

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.

Office Tues - Thurs 10 am to 2 pm Closed Monday & Friday

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July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 28

4 pm Teresa Chaisson

Sunday, July 29

10 am Deceased Members of the Hughes Family

Monday, July 30 Office Closed

Tuesday, July 31

10 am Seniors Exercises

Wednesday, August 1

12 noon Father Bill Elliott

6:30 pm Latin Line Dancing for Beginners

7 pm Latin Line Dancing

Thursday, August 2

12 noon For the People

5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, August 3

Office Closed

Saturday, August 4

3:30 pm Rosary will be prayed

4 pm Buddy Perry

Food Collection for Lakewood Headstart Inc.

Sunday, August 5

10 am Doug McFarlane

1 - 2 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In The Lakewood Headstart monthly collection of non-perishable goods for this month, the Headstart is asking for alpha-getti to be included in your generous donations.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, July 29 at St. Francois de Sales Church from 2:30-3:30 pm with Benediction and Confessions.

Parish & H.O.P.E. Centre

OFFICE HOURS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10 am - 2 pm

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Offerings:

Offertory \$1638.

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 August 4 & 5

Lectors

4 pm Jack Nielsen & Esther McQuade

10 am Andrew Lane & Wanda Quigley

Eucharistic Ministers

**4 pm Ann Wisted, Ann Furlotte,
Michelle Luck**

**10 am Carol Hussey, Dorie McDermott,
Pauline Winters**

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, Eileen Shaw, Sam Williams, Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon & her family, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, John Richardson, Arthur Locke, Theresa Ryan, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Kathy Tufts, Marilyn Galbraith, Ann Quigg

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 696-7907 to arrange a visit.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR August 5 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Reading 11 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel John 6:24-28

Key Passage: So they said to Jesus, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" (John 6:30)

Adult: When has your faith helped you believe without "seeing signs: from God?"

Child: Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?

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Any questions call 653-6875

If you have books you would finished reading, please drop them off to the Centre for the Book Sale which will be held in late October this year

Monday

Line Dancing and Yoga will return in September

Tuesdays

10 am Seniors Exercises

Seniors Cards will return in September

Wednesdays

6:30 pm Latin Line Dancing for Beginners

Call Deby 333-3329 to register

7 pm Latin Line Dancing

Thursdays

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

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

FOOT CARE CLINIC

Last Wednesday of each month 9 am - 12 noon

Cost \$40 - provided by nurses trained in Advance & Diabetic Foot Care. To book an appointment call 847-0254.

Community News

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Annual Shrine

Mass: The Annual Shrine Mass will be celebrated in Howard (on the beautiful Miramichi River near Blackville) at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Sunday, July 29, at 1 pm. Bishop Robert Harris will be the celebrant. All clergy and parishioners from all parishes are cordially invited to attend - hoping to see you there. Lunch will be served.

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.

September 28 – 30 – AASEA Annual Atlantic Conference. Call Bob McDermott at 696-4772 to register.

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 will be August 10.

Revitalized Parishes: Growing & Nurturing Spirituality

“I’m spiritual, just not religious.” This is probably a comment we have heard many times before. It can mean many things to many people, including ourselves. Usually it comes from a view that “spiritual” and “religious” are two different, unrelated terms. Often it means “My sense of God and spirituality is personal and I don’t relate it to church.”

In fact, this separation of “spiritual” and “religious” is normally not helpful. In the case of Christian spirituality it is especially unhelpful. For us as Christians, spirituality and religion are necessarily related. As personal as each one may seem, both of them are also communal. Spirituality without religion can be self-focused, and religion without spirituality can tend toward ritualism.

Christian spirituality has resulted from an evolution over many centuries. And it has drawn on the spiritual wisdom of many cultures and societies. This borrowing has been an enrichment and continues to be. Every age has found Christian spirituality affecting it. At the same time, every age and culture which Christians have encountered has contributed to the spiritual life of our Christian faith.

Spirituality is not a removal from life or the world. It is in fact, to experience the world and life as God’s gift. Such a gift is a sacred trust and so Christian spirituality honours this trust in its care for all creation. The center-point of this spirituality is the Spirit of the Risen Jesus among us and within us as the community of God’s People.

Theologian Richard McBrien emphasizes that to hold a Christian spirituality “is to live always in respectful relationship with others; with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ and in the human community at large.... [Christian spirituality] is consciously in touch with the presence of the Spirit as the power which heals, reconciles, renews, give life, bestows peace, sustains hope, brings joy, and creates unity.” (Richard McBrien. *Catholicism* vol.II, (Winston Press, 1980) 1058) Living a Christian spirituality in relationship with others is a reflection of our relationship with our God.

A vital, alive parish community is one that plants and nurtures a lively and alive spiritual life among its members. As evangelizers, these parishioners, share this well- grounded spiritual life beyond parish walls. They take it to the work place, the school, the neighbourhood and to all places where they gather. We do so, not to convert but to enrich the lives of the people we meet. In doing so, we become the “missionary disciples” we are called to be evangelizing and sharing Good News with our lives.

Something to think about: On 1 September, 2018, as we bring our two or three or more clustered parishes together we become a single new parish, sharing our talents, gifts and resources as a community of missionary disciples.