

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH**  
**St. Joseph's Church Stella Maris Church St. William's Church**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**&**

**H.O.P.E. Centre News**  
**4347 Loch Lomond Road**  
**Saint John, NB E2N 1C8**

**Rev. Ralph McRae, Moderator**  
**Rev. Rodrigo Tabilona**

**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 Hours Mon - Thurs 10 am to 2 pm Closed Friday**

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**December 16, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 15**  
**4 pm Reid & Helen McGrath and sons Ron & Bill**  
**Wayne Thompson**  
**Rita Goguen**

**Sunday, December 16**  
**10 am Harold Dort**  
**2 pm "Raise the Rafters"**  
**Advent/Christmas Concert**

**Monday, December 17**  
**7 pm Quigley Share Group**

**Tuesday, December 18**  
**9:30 am Moms & Tots**

**Wednesday, December 19**  
**12 noon Mass will not be celebrated**

**Thursday, December 20**  
**5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo**

**Friday, December 21**  
**12:00 noon For The People**

**Saturday, December 22**  
**4 pm Martha Chouinard Butler**

**Sunday, December 23**  
**10 am Thomas & Jeanette Dunn and Family**  
**Dr. Wesley & Lillian Stephen**  
**Florence Hachey**

**Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
**4 pm Joan Frigault**  
**Deceased Members of the**  
**Maillet & Brown Families**  
**Fernand Despres**  
**Hugh & Lois McGuire**  
**Thomas Flaglor**  
**Souls in Purgatory**

**8 pm Souls in Purgatory**

**Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**  
**9 am Father Bernard Stack**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Sunday, December 16 at Villa Madonna**  
**Retreat House from 2-4 pm.**

### **PARISH FINANCES**

**Last week's Offerings:**

**Offertory \$2153.**

**Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$230**

**Pro-Life \$10**

**Those In Need \$90.**

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 December 22 & 23**

#### **Lectors**

**4 pm Bill Wiseman & Jack Nielsen**

**10 am Jim Lane & Patty Davis**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**4 pm Michelle Luck, Vaunda Loughery,  
Anne Furlotte**

**10 am Fred & Marion Frigault, Carol Hussey**

***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, Sam Williams, Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon & her family, Phyllis Titus, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, Terry Finn, John Richardson, Theresa Ryan, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Kathy Tufts, Marilyn Galbraith, Ann Quigg, Jackson Morton.

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

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR December 16** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Reading 1 Micah 5:1-4**

**Reading 11 Hebrews 10:5-10**

**Gospel Luke 1:39-45**

**Key Passage:** *Elizabeth said, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."*

*(Luke 1:45)*

**Adult:** *When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times"?*

**Child:** *When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?*

**"Rock The Rafters"** Advent / Christmas Concert featuring: Treble Clef, Tracy Friars, Luan Salmon, Men Of Fundy, Natalie & Aiden London & St. Joseph's Choir. Sunday, December 16th, 2-4 pm. Free Will Offering. Proceeds are for a new sound system for the Church.

**Christmas Flowers** - If you would like to place a plant or cut flowers during the Christmas Season, please drop them off Monday to Thursday or when you come to Mass on the weekend

**CWL** - *It's time to collect our annual dues of \$20. New members are always welcome to join the ladies of our Council - The Catholic Women's League with some 80,000 members strong across Canada.*

Calling all women 16 years of age and older.. Your membership makes our voice stronger. Add your voice and support to a national sisterhood of Catholic women who promote awareness and respond to political and social issues that affect all Canadians. Time is precious and we understand you may not be able to attend meetings, but don't let that stop you. You can make a difference by adding your voice to ours. Membership open to all women 16 years and older. Contact any member of our Council.

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

Any questions call 653-6875

All activities will resume the week of January 8, 2019.

### **Monday**

10:30 am Adult Line Dancing  
Drop-in rate - \$9.00 - Bring comfortable shoes (no street shoes) and No Scents please.

**7 - 8 pm Yoga** with Manon.

The cost is \$40 per person. Spread the word, tell your friends and neighbours. Come out and enjoy the stretch and relaxation.

### **Tuesdays**

**9:30 am Moms & Tots**

**10 am** Seniors Exercises - postponed for 2 wks

**1 pm** Seniors Cards - all are welcome

### **Wednesdays**

**Latin Line Dancing**

Beginners 6:30 -7pm, 5\$ drop in ,Regulars 7-8:30 pm paid or 10\$ drop in - See you there

### **FOOT CARE CLINIC**

Last Wednesday of each month Cost \$40 - provided by nurses trained in Advance & Diabetic Care. Call 847-0254

### **Thursdays**

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

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

**Moms & Tots Program** Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

This structured play time is held in the Church Basement (enter by the front door of the Centre and go down in the elevator). The cost is \$2 per family.

## **KEEP ALERT KEEP AWAKE**

During the Advent Season we will be helping two non-profit organizations Avenue B (formerly Al.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 non-perishable food collection for Lakewood Headstart, Inc.

Suggestions - canned soup, fruit, vegetables, meat; kraft dinner, evaporated milk, instant rice, peanut butter, cheese spread, granola or snack bars, pasta, spaghetti sauce, jam, tea, coffee, hot chocolate

**Week 2** was Lakewood Headstart, Inc.

Gift Cards (Suggestions - McAllister Place, Walmart, Old Navy, Winners, Marshall's, Subway, Tim Horton's, Dollarama, Great Canadian Dollar Store, Giant Tiger, Movie \$\$

**Week 3** December 9 Monetary donations for Avenue B

**Week 4** December 16 Personal Care Items for Avenue B

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

*"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.'"*

## **CHRISTMAS MASS HOURS**

**St. Joseph's Church**

**Monday, December 24**

**4 & 8 pm**

**Tuesday, December 25**

**9 am**

**Stella Maris Church**

**Monday, December 24 4 & 8 pm**

**Tuesday, December 25 12 noon**

**St. William's Church**

**Monday, December 24 6 pm**

## **Community News**

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CRAFT SALE**

will be hosted on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 1 pm, in Stella Maris Church Hall, Saint John. We will have Crafters and Vendors so this is a great opportunity to do your last minute Christmas Shopping. Our Vendors are Mary's Sewn Creations, Tupperware, Carla's Peruvian Jewelry, Watkins, Shelley's Sea Glass, Carol Vienneau-Jellison Hand Made by Me, Avon, Sheena's Knitted Goods, Willa's Bead Works, Sue's Chocolate Creations and Fabulous Fudge, The Knitting Nannies, Framed Sea Glass; BCC Hat Creations, Toby's Knitted Goods, Thirty-One Bags, Keisha's African Treasures and Poetic Hugs; Stella Maris Angel Productions will be on hand with their Homemade Chow Chow; Denis' Homemade Acadian Meat Pies, as well as other delicacies. For lunch we will be serving a Slice of Denis' Homemade Acadian Meat Pie, Homemade Cranberry Sauce, Dessert and Beverage for \$6.

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 is January 11.

**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 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.