

**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.**

**Office Tues - Thurs 10 am to 2 pm Closed Monday & Friday**

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

**August 5, 2018**

***Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time***

**Saturday, August 4**

4 pm Buddy Perry

Saturday, August 11

4 pm Special Intention for the health  
of Terry Finn

**Sunday, August 5**

10 am Doug McFarlane

1 - 2 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, August 12

10 am Sharon Clements

**Monday, August 6** Office Closed

**Tuesday, August 7**

10 am Seniors Exercises

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

***Sunday, August 5 here at St. Joseph's  
Church from 1 - 2 pm.***

**Wednesday, August 8**

12 noon Mass will not be celebrated

7 pm Parish "Meet & Greet"

(Line Dancing cancelled for this week)

**Thursday, August 9**

**12 noon** For the People

5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

**Parish & H.O.P.E. Centre**

**OFFICE HOURS FOR AUGUST**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10 am - 2 pm

**Friday, August 10**

Office Closed

## **PARISH FINANCES**

**Last week's Offerings:**

**Offertory \$2264.**

**Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$205.**

Just a remind 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 August 11 & 12**

### **Lectors**

**4 pm Peter Chouinard & Andrea Arseneau**

**10 am Jim Lane & Krystal Lavigne**

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 pm Carol & Art Ryan, Vaunda Loughery**

**10 am Marian & Fred Frigault, Kelly Richard**

***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, Kiley Clements, Muriel Richard, Walter Smith, Gladys McGrath, Ian Walker, Harvey Beck, Hilma Tracey, Gail Scott, Danny Murray, Eileen Shaw, Sam Williams, Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon & her family, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, John Richardson, Arthur Locke, Theresa Ryan, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Kathy Tufts, Marilyn Galbraith, Ann Quigg

### **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 696-7907 to arrange a visit.

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR August 12** **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1** 1 Kings 19:4-8

**Reading 11** Ephesians 4:30-5:2

**Gospel** John 6:41-51

**Key Passage:** *Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." performing?" (John 6:51)*

**Adult:** *When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?*

**Child:** *What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?*

## **St. Joseph's, St. William's, Stella Maris "Meet and Greet" in the H.O.P.E. Centre Ballroom**

On Wednesday, August 8th, at 7 pm, St. Joseph's will host a "Meet and Greet" gathering at H.O.P.E. Centre. All parishioners from Stella Maris, St. William's and St. Joseph's are invited to attend. Come out and meet some of our new brothers and sisters in our soon to be merged parish.

This will be a social gathering, leaving the business of merging to another day and other surroundings, but we will be chatting about one important element in this process. That will be the proposed name(s) for our new combined parish. All written suggestions were to be submitted by August 5th, so we should have a few options to talk about.

Hope to see you there. Let's make sure that everyone feels welcome and included at this initial gathering, and at those that will follow.

Blessings,  
*Father Ralph*

Congratulations to Andrea Richard the winner of July's \$1000.00 draw. Numbers are still available if you would like to take one, \$10.00 a month, see or call Rusty Kirkpatrick, 672-8626.

### **H.O.P.E. CENTRE NEWS**

Any questions call 653-6875

If you have books you would finished reading, please drop them off to the Centre for the Book Sale which will be held in late October this year

#### ***Monday***

Line Dancing and Yoga will return in September

#### ***Tuesdays***

**10 am** Seniors Exercises

Seniors Cards will return in September

#### ***Wednesdays***

6:30 pm Latin Line Dancing for Beginners

Call Deby 333-3329 to register

7 pm Latin Line Dancing

#### ***Thursdays***

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

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

#### ***FOOT CARE CLINIC***

Last Wednesday of each month 9 am - 12 noon

Cost \$40 - provided by nurses trained in Advance & Diabetic Foot Care. To book an appointment call 847-0254.

### **Community News**

The 95th annual Shrine Sunday at Skiff Lake will take place this year on Sunday August 12th.

Chapel available for prayer at 10 am. Mass is outside at 11 am. Lunch available at Kiosk.

Afternoon Service starts at 1 pm with the Rosary. The Healing Service is at 2 pm.

Graydon Nicholas will be bringing the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

#### **AITKEN'S PEWTER COMMEMORATIVE**

**ORNAMENT** of St. John the Baptist Parish is available for a cost of \$20 at the Stella Maris and St. John the Baptist Parish Office, 201 Bayside Drive or at the Catholic Bookstore.

**September 28 – 30** – AASEA Annual Atlantic Conference. Call Bob McDermott at 696-4772 to register.

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 will be August 10.

**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. or make your appointment Online at [www.blood.ca](http://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.

## To all Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish

We have moved our Parish Office to the H.O.P.E. Centre and as a result our Rectory is vacant. Our Parish Pastoral Council in consultation with our Parish Finance Council have made the decision to demolish the Parish Rectory this coming September. We have investigated the option of moving the building to another building lot. However, after considerable discussion in consultation with reputable builders and those who have experience in moving buildings, it has been determined that the Rectory is too large to move and would need to be cut into too many pieces to make it a viable option to move the building.

This having been said, we invite our Parishioners to view the interior of the building to see if there is anything they would like to purchase prior to the demolition. I.E. – windows, doors, cabinets, flooring, staircase, etc. **The opportunity to view the interior will be September 8th and 9th after each of our Masses.** It is our intention that the building can be demolished this fall prior to winter setting in. The cost to insure the building, heat the building and the upkeep needed to maintain the building have proven to be too costly and therefore the decision to level the building was made.

**All materials that are to be salvaged must be removed by those purchasing the materials and must all be done on the weekend of September 22-23, 2018.** The building will be levelled the following week.

If you have any questions or for more information please contact Peter Chouinard at [jpeterchouinard@gmail.com](mailto:jpeterchouinard@gmail.com) or 506-696-7065.

### **Revitalized Parishes: Coming Together as One**

T'was the week before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring not even a... (Whoops, wrong season, wrong story). Or perhaps it's a story of another surprising visit. It was, indeed the week before Christmas in our house.

My older brother arrived back from university, on a stormy, snowy night. But he did not come alone. He came with 6 other students from the US. They were supposed to catch a bus in Saint John and head to Bangor, then to homes south of this. Arriving in Saint John, the bus was cancelled due to the snow.

So they arrived at our house, where some of the Christmas cooking was eaten early and before long all were allotted a spot on a spare bed, couch or floor space somewhere. Our family was doubled that night, from 6 to 12. Our parents had given us an example of what we usually describe as "hospitality".

A key to understanding what happens at Eucharist lies in how we live "hospitality", both when we gather on a Sunday and after we have shared at the Table of the Lord. Franciscan priest, Richard Rohr in an online Daily Meditation expressed this deep and fundamental truth of Catholic Faith. He put it this way: "Many Christians say they believe in the Presence (i.e. Jesus Real Presence) in the Eucharist, but they don't get that it is everywhere – which is the whole point! They don't seem to know how to recognize the Presence of God when they leave the church, when they meet people who are a different religion or race or sexual orientation or nationality."

In Eucharist, as we gather, we celebrate together the constant and continuing presence of Jesus among us, at all times. Our diocesan church is undergoing a reform and realignment. It is calling our current parishes to be brought together in clusters. On September 1, these clusters of communities will become new single parishes.

Change is often challenging. The challenge here is that our current parish communities are being called to recognize the presence of Jesus among us in a new parish reality. As a single new parish, we face the challenge of merging together and seeing ourselves not as separate, but as one parish in all its aspects. In doing so, we become a true Eucharistic community. As such a community, we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us, and reflect this presence to our world.

**Something to think about – What name will we choose for our new parish community?**