

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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December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16

4 pm Reid & Helen McGrath

Wayne Thompson, Bill Logan

Rita Goguen

Sunday, December 17

10 am Joshua Tobias, Father Lloyd Dwyer,  
Betty & Gordie Clements, Tammy Dort

Lorraine McNulty

2 pm Advent/Christmas Concert

Monday, December 18

7 pm Quigley Share Group

Tuesday, December 19

10 - 11 am Senior's Exercises

10 am Moms & Tots

1 pm Senior's Cards

7 pm Lavigne Share Group

Wednesday, December 20

12 noon Martha Chouinard Butler

7 pm McGrath Share Group

Donovan/Dyker Share Group

Thursday, December 21

12 noon Genevieve Anglin

10 - 11:15 am Moms & Tots

5:30 pm Doors open for BINGO

Friday, December 22

12 noon For The People

Saturday, December 23

4 pm Alberta McDow

Sunday, December 24

10 am Mary Sponagle

4 pm Fernand Despres. Tom Flaglor,

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dunn & sons

The McDuff & Stack Families

George & Betty Douglas

8 pm Amedee & Helen Chouinard

Joe & Myrna Mason, Terri Chouinard

Billy & Anita Hooper, Martha Butler

Ann Horne, Michael MacCollum

Gordon, Muriel & Bill Kennedy

December 25 Christmas Day

9 am Father Bernard Stack

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Sunday, December 17, at Villa Madonna  
Retreat House from 2 - 4 pm

**PARISH FINANCES**

Last Week's Offerings

Offertory \$1830.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$180

Just a reminder that pre-authorized debit is available. Please call the office for further information.

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE NOW IN THE CHURCH AND ARE PLACED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. ALSO, EMPTY BOXES ARE AVAILABLE SHOULD YOU WISH TO BE A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR AND RECEIVE AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT.

Lectors

Saturday, December 23

4 pm Bill Wiseman & Pauline Hughes

Sunday, December 24

10 am Jim Lane & Sandra Butler

4 pm Jack Nielsen & Tracie Dyker

8 pm Glen Savoie & Paula Harper

Christmas Day

9 am Jim Lavigne & George Quigley

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 23

4 pm Michelle Luck, Vaunda Loughery,  
Ann Furlotte

Sunday, December 24

10 am Fred & Marian Frigault, Carol Husse

4 pm Pauline Winters, Vaunda Loughery  
Pauline Hughes

8 pm Jim & Sandra Lane, Dorie McDermott

Christmas Day

9 am Joe Butler, Jonathan Cann, Wanda 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, Doug McFarlane, Mary Bishop, Gail Scott, Percy Leslie, Will James, Kathy Hackett, Danny Murray, Eileen Shaw, Jocelyn Corscadden, Michael LeCroix, Kyla, Sam Williams, Marlene Savoie, Karen Adams, Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon and her family, Debbie Nolan, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, John Richardson, Arthur Locke, Theresa Ryan, a Special Intention, Buddy Perry, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Marilyn Galbraith

Question of the week for December 24  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 9-11, 16

Reading 11 Romans 16:25-27 Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

Key Passage: Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with e according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)

Adult: When have you followed the example of Mary and said, "Let it be done to me as you say?"

Child: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

FAITH SHARING GROUP

This is an invitation for anyone to join a group of people sharing life and faith, valuing one another, connecting with the Church's story and reaching out in service.

Our fast paced lives leave us little time to reflect the meaning of life. Faith Groups give you a chance to slow down, recall the day or week in uiet time and listen to yourself and others. In this group, we will focus some on Outreach. Our concern, care and love of others is a measure of our love for God. Through Outreach that we share in the mission of Jesus.

When: Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm

Group Guides: Bob Donovan 643-1880 &

Tracie Dyker 609-5867 All are welcome!!

The Advent Wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God.

There are three purple candles representing Hope, Love & Peace and a pink candle representing Joy.

While the Advent wreath with its four candles did bring light to churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize the coming of Christ. The Advent wreath began in the time of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther. During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us. The wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

### KEEP ALERT KEEP AWAKE

During the Advent Season we will be helping two non-profit organizations - A.I.D.S. SJ and Lakewood Headstart Inc. These organizations work very hard to better the lives of their clientele but sometimes they too become the needy especially during this time of year.

During the four weeks of Advent we are being invited to share our blessings with those less fortunate. There will be specific items requested for each Sunday of Advent.

Week 1 was for Lakewood Headstart and were asking for Gift Cards. (see list)

Week 2 was Food for Lakewood Headstart. (see list)

Week 3 Monetary Donation for A.I.D.S. Saint John

Week 4 Personal Care Items for A.I.D. S. Saint John (see list)

"Jesus said 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'"

Week 4 Personal Care Items - tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap & wash cloth, shampoo & conditioner, body wash, razors & shaving cream, deodorant, lotion, sanitary supplies, kleenex (small paks), toilet paper, lip balm

Gift Cards suggestions - McAllister Place, Walmart, Old Navy, Winners, Subway, Tim Hortons, Dollar Store, Movie \$\$, Giant Tiger

### HOPE CENTRE NEWS

#### SENIORS EXERCISE PROGRAM

Each Tuesday from 10 - 11 am.

#### SENIORS CARDS

Each Tuesday at 1 pm. Come and socialize and play 45's....enjoy the day!!

#### YOGA

Starting January 8 - Mondays from 7 - 8 pm \$40 for 6 weeks. Register at 653-6875 or 609-5867 (Tracie). All welcome!!

#### MOMS & TOTS

Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:15  
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

The all new H.O.P.E. Centre Bingo each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Games begin at 6:50 pm.  
Please come out for a great night of fun.....looking forward to seeing everyone. The Bingo Team

#### Foot Care Clinics

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

### CWL NEWS

It is that time of year to collect our annual dues of \$20. If it's more convenient for you, put your money in a envelope marked "CWL Dues" and drop it in the collection basket.

Being a member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada adds your voice to some 82,000 women in Canada, strong in their faith, have their voice heard in government, and share the love of their community.

### LAKESWOOD HEADSTART INC.

The Headstart is in need of the following items for their Christmas Dinners:

canned yellow beans, macaroni, envelopes of turkey gravy, cans or bottles of juice, drinking boxes, canned icing.

### CHRISTMAS MASS HOURS

#### Christmas Eve

St. Joseph's 4 & 8 pm

St. William's 6 pm

#### Christmas Day

St. Joseph's 9 am

#### New Year's Eve

St. Joseph's 10 am

St. William's 6 pm

#### New Year's Day

St. Joseph's 10 am

### 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.

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 January 12.

The MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY to mark the sixth day of Chanukah will be outside the entrance to the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum/ Shaarei Zedek Synagogue, 91 Leinster Street, Sunday, December 17, at 7 pm. Following the candle lighting, join us inside for an informal program of Chanukah songs and light refreshments. Please come and bring your friends. For more information, call 633-1833 or email: [sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca).

Handel's immortal oratorio, MESSIAH, is returning to Saint John at Trinity Church on Friday December 22nd at 7 pm. Spencer Belyea will be conducting his 70-voice Symphony Chorus with their Chamber Orchestra. Professional vocal Soloists will be Saint John's own soprano -Jessica McCormack, Contralto -Heather Flemming, Basso -Paul Bustin, with visiting Tenor -Colin

Frotten. Advance ticket sale - Imperial Theatre (674-4100). Lift your Christmas spirits with the live angelic sounds of 'For Unto Us A Child Is Born', the 'Hallelujah' chorus and other great classical music from this evangelical masterpiece!

We invite the community to St. Alphonsus Parish, 22 Church Street, Hampton, on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for the Annual "CHRISTMAS TIME STRINGS" featuring The Buckley Family Ensemble.

## Revitalization & Realignment - Continuing the Conversation #5

How will the bishop discern the decision for realignment?

Our diocese has been on a long journey to revitalization over the past two years. Part of the revitalization involves merging parishes communities to assist in bring new life to the Church in our area. In embarking on this journey the dioceses has tried to involve as many as we could in the process. Its beginning was with the general survey that invited input from the whole diocese in January 2016.

From the results of this survey and extensive other data, three regional committees composed of both laity and clergy were asked to suggest 2-3 models of parish realignment for revitalization in their regions. These suggestions were then taken to eight general consultations across the diocese open to all. Following the consultations, further feedback was invited by mail or by internet.

Throughout this nearly two-year process many efforts were made to keep our people informed and to invite their input. Regular communication included a link on the diocesan webpage to a continuous flow of information as well as a facebook page with entries inviting more feedback. As well, regular articles on the process were published in the New Freeman and efforts were made to have information provided in parish bulletins.

In January 2018, Bishop Harris will announce the final plan of realignment for revitalization of our diocese. This final plan will reflect the results of this multi-faceted process which attempted to reach as many in our diocese as possible.

In discerning the final plan, the bishop is being assisted by a Steering Committee composed of 15 persons, laity and clergy, drawn from the three regions of our diocese. Once the plan is announced, a series of committees, lay and clergy will be involved in the implementation process which will continue to September 2018 and beyond. The aim remains the revitalization our diocese as a community of disciples of Jesus, living and working in our local communities to share the Good News widely.

May God bless us with the gift of the Spirit as we use our gifts and energies for the sake of all.