

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
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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 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 8

4 pm Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 9

10 am Charles & Evelyn Arsenault

Monday, December 10

10:30 am Line Dancing

Tuesday, December 11

10 - 11:30 am Moms & Tots

10 am Seniors Exercises

1 pm Seniors Cards

Wednesday, December 12

8:30 am Soup Day for Avenue B

12 noon Special Intention

Thursday, December 13

5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, December 14

12:05 noon For The People

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday, December 9 at St. Rose of Lima
Church from 1 - 2 pm.**

**Soup Pot Day for Avenue B (AIDS SJ) –
Dec. 12th**

Please gather with us at 8:30 am on Wednesday Dec. 12 in the H.O.P.E. Center. We will prepare and package Hamburger Soup and cookies. New members always welcome. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Offerings:

Offertory \$1599.

**Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$230
(monthly) \$1960**

Pro-Life \$165

Those In Need \$496.

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 15 & 16

Lectors

4 pm Bernie Desmond & Paula Harper

10 am Peter Chouinard & Andrea Arseneau

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Carol & Art ryan, Michelle Luck

**10 am Jonathan Cann, Patti McGrath,
Pauline Hughes-McKillop**

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, 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 November 9

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 Zephaniah 3:14-18

Reading 11 Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

Key Passage: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)*

Adult: *To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?*

Child: *What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of Indigenous Peoples. We have eight First Nations Peoples in our diocese. We are grateful that they have welcomed us to their land; grateful that many of them are our sisters and brothers in the Faith. On this, their special day, let us pray in communion with them.

Bishop Robert Harris

"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.

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.

THANK YOU to those who attended last week's Christmas Concert featuring Del Worden. If you were not here, you missed a fun evening with Del, Debbie Harrity, Danny Joyce, two members of Party Line along with our Mary Weston, Susan Savoie and Don Baker. Hope to see you next year!!

H.O.P.E. CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

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....

Fridays

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.

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.

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**

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.

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.

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.