

**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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November 26, 2017

Feast of Christ the King

Saturday, November 25

4 pm John R. MacNeill

Sunday, November 26

10 am Peggy Anderson

For Vocations

2 - 4 pm Open Mic with Southeast Country

(in H.O.P.E. Centre)

Monday, November 27

7 pm Quigley Share Group in the Centre

Yoga Class

Tuesday, November 28

10 - 11 am Senior's Exercises

10 am Moms & Tots

1 pm Senior's Cards

7 pm Lavigne Share Group

Wednesday, November 29

12 noon For The People

7 pm McGrath Share Group

Donovan/Dyker Share Group

Thursday, November 30

12 noon Father Bill Elliott

10 - 11:15 am Moms & Tots

5:30 pm Doors open for BINGO

Friday, December 1

12 noon Genevieve Anglin

Saturday, December 2

9 am Craft Sale in H.O.P.E. Centre

4 pm Anise Blanchard

Sunday, December 3

9 - 11:30 am Breakfast in H.O.P.E. Centre

10 am Myrna Mason

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, November 26, at St. Francois de Sales Church from 2:30-3:30 pm with Benediction & Confession.

PARISH FINANCES

Last Week's Offerings

Offertory \$1700.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$165

Retired Priests & Seminarians \$386

Just a reminder that pre-authorized debit is available. Please call the office for further information.

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE NOW IN THE CHURCH AND ARE PLACED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. ALSO, EMPTY BOXES ARE AVAILABLE SHOULD YOU WISH TO BE A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR AND RECEIVE AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT.

For December 2 & 3

Lectors

4 pm Jim & Donna Lavigne

10 am Andrew Lane & Beth Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Ann Foster, Patti McGrath, Ann Wisted

10 am Jim & Sandra Lane, Joe Butler

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, Doug McFarlane, Mary Bishop, Gail Scott, Percy Leslie, Will James, Kathy Hackett, Danny Murray, 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, Eileen Shaw, Alberta McDow, Theresa Ryan, a Special Intention, Buddy Perry, David Branscombe, Marilyn Galbraith, Ann Whelan

***Question of the week for December 3
First Sunday of Advent***

Reading 1 Isaiah 63:16-17; 64.1,3-8

Reading 11 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Key Passage: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Adult: At this time, how faithful do you feel you are being to God's plan for you?

Child: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

NEW FAITH SHARING GROUP

This is an invitation for anyone to join a group of people sharing life and faith, valuing one another, connecting with the Church's story and reaching out in service.

Our fast paced lives leave us little time to reflect the meaning of life. Faith Groups give you a chance to slow down, recall the day or week in quiet time and listen to yourself and others. In this group, we will focus some on Outreach. Our concern, care and love of others is a measure of our love for God. Through Outreach that we share in the mission of Jesus.

WHEN: Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm

GROUP GUIDES: Bob Donovan 643-1880 &

Tracie Dyker 609-5867

All are welcome!!

Advent/Christmas Concert in our Church

Sunday, December 17 from 2 - 4 pm

Featuring :

Treble Clef, Tracy Friars, Luan Salmon,

Aiden & Natalie London & St Joseph's Parish Choir

Admission: A freewill Offering in support of the

"Paint St. Joe's" Campaign

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

HOPE CENTRE NEWS

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

Mondays from 7 - 8 pm \$40 for 6 weeks. Register at 653-6875 or 609-5867 (Tracie). All welcome!!

MOMS & TOTS

Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:15
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

The all new H.O.P.E. Centre Bingo each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Games begin at 6:50 pm.

Please come out for a great night of fun.....looking forward to seeing everyone. *The Bingo Team*

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

Saturday, Dec 2 from 9 am to 2 pm
Come finish up your shopping here! Or.....are looking to find that perfect gift for that person who seems to have everything.
You just might find it here!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

I am looking for volunteers that can help me with the Craft Sale....I am looking for someone to play Santa from 11 am to 1 pm to be available for people to take cell picture of their pets and kids and someone who would hand out candy canes and hot chocolate outside.

IF anyone has any other ideas that would add to this theme... this would be much appreciated!

Thanking you in advance, Tracie 609-5867

Foot Care Clinics

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

Breakfast, Sunday December 3
9 to 11:30 am Adults \$8.00, Children \$5.00 and Family of four \$23.00.

DEL WORDEN & FRIENDS

Annual Christmas Concert

Monday, December 4 from 7 - 9 pm in the H.O.P.E. Centre. Tickets \$10 each or \$20 for a family of 3 or more are available in the Church Office of at the door.

A Prize will be given for the best festive sweater/outfit.

All proceeds in support of the Centre Programs & Services.

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.

CWL NEWS

It is that time of year to collect our annual dues of \$20. Being a member of The Catholic Women's League of Canada adds your voice to some 82,000 women in Canada, strong in their faith, have their voice heard in government, and share the love of their community.

Our Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held Wednesday, November 29 at 6 pm in the H.O.P.E. Centre - doors open at 5:15 pm. The menu is Turkey Dinner with all the fixin's and the cost is \$10

LAKESWOOD HEADSTART INC.

The Headstart is in need of the following items for their Christmas Dinners:

canned yellow beans, macaroni, envelopes of turkey gravy, cans or bottles of juice, drinking boxes, canned icing.

The Advent Wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God.

There are three purple candles representing Hope, Love & Peace and a pink candle representing Joy.

While the Advent wreath with its four candles did bring light to churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize the coming of Christ. The Advent wreath began in the time of the Protestant reformer Martin Luther. During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us. The wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

KEEP ALERT KEEP AWAKE

During the Advent Season we will be helping two non-profit organizations - A.I.D.S. SJ and Lakewood Headstart Inc. These organizations work very hard to better the lives of their clientele but sometimes they too become the needy especially during this time of year.

During the four weeks of Advent we are being invited to share our blessings with those less fortunate. There will be specific items requested for each Sunday of Advent.

Week 1 will be for Lakewood Headstart and we are asking for Gift Cards. (see list)

Week 2 Food for Lakewood Headstart. (see list)

Week 3 Monetary Donation for A.I.D.S. Saint John

Week 4 Personal Care Items for A.I.D. S. Saint John (see list)

"Jesus said 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'"

Week 1 Gift Cards suggestions - McAllister Place, Walmart, Old Navy, Winners, Subway, Tim Hortons, Dollar Store, Movie \$\$, Giant Tiger

Week 2 Food Items suggestions - canned soup, fruit, vegetables & meat; kraft dinner, evaporated milk, instant rice, peanut butter, cheese spread, cereal, snack size fruit/pudding, juice boxes, granola or snack bars, pasta, spaghetti sauce, jam, tea/coffee/hot chocolate

Week 3 Monetary Donations to A.I.D.S. Saint John

Week 4 Personal Care Items - tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap & wash cloth, shampoo & conditioner, body wash, razors & shaving cream, deodorant, lotion, sanitary supplies, kleenex (small paks), toilet paper, lip balm

Note from Bishop Harris:

In response to the Rohingya persecution in Myanmar, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is working with Caritas Bangladesh to support a food distribution program along the border with Myanmar. Development and Peace is also assisting Bangladeshis with food and other emergency relief given the enormous strain that the refugee crisis is having on their own country's very limited resources.

You are invited to help raise awareness within your diocese / eparchy about the unfolding crisis and to direct interested donors to the website of Development and Peace for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund. Until 28 November 2017 the Government of Canada will match all donations made to Development and Peace or any other eligible Canadian charity:

<https://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/bangladesh>.

Tickets are on sale now for Measha Brueggergosman's only concert within our diocese this season! The Home for the Holidays concert at Saint John High School, is Friday December 15 at 7:30 PM. Tickets \$30 plus HST at Harbour Station Box Office or www.harbourstation.ca. Proceeds benefit Cathedral Restoration Project.

The Sound of Music at St. Malachy's High School on Thursday, November 30, at 7 pm, on Friday, December 1, at 7 pm and on Saturday, December 2, at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets \$15. Call the school (658-5361) to reserve or drop by to purchase.

"A humble, loyal and dedicated man." Join us for The **Annual Spiritus Award Dinner & Auction** in support of Divine Mercy Catholic School. We're proud to be posthumously honouring Franklin O. Leger, Q.C. on Thursday, November 30th, at the Delta Hotel at 7:00 pm with special performance by the DMCS children's choir, a live auction and presentation of the Spiritus Award by Most Reverend Bishop Harris. Cocktails and silent auction begin at 6:00 pm. Tickets for sale at Divine Mercy Catholic School or by calling (506) 642-8122.

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 December 1.

Come And See Evening - Have you ever thought of serving our Lord as a priest? Have questions about discernment, seminary, or the life of a priest? Join us for a come and see vocations evening hosted by Father Peter Melanson on Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Church, 348 Rockland Road.

Mass for the Respect of Human Life. Wed., Dec. 6, 7 pm, Divine Mercy Catholic School Chapel. Everyone welcome.

Evening Prayer at Carmel Chapel, 105 Burpee Ave. on Thursday, December 7, at 7 pm.

All are welcomed to the sounds of song, psalm, silence and prayer. A peaceful 30-40 minute experience.

Merging for Revitalization

Our diocesan process for revitalization and realignment has been long and challenging. At this point, the final decisions have not been made. Not surprisingly the proposed models for realignment have generated a wide range of responses. Many have indicated that it was long overdue. Many as well, though accepting the need for change have been disturbed by the possibilities proposed. Most especially if their church building might be closed. It might help to clarify what is involved. It is important to keep in mind the meaning of the two words "parish" and "church". A "parish" is a community of believers in particular area. A "church" is the site or building in which they gather. The models proposed for realignment and revitalization are directed at the "parish". The models proposed or whatever models are in the final decision are intended to merge our present parish communities in a way that they form new parish communities. It is not about one parish staying open and others joining it. In fact all parishes will cease to exist as new communities will be created from them. The reason or goal for this is to create new parish communities that respond to the present day needs of the faith community of the whole diocese. Our present parish communities emerged over a period of more than a century and a half in response to the needs of various times. This process is an effort to respond to the needs of this time. In particular, to create communities of disciples ready to share the gospel (evangelize) with people of all ages in the 21st century.

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE EVENTS

Call 849-5125 to reserve and/or book

Senior's Mass & Lunch

Wednesday, December 6 - Mass celebrated at 11 am by Father Ken Weir followed by Lunch \$10

Annual Christmas Luncheon & Bridge
Friday, December 8 \$20 per person

Annual Chowder/Chili Lunch & Supper as well as Artisan Craft Sale Tuesday, December 12
3 sittings