

**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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Pastoral Council Chairperson George Quigley Phone 696-4996 email quigleydesign@rogers.com

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

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 21

4 pm Lynn DiMerco

Ted & Elizabeth Desmond and deceased family members Annie, Lawrence, Vincent, Brian, Joseph & Terrance

Sunday, April 22

10 am Leonard Arsenault

11 am Faith Fair

Religious Education

2 pm Open Mic Jamboree

Monday, April 23

11 am - 12 noon Line Dancing

7 pm Yoga

Quigley Share Group

Tuesday, April 24

10 - 11 am Senior's Exercises

10 am Moms & Tots

1 pm Senior's Cards

Wednesday, April 25

12 noon For The People

**7 pm McGrath Share Group
Lavigne Share Group**

Thursday, April 26

10 am Moms & Tots

12 noon For The People

5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, April 27

noon Mass will not be celebrated

Saturday, April 28

4 pm John R. MacNeill

Sunday, April 29

10 am Jim Butler

5pm Parish Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, April 22 at Holy Trinity Church from with 2:30 - 3:30 pm, with Benediction & Confession.

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's offerings:

Offertory \$2196.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$205

Easter \$150

Lenten Folders \$40

Those In Need \$10

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 28 & 29

Lectors

4 pm Peter Chouinard & Andrea Arseneau

10 am Jack Nielsen & Beth Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Linda Hackett, Dorie McDermott,

Vaunda Loughery

10 am Bob & Cindy Donovan, George Quigley

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 22 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 Acts 9:26-31

Reading 11 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Key Passage: (The vine grower) removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. (John 15:2)

Adult: When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

Child: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

A message to our Parish Family.

One of the most important roles and responsibilities of St. Joseph's Pastoral Council, and the Parish Finance Council, is to work closely with Father Ralph to ensure the Spiritual Well-Being of the Parish, and the Parish and H.O.P.E. Centre.

To effectively do our job, we need to have the confidence and trust of our parishioners. You are our partners in everything that we do, and we would not even exist as a Parish without you. Due to the recent changes at H.O.P.E. Centre, some questions have been raised about H.O.P.E. Centre's financial situation. As your Council, we welcome your questions. When you ask, it shows that you care and it helps us keep us in touch with our parish family.

On Saturday, April 14th, and Sunday, April 15th, we provided a two page information sheet that addressed five main questions. If you were not present on the 14th or 15th, a copy of that information sheet will be available after each Mass, at the Parish office, or on our website.

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.

Senior's Fest Monday, May 7

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 May 4.

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.

Want to join the DMCS Family? We're searching for volunteers to come in to Divine Mercy Catholic School to work one on one with elementary students who need extra help with reading or math. As we don't receive public funding, we rely on the generosity of volunteers to provide extra help where needed. We're hoping to find volunteers who have a love for children and a willingness to be part of our mission. Spots are available for weekly or monthly shifts. Please email catherine@dmcscsj.com or call (506) 642-8122 if you're interested or have more questions! **All DMCS Staff and Volunteers are required to provide a criminal records check**

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.

L'Arche Saint John - We are seeking someone to lead our dynamic, growing, faithful, and creative community of L'Arche Saint John as our Community Leader! Interested in more information? Email atlantic@larche.ca