

**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 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9

4 pm Roland Ducas, Sr. & Donald Ducas

Sunday, December 10

10 am Charles & Evelyn Arsenault

Fabien Basque

Dr. Wesley Stephen

Monday, December 11

7 pm Quigley Share Group

Tuesday, December 12

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

7 pm Lavigne Share Group

Wednesday, December 13

12 noon For The People

7 pm McGrath Share Group

Donovan/Dyker Share Group

Thursday, December 14

12 noon Father Bill Elliott

10 - 11:15 am Moms & Tots

5:30 pm Doors open for BINGO

Friday, December 15

12 noon Asied Debly

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

2 pm Advent/Christmas Concert

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday, December 10, at St. Rose of Lima Church
from 1 - 2 pm with Benediction.**

PARISH FINANCES

Last Week's Offerings

Offertory \$2672.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$165
(monthly) \$1740

Those In Need \$876

Retired Priests & Seminarians \$50

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.

For December 16 & 17

Lectors

4 pm Bernie Desmond & Paula Harper
10 am Glen Savoie & Tracie Dyker

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Carol & Art Ryan, Michelle Luck
10 am George & Wanda Quigley,
Jonathan Cann

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, , Alberta McDow, Theresa Ryan, a Special Intention, Buddy Perry, David Branscombe, Marilyn Galbraith, Ann Whelan

**Question of the week for December 17
Third Sunday of Advent**

Reading 1 Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Reading 11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

Key Passage: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. (Isaiah 61:10)

Adult: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Child: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

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 quiet 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!!

Advent/Christmas Concert in our Church

Sunday, December 17 from 2 - 4 pm

Featuring :

Treble Clef, Tracy Friars, Luan Salmon, Aiden & Natalie London & St Joseph's Parish Choir
Admission: A freewill Offering in support of the "Paint St. Joe's" Campaign

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

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

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.

SOUP DAY FOR A.I.D.S. SJ

Tuesday, December 12 we will gather in the H.O.P.E. Centre at 8:30 am to make pots of soup. All are welcome, *many hands make light work.*

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 4 pm

St. William's 6 pm

New Year's Day

St. Joseph's 10 am

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 3 Monetary Donations to A.I.D.S. Saint John

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

Tickets are on sale now for Measha Brueggergosman's only concert within our diocese this season! The Home for the Holidays concert at Saint John High School, is Friday December 15 at 7:30 PM. Tickets \$30 plus HST at Harbour Station Box Office or www.harbourstation.ca. Proceeds benefit Cathedral Restoration Project.

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 December 15.

MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND 10: Please join us on December 10th at 2:00 pm for another enjoyable concert in Assumption Church. Entertainers will be Our Lady of the Assumption Choir, Men and Music, Carleton Choristers, Harbourview Choirs, Aussie Scot Duo, Jim Steward, Christopher Buckley. All proceeds to benefit Assumption Building Fund.

Christmas at St. Mark's (Quispamsis) - St. Mark's Music Ministry, Mark's Men and our Master of Ceremonies, Bob Doherty, invite you to join in a celebration of all things Christmas on Sunday, December 10, at 7 pm. Join us for an evening of carol singing and story telling. Admission is a free will donation, with proceeds going to support families in need at Christmas, through our Care and Concern Committee. Coffee, tea, and Christmas cookies will be served downstairs after the singing.

Merging for Revitalization *What happens to the various programs, activities and committees of newly merged communities?*

When parishes merge, each of them brings its resources to the new merged community. That is all its people resources, physical resources and its financial resources (and its debts) now belong to the new parish community. The former parishes' Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils and committees will be dissolved. There will be a need to create new councils and committees with members drawn from all the communities that were merged to create the new parish.

The many people who had served in ministries in the former parishes now will be called to collaborate in the new merged one. For example, there will be a new music ministry (choirs, instrumentalists, cantors etc.) drawn from the whole merged community. The religious formation programs (children, youth and adult) will be built upon the many talents and energies of the people from the whole new parish community. Other programs will also benefit from the increase in the number of gifts and talents that can be available in the new merged parish.

In short, where there are more gifts and resources it is possible to provide fuller, more extensive pastoral service. The priests and people who are in these new merged communities will be called upon to assess the needs of the parish as they do now. With this, they can determine where best to use the increased talents and gifts available for the service of all. In the new parish community, the gifts of all can be the way of revitalization in the coming years.

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE EVENTS

Call 849-5125 to reserve and/or book

Annual Chowder/Chili Lunch & Supper as well as Artisan Craft Sale Tuesday, December 12 sittings at 11:30 am, 12:45 pm & 5:30 pm \$10 per person

To inquire about craft tables, contact Pam Johnson at 696-5303.