

**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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**June 17, 2018 Father's Day
Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, June 16
4 pm Special Intention**

**Sunday, June 17 Father's Day
10 am Amedee Chouinard, Joe Mason,
Bill Hooper, George Douglas**

**Monday, June 18
7 pm Quigley Share Group**

**Tuesday, June 19
8:30 am Soup Pot Day for Avenue B
(formerly AIDS SJ)
10 - 11 am Seniors Exercises
1 pm Seniors Cards**

**Wednesday, June 20
12 noon Mass will not be celebrated**

**Thursday, June 21
12 noon For The People
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo**

**Friday, June 22
12 noon For the People**

**Saturday, June 23
4 pm Liturgy of the Word**

**Sunday, June 24
10 am Liturgy of the Word
2 pm Open Mic Jamboree -
last session of the season**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, June 17 at Villa Madonna Retreat
House from 2 - 4 pm.**

PARISH FINANCES**Last week's Offerings:****Offertory \$1771****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 June 23 & 24**Lectors**

4 pm Jim & Donna Lavigne

10 am Patti Davis & Sandra Butler

Eucharistic Ministers4 pm Michelle Luck, Vaunda Loughery,
Ann 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, 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

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 JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Reading 1 Isaiah 49:1-6**Reading 11** Acts 13:22-26**Gospel** Luke 1:57-66, 80

Adult: In what ways do you fulfill your baptismal call to be a prophet, announcing God's Good News to all?

Children: Why were you given the name you have?

Thanks to all the volunteers that came out on Saturday to help with the spring clean up. The weather co-operated and we accomplished a lot. Over the next couple of weeks we will finish the stairs and St Joseph and we will shine. Many hands make light work.

SOUP POT DAY for Avenue B
(formerly AIDS SJ)

Tuesday, June 19 at 8:30 am

We will prepare and package soup and cookies. New members always welcome...looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The Catholic Bookstore - summer hours closed Fridays during June, July, August
Open Tuesday to Thursday 10 am - 5 pm

H.O.P.E. CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

Monday

Line Dancing and Yoga will return in September

Tuesdays

10 - 11 am Seniors Exercises

1 pm Seniors Cards

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.

SENIOR'S SUMMER FEST

Monday, July 23 1 - 3:30 pm

Bingo - Music by Del - Dancing - 50/50 Draw -

Lunch - lots of fun.....

Tickets \$8 on sale in the parish office

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LEAH COAKLEY attends Stella Maris Paris where she is an Altar Server and Lector. She was the recipient of the 2018 Young Citizen's award during the Anglophone South Regional Heritage Fair in May. Her project explores when shipbuilding started in Saint John and covers how it changed over the years. It also gives a glimpse of the Port of Saint John and how shipbuilding helped mold the city we see today. She was also awarded the Labour of History Award during the Fair. Leah is in grade 5 and attends Lakewood Heights Elementary School. As part of the award, she prepared a short video about her project. Student videos from across Canada will be posted online for voting and reviewed by a panel of judges for a chance to win a trip to Ottawa to attend Canada's History Forum in the fall. Voting opened on June 12 and continues until June 22. The link to view Leah's video, comment, and vote is the following:

<http://kids.canadashistory.ca/Kids/YoungCitizens/Profiles/2018/Leah-C>: Vote, once per email address until June 22 and Leah will win a trip to Ottawa to represent our region at the Canada's History Forum. **Let's All Vote for Leah!!!**

Go Leah Go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

St. John the Baptist Feast Day on Sunday, June 24, 11:30 am Mass, in St. John the Baptist Church. Reception to follow in the hall. All are most welcome. Aitkens Pewter has been commissioned to make and a Commemorative Ornament of St. John the Baptist Parish that will be available at the Feast Day Celebrations for a cost of \$20. Pre-Order by calling Lisa at 652-2969.

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 June 29.

July 7 – St. Vincent's Alumnae (Class of '68) Reunion – Call Shirley Gorman at 506-635-5518 to register.

Realignment for Revitalization: Sharing the Mission of Jesus

The Kingdom of God is as if a person would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and and grow, without their knowing how. (Mark 4:26-27)

Jesus used a lot of parables – little stories of everyday life. He used these parables to show those following him how they are part of his message and his mission. Like sowers of seed, disciples scatter the message widely, they nurture it and care for it. But ultimately, the message and the mission unfold through the work of the God's Spirit. Jesus is God's way of touching and calling all humanity into His Kingdom of love, of justice and of peace for the whole world.

Our diocese is in a process of realignment, of change. But we are not changing simply to look different. We are realigning in order to revitalize. The ultimate aim is to that our parish communities become aware that we are all disciples of Jesus. More than this, as disciples our great call is that we do as Jesus has done, be builder of God's reign. WE become the face of Jesus to one another and beyond to all humanity.

This process of becoming the face of Jesus for others is what we mean by "evangelizing". As Jesus shared his message in what he said and even more, in what he did, how he acted, so too are we called. We will plant the seed of the message, we will carry out the mission through our words, actions and attitudes. Jesus acts in our world through us, the communities of disciples.

In 2013 Pope Francis, in *The Joy of the Gospel*, reminded us of our baptismal call – to be evangelizing disciples of Jesus. We are to be a Church of disciples, on a mission to share the Good News of God's love with our world. This mission of love and hope is what Jesus proclaimed and so as disciples we are call to the same.

Pope Francis describes "Church" as being evangelizing disciples: "Being Church means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly [or parental] love. This means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity..... The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." (Pope Francis. *The Joy of the Gospel* 114)

In becoming Church we are communities of disciples and evangelizers. "The Church,... is more than an organic and hierarchical institution; it is first and foremost a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God.... a people of pilgrims and evangelizers." (Pope Francis. *The Joy...111*) We are pilgrims, on the way - learning and growing as disciples. Filled with God's Spirit we are also evangelizers, building God's reign of love, justice and peace for all.