

**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.

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**December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 1
4 pm Doug McFarlane**

**Sunday, December 2
9 am Breakfast in the Centre
10 am Lorraine McNulty
1-2 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Monday, December 3
10:30 am Line Dancing
7 pm Del Worden Christmas Concert**

**Tuesday, December 4
10 am Seniors Exercises
1 pm Seniors Cards**

**Wednesday, December 5
10 am Children's Preschool Concert
6:30 pm CWL Christmas Dinner**

**Noon Mass will not be celebrated
on Wednesday and Friday this week**

**Thursday, December 6
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo**

**Friday, December 7
12:10 pm Mass at Cathedral for the Feast of the
Immaculate conception**

**Saturday, December 8
4 pm Souls in Purgatory**

**Sunday, December 9
10 am Charles & Evelyn Arsenault**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, December 2 here at St. Joseph's
Church from 1 - 2 pm.**

**Del Worden's & Friends Christmas Concert
Monday, December 3 at 7 pm.**

**Great Christmas music - lots of fun, dancing
A prize will be given for the most festive
sweater/outfit.**

**Admission: \$10 person; \$15 per couple;
\$20 for a family of 3 or more.
Proceeds in support of H.O.P.E. Centre**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION/PATRONAL FEAST DAY:** You are
cordially invited to join me, the priests and the faithful
of the diocese for a concelebrated Eucharist on
Friday, December 7, at 12:10 pm at the Cathedral of
the Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow in
the Cathedral residence. I look forward to welcoming
you.
Bishop Robert Harris

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Offerings:

Offertory \$2240.

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 December 8 & 9

Lectors

4 pm Bill Wiseman & Esther McQuade

10 am Glen Savoie & Beth Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Fred & Patti McGrath, Wanda Quigley

**10 am Carol Hussey, Pauline Winters,
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, 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, John Richardson, Arthur Locke, 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 2 **Second Sunday of Advent**

Reading 1 Baruch 5:1-9

Reading 11 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Key Passage: *John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*
(Luke 3.3)

Adult: *In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?*

Child: *What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?*

A very special THANK YOU to all who contributed to the success of last week's Poinsettia Luncheon sponsored by the ladies of CWL. The Girl Guides from the Loch Lomond area were very helpful in serving our guests. The various winners of our prizes were:

Door Prizes - Pat David

Lorraine LeBlanc

Raffle - Christmas Teapot Mac Thurlow

Reindeer Madison Fillmore

Baby Quilt Bob McKillop

The ladies of CWL will gather this Wednesday, December 5 in the Centre for their annual Christmas Dinner. Doors open at 6 pm, Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, December 16 2 - 4 pm

St. Joseph's Church

"Rock The Rafters " Advent / Christmas Concert

Featuring: Treble Clef, Tracy Friars, Luan Salmon, Men Of Fundy, Natalie & Aiden London & St Joseph's Choir

Admittance- Free Will Offering

Proceeds are for a new sound system for the Church

H.O.P.E. CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

Monday

10:30 am Adult Line Dancing
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

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....

Fridays

Adult Line Dancing session begins 7 pm

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.

Congratulations to Kristian Luck, the winner of the \$1000.00, Men's Club Lottery for the month of November. There are numbers available. This draw is a wonderful fundraiser in support of the HOPE Centre. The numbers are \$10.00 a month and the draw takes place the last Sunday of every month. We suggest you commit for the year if that is possible. If you could pay for a few draws at a time that would be great, if not monthly is fine. \$90.00 will pay for this year, or any combination, the last draw for this round will be August. If you Don't want to commit for the year you certainly can buy a number each month.

KEEP ALERT KEEP AWAKE

During the Advent Season we will be helping two non-profit organizations Avenue B (formerly A.I.D.S. S.J) 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 (December 2) 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 (December 9) Lakewood Headstart, 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 16) Monetary donations for Avenue B

Week 4 (December 23) 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

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CRAFT SALE will be hosted on Sunday, December 16th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 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. Mark your calendars for this event.

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.

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 December 14.

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 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.

The next monthly meeting of the Rocmaura Nursing Home Auxiliary will be on Thursday, December 6th, in the Boardroom at Rocmaura at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.

Evening Prayer at Carmel Chapel, 105 Burpee Ave., on Thursday, December 6, at 7:00 pm. **All** are welcomed to the sounds of song, psalm, silence and prayer. A peaceful 30-40 minute experience.

Make A JOYFUL SOUND 11 CONCERT: Sunday, December 9, at 2:00 pm in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Entertainers include: Our Lady of the Assumption Choir, Divine Mercy Choir, Men and Music, Carleton Choristers, Harbour View Choir, Chris Buckley, Pandora (trio), Alto Mare, Patterson Sisters and Jim Stewart. Free will offering to benefit Assumption Building Fund.

KV Memory Café is a free-of-charge program of the Alzheimer's Society. Our goal is to provide education, entertainment, support and conversation in an accessible, safe and inclusive environment. It is a great Sunday afternoon outing for all the family. This month's speaker will be Sherry Gionet, RN presenting 'Intro to Dementia' with great advice for caregivers and friends, and come sing along with the KidSing vocal classes while they sing some of your favourite holiday tunes! The KV Memory Café is held on the **2nd Sunday** of the month from September to May. **Please join us Sunday December 9, 2018 from 2 to 4 pm at Shannex Parkland in the Valley, Quispamsis in the lounge on the lower level of Jubilee Hall, 19 Shannex Drive.** . There is a canopied drop off area at the door and signed parking for Visitors around the circle. For more information **please contact Mark Harris of the Alzheimer's Society at 634-8722 or email mharris@alzheimernb.ca**

TREBLE CLEF in concert Monday, December 10 at 7 pm in Silver Falls United Church. Tickets available at the door.