

**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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March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 10

4 pm Alphonse Daigle

Sunday, March 11

10 am Deceased members of the Desmond Family

11 am Religious Education

2 pm Open Mic

7 pm Lenten Series

Monday, March 12

11 am - 12 noon Line Dancing in Centre

7 pm Quigley Share Group

Yoga

Tuesday, March 13

10 - 11 am Senior's Exercises

10 am Moms & Tots

1 pm Senior's Cards

Wednesday, March 14

12 noon Mass will not be celebrated

7 pm McGrath Share Group

Thursday, March 15

12 noon For the People

10 - 11:15 am Moms & Tots

5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, March 16

11:30 am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Father Bill Elliott

Saturday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day

4 pm Ann Roy

Sunday, March 18

10 am Walter & Patricia Peters

7 pm Lenten Series

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, March 11 at St. Rose of Lima Church from
1 - 2 pm with Benediction.

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's offerings:

Offertory \$2430.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$175

Those In Need \$812

Just a reminder 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.

For March 17 & 18

Lectors

4 pm Bernie Desmond & Margaret Sullivan

10 am Jim & Donna Lavigne

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Carol & Art Ryan, Michelle Luck

**10 am George & Wanda Quigley,
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, Mary Naves, Kiley Clements, Muriel Richard, Walter Smith, Brian Naves, Joe Duplisea, Gladys McGrath, Ian Walker, Harvey Beck, Hilma Tracey, Mary Bishop, Gail Scott, Percy Leslie, Will James, Kathy Hackett, Danny Murray, Eileen Shaw, Jocelyn Corscadden, Michael LeCroix, Kyla, Sam Williams, Marlene Savoie, Karen Adams, Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon and her family, Debbie Nolan, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, John Richardson, Arthur Locke, Theresa Ryan, a Special Intention, Buddy Perry, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Marilyn Galbraith, Sharon Clements, Kathy & IrwinTufts

PASTORAL CARE

A committee has been formed to provide 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.

NO SCENTS IS GOOD SENSE"

Be considerate of others. Recognize that some people may have allergies or adverse reactions to fragrances. Please reduce or eliminate your use of scented products at Mass.

Question of the week for March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reading 11 Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Key Passage: Those who love their life lost it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

Adult: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

Child: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

St. Joseph's Lenten Retreat 2018

A Lenten Retreat will be held on Sunday evenings 7-8:30 in the H.O.P.E. Centre. Next sessions are March 18 and April 8.

Everyone 18+ is invited to attend.

Please pre-register by email or phone

jpeterchouinard@gmail.com

or by telephone at 506-696-7065.

You can leave a message. If you prefer, there is a sign-up sheet in the church entrance.

For more information brochures are available at the entrance to the church.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Donovan, February's winner of the Men's Club \$1000.00 lottery. There are number available, contact Rusty Kirkpatrick 672-8626 or Fred McGrath 214-5632.

This is a wonderful Fundraiser in support of the H.O.P.E. Centre. We have awarded in excess of \$90,000.00 in prizes and contributed approximately \$50,000.00 to the H.O.P.E. Centre. Please consider committing to a number for the remainder of this round that ends with the August draw.

HOPE CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6856

SENIORS EXERCISE PROGRAM

Each Tuesday from 10 - 11 am.

SENIORS CARDS

Each Tuesday at 1 pm. Come and socialize and play 45's....enjoy the day!!

YOGA

Monday evening from 7 to 8 pm

If you don't think you can come to all the sessions we have a drop in fee of \$8.00.

MOMS & TOTS

Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 10-11:15 am. Come and have some adult time while you're enjoying watching your children play. Snacks provided for the little ones and of course coffee is on for YOU! (come in the main doors of the H.O.P.E. Centre, take the elevator down to the basement or the stairs to the left)

BINGO

Bingo each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Games begin at 6:50 pm. Please come out for a great night of fun.....

FOOT CARE CLINIC

Last Wednesdays of each month 9 am - 12 noon
Cost \$40 - *Provided by nurses trained in Advance & Diabetic foot care *Receipts provided for income tax purposes *Most Health Insurance plans cover foot care services *Registered providers for Medavie Blue Cross & Veterans
To book an appointment call 847-0254

SOUTHEAST JAM SESSION - This is a Open Mic session for all who want to come to sing, dance or just to enjoy and tap your toes to good ole country music. We will have this every 2nd Sunday afternoon from 2 - 4 pm.

Admission is \$4 per person
free tea/coffee, cookies; 50/50 Draw & Door Prize

LINE DANCING - Our first 5 sessions of line dancing has finished up. It was a huge success and a lot of fun!!!! Our next 5 sessions will start on Monday, March 5 from 11am to 12 noon. The cost is \$35. This is great exercise for all and especially seniors. Come out and give it a try!!
As always walk ins are welcome at \$8.00

CWL NEWS

St. Joseph's CWL will be holding a *Faith Fair* in the Spring. Anyone who has religious items to donate can bring them to Mass or give them to Wanda Quigley. There will be a basket provided at the entrance to the church. Sample items: medals, rosaries, pamphlets, magazines, books, CD's, religious figures, prayer cards, etc, bibles, children's books. Anything related to our faith.

KV Memory Cafe This month will see the Kennebecasis Valley Memory Café in a **new location, Shannex Parkland in the Valley, still on March 11, the 2nd Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 pm.** This monthly program of the Alzheimer Society focuses on socialization with an educational component. The Café includes a presentation on a different topic each month, followed by entertainment and refreshments. This program is for people of all ages at all stages of the dementia journey. Details and directions will be made available shortly. For more information, please contact Mark Harris of the Alzheimer's Society at 634-8722 or email mharris@alzheimernb.ca.

Irish Breakfast, Saturday March 17th from 9 am to 1 pm -- a fundraiser in support of L'Arche Saint John -- will take place at O'Leary's Pub on Princess Street. Tickets (available at the door) are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. With live Irish music, it's a great way for families and friends to get into the St. Patrick's spirit!

The Cathedral will be celebrating our Secondary Diocesan patron with a special St. Patrick's Day Mass on Saturday, March 17, at 12:10 Noon, with music provided by Mary Ann O'Hara and the Men N Music. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Residence. All are welcome

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Tea will be held on Sunday, March 18th, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Saints Joachim & Ann Parish (St. Ann's Church), 135 Simpson Drive, Saint John East. Sandwiches, sweets, coffee and tea will be served in the Church Hall, which will be decorated with a bit of the green! There will also be a 'white elephant' table and 50/50 draw. Tickets for the Tea are only \$5.00 each and will be sold at weekend Masses, or you may call Arlene at the parish office 653-6870 (Tuesday-Thursday from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm) to reserve your tickets. Only 200 tickets are available. The church hall is wheelchair accessible.

Cathedral Lenten Series will take place at the Cathedral, Waterloo Street, on Sunday, March 11, at 2:00 pm and will feature Sister Nuala Kenny, SC of Halifax. Sister will lead us in a presentation entitled: "**Rediscovering the Art of Dying.**" Sister Nuala reminds us that "Catholics need to be clear about the reasons for requesting assisted death and the cultural and medical context in which this issue has arisen."

Knights of Columbus Council 11201 Bingo every other Friday night in the Bradley Lake Community Centre at 248 Bradley Lake Road. Doors open at 6 pm. Early Bird Games at 6:45 pm \$500 Pot of Gold/Jackpot Games/Cookie Jar and Specials. The next game night is March 23.

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 at: 405 University Ave, Saint John, NB. Make your appointment 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.

Camp Sheldrake Inc., Bartibog (Miramichi), is now accepting registrations for upcoming summer programs for children and teens. For complete information on how to register, visit our website www.campsheldrake.ca. Contact our office campshel@xplornet.ca or 506 622 8907. Camp Sheldrake Inc., Bartibog (Miramichi) Employment Opportunities – For complete Job Descriptions visit our website www.campsheldrake.ca (Staff & Hiring).

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Week 4 – March 11: A school of community leaders in Peru

For the fourth week of Lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE

Sponsored by Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: Lenten Project, March 12 & 13, 2018, **Rediscovering the Art of Dying** facilitated by Nuala Kenny, Medical Doctor, renowned Ethicist, Professor, and Sister of Charity of Halifax. The Christian notion of a good death is death not as a good end but as a good transition; one that requires faith, proper acceptance and readiness. Who Should Attend: Clergy, Physicians, Lay Ministers, those who work in Pastoral/Palliative Care. Cost: \$75 commuters (includes breaks & lunch each day); \$150 (one nights' accommodation and all meals beginning with lunch Tuesday and ending with lunch Wednesday). To register, contact Villa Madonna at 849-5125 or email: villamadonna@nb.aibn.com

Wednesday, March 14, **Seniors' Mass & Lunch** - 11:00 am. Celebrant: Fr. Ken Weir. Call the Villa to register 849-5125. ALL WELCOME!

March 23 - 25, New Program (content being developed), **Wool Felting Workshop** with Lois McDonald-Layden. To register: call the Villa at 849-5125. For information, contact Lois by email at tuckamoor@hotmail.com

Tuesday, April 3, Thursday, April 5, 2018: **Conscious Aging Workshop Cultivate Wisdom, Connect with Others, Celebrate Life** facilitated by Bill Kolodnicki. Bill is a certified IONS Conscious Aging Workshop Facilitator. He has a passion to learn and looks eagerly to learning from each person he meets. This powerful workshop provides the space and the opportunity for you to explore your potential for growth, sense of purpose, service and fulfillment in the later chapters of life. Cost: \$230 per person; \$330 per couple (includes 2 nights' accommodation and all meals); \$150 commuters (includes all meals & breaks). To register, call Villa Madonna at 849-5125 or email: villamadonna@nb.aibn.com. OPEN TO ALL.

March 11, 2018

Dear Parish Family:

Re: Elimination of Staff Positions - Custodian & Co-ordinator

Over the past number of months we have faced an increasingly challenging and deteriorating financial situation here at H.O.P.E. Centre. Despite all efforts to address the growing imbalance between overall revenue and operating expenses, we have been unable to find a workable solution without implementing serious and immediate reductions in our operating costs. Unfortunately, these reductions had to be realized primarily through the elimination of two staff positions.

Therefore, it was with deep regret that on Friday, March 2nd, we were compelled to inform our full time Custodian and our H.O.P.E. Centre Co-ordinator that their employment was being terminated, effective immediately.

This was strictly a financial decision, and we thank Jerry and Tracie for their past contributions to the H.O.P.E. Centre. We wish them good luck in their future endeavours.

In Christ,

Rev. Ralph G. McRae
Pastor

If you have any questions regarding the action, please direct them to George Quigley Chairperson of Pastoral Council, or Peter Chouinard, Chairperson of Parish Finance Committee.