

**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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May 13, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 12

4 pm William, Dorothy & Robert Ellis

Sunday, May 13

10 am Leonard Arsenault

Myrna Mason, Helen Chouinard,

Terri Chouinard, Anita Hooper,

Martha Butler, Ann Horne

Monday, May 14

11 am - 12 noon Line Dancing

7 pm Yoga

Quigley Share Group

Tuesday, May 15

8:30 am Soup Day for AIDS SJ

10 - 11 am Senior's Exercises

10 am Moms & Tots

1 pm Senior's Cards

Noon Mass will not be celebrated this week!!

Wednesday, May 16

7 pm McGrath Share Group

Lavigne Share Group

Thursday, May 17

10 am Moms & Tots

5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, May 18

7 - 8 pm Line Dancing

Saturday, May 19

4 pm Roland Sr. & Don Ducas

Sunday, May 20

10 am Sandra Davis

Open Mic will not be held this weekend

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, May 13 at St. Rose of Lima Church from

1 - 2 pm with Benediction.

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's offerings:

Offertory \$1834.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$205.

Those In Need \$498.

Papal Charities \$191.

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.

ALSO...to assist those counting the weekly contributions, please put the amount of your donation on your Offertory Envelope.

For May 19 & 20

Lectors

4 pm Paula Harper & Esther McQuade

10 am Glen Savoie & Beth Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Fred & Patti McGrath, Anne Furlotte

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, Gail Scott, Will James, Kathy Hackett, Danny Murray, Eileen Shaw, Jocelyn Corscadden, Kyla, Sam Williams, Helen Savoie, Kathleen Gagnon and her family, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Jean Morrison, John Richardson, Arthur Locke, Theresa Ryan, a Special Intention, Ann Whelan, David Branscombe, Marilyn Galbraith, Kathy Tufts

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 May 19 Pentecost Sunday

Reading 1 Acts 2:1-11

Reading 11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Key Passage: *Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*
(Acts 2:3-4)

Adult: *When has the Holy Spirit given you the strength to act with courage?*

Child: *When and where do you need the Holy Spirit's help to speak out?*

Soup Pot Day for AIDS SJ – May 15th

Please gather with us at 8:30 am on Tuesday May 15th 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.

Commemoration of the First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima - this Sunday, May 13

Rosary Rally beginning at 6:30 pm in King Square Bring a Rosary, a Candle, Chair/Blanket Refreshment to share.

No need to sign-up - just show up!

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 May 18.

Treble Clef presents

Sin & Salvation Broadway to Gospel

Monday, May 28, 7:30 pm at Silver Falls United Church, 840 Loch Lomond Road.

Tickets \$12 at the door.

HOPE CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

TUESDAYS:

SENIORS EXERCISE PROGRAM from 10 - 11am.

SENIORS CARDS at 1 pm. Come and socialize and play 45's.....enjoy the day!!

YOGA

Monday from 7 to 8 pm

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

LINE DANCING Mondays from 11am to 12 noon.

(This Monday is the last Monday session)

Fridays from 7 - 8 pm

Spring cleaning? If you have books you would like to get rid of, please drop them off at the H.O.P.E. Centre for the book sale that takes place each year in late October.

Annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday June 2nd, 8 am - 2 pm
Tables \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00, to be paid in advance. Rain date :Saturday June 9th.
To reserve tables call office at 653-6875.

The 35 voices of the **SAINT JOHN CHORALE** are presenting their annual Spring Musicale 7 pm Monday, May 14, at St. Mark's Church, Dexter Drive. The award-winning adult choir, under the direction of SPENCER BELYEA, has represented our area at several Provincial and National Festivals. This concert will include exciting and moving Spirituals and features special guest soloist, PAUL BUSTIN. Mr. Bustin is a rich operatic baritone and a favourite of New Brunswick classical music lovers. After the performance the audience will be treated to a DESSERT TEA, included in the \$15. Advance, and \$20. Door prices.

KV Memory Café free-of-charge program of the Alzheimer's Society. Our goal is to provide education, entertainment, support, conversation and refreshments in an accessible, safe and inclusive environment. It is a great Sunday afternoon outing for all the family. This month's speaker will be Lisa Erb of Kennebecasis Drugs who will talk about the advantages of adaptive clothing for ease of dressing and the entertainment will be the very popular performers of KidSing. The KV Memory Café is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from September to May. Please join us Sunday, May 13, from 2 to 4 pm at our new location 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, plus parking at the church next door. For more information, please contact Mark Harris of the Alzheimer's Society at 634-8722 or email mharris@alzheimernb.ca

Pilgrimage: Sept 24th-28th Accompanied by Fr. J. Stanislas Paulin. Holy sites in Montreal: Saint Joseph's Oratory, Le Grand Séminaire de Montréal, Notre-Dame Basilica, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum/Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel. In Trois-Rivières: Our Lady of the Cape Shrine. \$497.00 per person double occupancy. Meals not included. Deposit \$200.00 due June 1; balance \$297.00 due September 1. Book early to avoid disappointment. For more information, contact Ernie Doucet 847-5860 douceter@nb.sympatico.ca, Claire Robichaud 847-4156 claire@robichaud.org

Revitalizing Our Diocese: Communities “of one heart and soul”

“I am the vine, you are the branches.” (Jn.15:5) Jesus utters these words to his disciples during the Last Supper. They are part of his farewell to these friends and followers as he prepares them for his betrayal and death. As the Gospel of John tells the story this farewell begins with Jesus washing the feet of his disciples – an image of love and service to which they are called as well. (Jn.13)

Jesus’ farewell ends with a prayer for his disciples. In this prayer he says: “I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe through them, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (Jn.17:20-21)

As our diocese moves into a realignment of communities for revitalization, Jesus’ farewell to his disciples presents us with both a challenge and a direction. We are, all of us, branches on the vine, disciples of Jesus attached to him and holding his spirit. He is in all of us. His image of love for all is our image. His mission is our mission to the whole world.

As we move forward, uniting communities, addressing the needs of all, sharing resources and gifts of time and talent, we face the challenge of being the face of Jesus now. The revitalization that is our vision and hope will only come if the Spirit of Jesus is expressed in our attitude and our action. The mission we have been given will only be accomplished if we can recognize Jesus in us and in how we act together.

The Acts of the Apostles which we read throughout the Easter season describes the first Christian communities, our ancestors in the faith. A few weeks ago, on the 2nd Sunday of Easter we heard what many would see as an ideal for Christians. Acts tells us that: “The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul...” (Acts 4:32-35)

Ideals, visions, hopes often seem beyond our reach. At the same time responding to a call and undertaking a mission is always a challenge to us. We need such hope and vision in order to come to life, to bring life to others. The image of that early community of disciples in Acts offers us such a vision and hope. It is a challenge, but filled with Jesus’ spirit, we can indeed bring Jesus’ face to our world. What must we give, how must we change that we be communities joined together and “of one heart and soul”? Can we reveal in word and action the face of Jesus in our new communities and in our world?