

**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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Pastoral Council Chairperson George Quigley Phone 696-3731 email quigleydesign@rogers.com

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March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 17
Happy St. Patrick's Day
4 pm Ann Roy**

**Sunday, March 18
10 am Walter & Patricia Peters
7 pm Lenten Series**

**Monday, March 19
11 am - 12 noon Line Dancing in Centre
7 pm Quigley Share Group
Yoga**

**Tuesday, March 20
8:30 am Soup Day for AIDS SJ
10 - 11 am Senior's Exercises
10 am Moms & Tots
1 pm Senior's Cards**

**Wednesday, March 21
12 noon Vera Swain
7 pm McGrath Share Group**

**Thursday, March 22
12 noon Father Bill Elliott
10 - 11:15 am Moms & Tots
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo**

**Friday, March 23
11:30 am Stations of the Cross
12 noon For The People**

**Saturday, March 24
4 pm Leonard Hughes & Deceased Family
Members**

**Sunday, March 25
10 am Special Intention
11 am Religious Education
2 pm Open Mic in H.O.P.E. Centre**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 18 at Villa Madonna Retreat House
from - 4 pm.

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's offerings:

Offertory \$1745.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$175

Those In Need \$10

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 24 & 25

Lectors

4 pm Paula Harper & Pauline Hughes

10 am Glen Savoie & Jim Lane

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Michelle Luck, Vaunda Loughery,

Ann Furlotte

10 am Fred & Marian 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, 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 25 Palm Sunday

Reading 1 Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading 11 Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." (Mark 14:36)

Adult: When have you found it hardest to accept God's will? What enabled you to accept it?

Child: When is it hardest for you to obey?

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 will be March 18 & 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.

Soup Pot Day for AIDS SJ – Tuesday, March 20

Please gather with us at 8:30 am on Tuesday, March 20th 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.

HOPE CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

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

DANCE - Friday, April 13 Featuring "**Party Line**"

Doors open at 8 pm - Band 9 pm - midnight

Tickets \$10 each here in the office!!

Senior's Fest Monday, May 7 1 - 3:30 pm

Doors open at 12:30 pm. Bingo, Music, 50/50, Lunch Tickets \$8

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, September 22 7 pm

Gospel Music with Tim & Gale Parton. This is their second visit to our church. Yes, Tim is Dolly's cousin....

Knights of Columbus Fr. M.A. Harris Council Famous Good Friday Seafood Chowder at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church after the Good Friday services on March 30. Seating times are 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8.00 Youth 7-14 \$5.00, children six years and under Free.

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).

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE

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.

Week 5 – March 18: **Solidarity Sunday**

We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!