8 pm. This class would start on Fri April 20, only if enough ladies & gentlemen register to fill the class. \$35 for five (5) weeks.

Senior's Fest Monday, May 7 1 - 3:30 pm
Doors open at 12:30 pm. Bingo, Music, 50/50, Lunch The tickets for this event are **SOLD OUT**.

Spring cleaning? If you have books you would like to get rid of, please drop them off at the H.O.P.E. Centre for the book sale that takes place each year in late October.

Parish Roast Beef Supper in Support of the Parish

Sunday, April 29 at 5 pm.

Adults \$15.00, Children \$8.00

Please get your tickets in advance at the Parish Office. Doors will open to ticket holders at 5 pm and dinners will be sold at the door beginning at 5:15. To ensure you can pick your seat and get your dinner before we run out, purchase your ticket in advance and get there early.

We are asking the Parishioners to help us to reduce the expenses for this meal. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the Church. Please make a contribution to this worthy cause. Please drop your contributions off at the H.O.P.E. Centre by Sunday, 22 April. If you are a baker there will be a sign up sheet for cakes. Please drop your cakes off at the centre Saturday after Mass or Sunday morning.

Bring your family, bring your neighbour, see you there.

Knights of Columbus Council 11201 Bingo every other Friday night in the Bradley Lake Community Centre at 248 Bradley Lake Road.
Doors open at 6 pm. Early Bird Games at 6:45 pm
\$500 Pot of Gold/Jackpot Games/Cookie Jar and Specials. The next game night is April 20.

Come and enjoy a sweet afternoon at **Rocmaura's April Showers Dessert Party** with Live and Silent Auction to be held in the Club Room of Rocmaura Nursing Home on Sunday, April 22nd, 2 pm-4 pm.

Tickets are \$10 and can be picked up at the Foundation Office at Rocmaura at 10 Parks Street. Contact Sally Cummings at 643-7090 or email Foundation@rocmaura.com.

Divine Mercy Catholic School

Friday, April 27th, at 7 pm: presents "A tribute to Beauty" - a stunning show featuring the nationally recognized DMCS Choir and Alumni. These outstanding students have won numerous NB Music Festival awards and "wow" judges every year. With spectacular harmonies, beautiful faces and even a touch of poetry, this unique tribute to Beauty will be a night to remember... The show will be held at St. Peter's Church. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Backstreet Records, DMCS School office and at the door of the event. All proceeds support Divine Mercy Catholic School.

APRIL BIBLE DRIVE

Please donate a new or nearly new Catholic Bible during the month of April. Bibles donated will be given to our brothers and sisters in our region who do not have a Bible. During the month of April place your donated Bible in the box marked "Bible Drive" at the church entrance. Volunteers will collect the Bibles in early May, for distribution over the next few months via Street Evangelization, Rosary Rallies, Public Events, and Door-to-door Ministry. *Share the Good News by donating a Bible today!*

Enjoy a special evening of fashion with your girlfriends in support of Canadian Mental Health Association in Saint John to promote mental health and awareness at A Day in Her Shoes on May 10th at Market Square Atrium. The evening will include delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine, the season's best fashion show to display the newest spring and summer fashion trends. Cathy Donaldson will be our guest speaker sharing her journey with anxiety. Special performer, Shania Fillmore will entertain us with her beautiful singing. Tickets for A Day in Her Shoes are available online at eventbrite.ca, at CMHA of New Brunswick office by calling (506) 633-1705, at Samuel & Co. (in Market Square), Manchester Shoe Salon, and NWH Modelling & Self Improvement at 35 Duke St.

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 at: 405 University Ave, Saint John, NB. Make your appointment Online at www.blood.ca or by calling 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283). New Donors are always welcome! If you knew someone who needed blood, would you help? Your one donation can help save or enhance the lives of up to three people. Please ask your family and friends to join you in helping those who rely on blood and blood products. A little of your time could give someone else a lifetime.

Church: Who are we? Who might we become? Revitalizing for Mission

The word “church” means many things to many different people. In fact, often each of us uses the word in a number of different ways. “Church” can mean a building in which a community gathers. It can signify a particular group of Christians. It might be used to identify the teaching authority of the Catholic or other Christian community. It can be very local in its focus and at the same time may refer to a global or universal community.

The Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) which met in four sessions beginning in October 1962 and ending in December 1965 focused on how we see ourselves as “church”. This was a council of the whole worldwide Catholic Church. Over 2200 bishops, leaders of local communities around the world met at St. Peter’s in Rome. Their reflections and discussions produced 15 significant documents. The central focus of these documents was the many aspects of who we are as “church” in the world of our time.

Two particular large proclamations, one entitled *Lumen Gentium* (“Light of the Nations”) and the second *Gaudium et Spes* (“The Joy and the Hope”) focus directly on who we are as “church” and how we act as “church” in the context of the world of the late 20th century. *Lumen Gentium* helps us to see who we are. It presents many scriptural images or ways of describing “church”. But the strongest or favoured image is that of “the People of God”. This image captures the “church” as a people, beloved by God, who are on a journey of faith in answer to God’s call.

The call of this Church, this People of God is to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Gathered into a communion or community of faith following Jesus, they are to be witnesses of God’s love and peace to our world. As they do this, they are to become a source of hope to all humanity. Thus as “church” we are a community of disciples of Jesus with a mission to share the Good News that we receive from Jesus.

Now, some 50 years later, we are still called to be this beloved People of God. We are to remain missionary disciples of Jesus, witnessing to the Good News, not for our own sake, but for all of humanity. This was what Pope Francis expressed in 2013 in his *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”). He speaks of the Church as a “community of missionary disciples” and as an “evangelizing community”. (24) Throughout “The Joy of the Gospel” the “church” is always a community of disciples who exist for mission, not for maintenance.

Who are we now and what must we continue to become more fully? We are Church – a community of disciples of Jesus, who are bent on evangelizing the world in which we live, locally and globally. This is the ultimate goal of our diocesan revitalization efforts.