

**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.

Office Tues - Thurs 10 am to 2 pm Closed Monday & Friday

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September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 1

3:30 pm Rosary will be prayed

4 pm Special Intention for Terry Finn

Saturday, September 8

4 pm Doug Elliott

**Non-perishable goods will be collected for
the Lakewood Headstart Inc.**

Sunday, September 9

10 am Vince Desmond

Sunday, September 2

10 am Joan Frigault

1 - 2 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, September 3

Office Closed

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday, September 2, here at St. Joseph's
from 1 - 2 pm.**

Tuesday, September 4

10 am Seniors Exercises

Wednesday, September 5

12 noon Father Bill Elliott

7 pm Latin Line Dancing

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.

Thursday, September 6

12 noon Fr The People

5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, September 7

Office Closed

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Offerings:

Offertory \$2179

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR September 9
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Isaiah 35:4-7

Reading 11 James 2:1-5

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Key Passage: Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? (James 2.5)

Adult: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

Child: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

For September 8 & 9

Lectors

4 pm Jim & Donna Lavigne

10 am Glen Savoie & Beth Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Fred & Patti McGrath, Wanda Quigley

**10 am Carol Hussey, Pauline Winters,
Jonathan Cann**

95th Anniversary Celebrations for St. Joseph's Church beginning Saturday, September 15 with **Bingo** Games at 6:50 pm. Tickets \$35 on sale now. **"Fun Day"** Sunday, September 16 after 10 am Mass. Details to follow.

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, Ann Quigg

Attention CWL Members:

CWL ladies will meet Monday, September 10 at 7 pm in the Boardroom of the H.O.P.E. Centre. Welcome back....

The "New to you" Sale will be held in October. Cleaning out your closet? Anyone having donations of new and used items - purses, scarves, jewellery, coats - please drop them off at the Church Office or Bingo or Senior's Exercises or Mass Times.

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.

H.O.P.E. CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

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

Monday

Line Dancing in the AM will begin shortly

7 - 8 pm Yoga with Manon returns on *Sept 10th*. This will be week 1 of a 6 week session. Registration is \$40 per person. Come join in, stretch a bit, and chill!

Tuesdays

10 am Seniors Exercises
Seniors Cards will resume soon

Wednesdays

7 pm Latin Line Dancing

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.

Community News

AITKEN'S PEWTER COMMEMORATIVE

ORNAMENT of St. John the Baptist Parish is available for a cost of \$20 at the Stella Maris and St. John the Baptist Parish Office, 201 Bayside Drive or at The Catholic Bookstore.

September 28 – 30 – AASEA Annual Atlantic Conference. Call Bob McDermott at 696-4772 to register.

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 September 7.

Rocmaura Auxiliary Annual Meeting & Membership Banquet

will be held Monday, Sept. 10th, in Rocmaura Club Room. Social at 5 pm and Dinner 5:30 pm. Turkey dinner and dessert will be served. The cost is \$15.00 and tickets must be purchased in advance – no tickets will be available at the door. Membership (\$3.00) will be collected at the door. There will also be 50/50 tickets sold. You may obtain your tickets at any of the following ways: At Rocmaura Nursing Home ~ Receptionist desk, Parks St. entrance, Monday to Friday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm or reserve your ticket by mailing a cheque to Rocmaura Auxiliary, 10 Parks St., Saint John, NB, E2K 4P1. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Sept. 4th. For further information, contact Marie Murphy 849-4496.

David Myles headlines the Concert for the Cathedral Friday, November 16, 2018 6:30 – 11:00 PM at Kings Church in Quispamsis with performances by renowned Irish duo Evans & Doherty and Mary Beth Marks. Three great performers. One evening of award-winning music for the entire family. Advance tickets on sale now \$50 + svc fees at Harbour Station Box Office 800.267.2800 or www.harbourstation.ca Tickets at the door \$60 + HST. All proceeds benefit the Cathedral Restoration Project.

Dear Parishioners:

We have moved our Parish Office to the H.O.P.E. Centre and as a result our Rectory is vacant. Our Parish Pastoral Council in consultation with our Parish Finance Council have made the decision to demolish the Parish Rectory this coming September. We have investigated the option of moving the building to another building lot. However, after considerable discussion in consultation with reputable builders and those who have experience in moving buildings, it has been determined that the Rectory is too large to move and would need to be cut into too many pieces to make it a viable option to move the building.

This having been said, we invite our Parishioners to view the interior of the building to see if there is anything they would like to purchase prior to the demolition. I.E. – windows, doors, cabinets, flooring, staircase, etc. **The opportunity to view the interior will be September 8th and 9th after each of our Masses.** It is our intention that the building can be demolished this fall prior to winter setting in. The cost to insure the building, heat the building and the upkeep needed to maintain the building have proven to be too costly and therefore the decision to level the building was made.

All materials that are to be salvaged must be removed by those purchasing the materials and must all be done on the weekend of September 22-23, 2018. The building will be levelled the following week.

If you have any questions or for more information please contact Peter Chouinard at jpeterchouinard@gmail.com or 506-696-7065.

Celebrating New Birth – Truly God’s Work

A number of years ago a call came from the maternity ward of the hospital. A young dad was calling to report the birth of his first child. “Cindy has just given birth, a little girl. Can you come up and see us?”

A short time later I arrived at the hospital and went up to maternity. Walking down the corridor I saw the young man standing in the doorway of his wife’s room. In obvious excitement, he grabbed my arm and hauled me into the room, exclaiming: “Come and see what we’ve made!”

A new birth is an exciting thing. It deserves to be proclaimed and celebrated. That new dad was doing precisely that. Just the look on his face expressed the excitement. As he looked at his wife his love for her and the wonder of what had taken place was obvious.

I am sure that after the excitement, will come other sensations – anxiety and worry about how to care for this little one. But also there would be joy and gratitude for what God had worked through his wife and him. A new birth is a wondrous thing, truly God’s work.

This weekend our diocese gives birth to a whole series of new parishes. From clusters of three or four communities, we see new parishes just beginning. This is a moment marked by great faith and hope for the future. It is a time to celebrate.

As we move into the future in our new parishes, there will be some anxiety and uncertainty. There may even be some sense of loss as we leave what we had for something new. But this is a time for hope and promise as we see the birth of new opportunities in our new parish communities. A new birth is a wondrous thing, truly God’s work.

Our Scriptures offer us wonderful stories that reveal God’s work in our lives. The Old Testament story of the Exodus presents us with a classic image of where we are now. As Moses led the people of God out of Egypt and had them embark on the trek to the Promised Land there was surely some excitement and also relief that they were leaving the bondage in which they had been held. This was a trek to freedom filled with hope and promise.

As they left Egypt they did not know all the struggles and blessing that they would encounter as they trekked through the desert. There would be hope, but there would also be setbacks. There would be times when some would lament what they had left behind and they would argue that they go back. But others recognized that God was with them and would stay with them. And God did. It was in the desert, in the midst of their challenges that they came to recognize they were a People of God. Their new birth in freedom was a wondrous thing, truly God’s work.

Today our diocese and our parish are experiencing new birth. The hope and promise of this new birth is that we can build active, vital and life-giving communities of faith open to all. Revitalization means the promise of full churches, with liturgies that include all generations – children, youth, adults and seniors. Our new parishes aim to be inclusive and welcome to all, members and strangers. We are called to offer faith formation, prayer opportunities, and outreach for all. Are we there now? No, but we will be working towards this goal in the years to come. May we recognize that this journey begins a wondrous thing, truly God’s work.

