

**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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September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 8
4 pm Doug Elliott**

**Saturday, September 15
4 pm Percy Leslie**

**Sunday, September 9
10 am Vince Desmond**

**Sunday, September 16
10 am Tom Flaglor
11:30 am - 2 pm 95th Anniversary of
St. Joseph's Church**

**Monday, September 10
Office Closed
7 pm CWL Meeting
Yoga**

**Tuesday, September 11
10 am Seniors Exercises
1 pm Seniors Cards**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, September 9, at St. Rose of Lima
from 1 - 2 pm.**

Weekday Mass will not be celebrated

**Wednesday, September 12
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 13
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo**

**Friday, September 14
Office Closed**

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Offerings:

Offertory \$1855.

**Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$205.
(monthly) \$1960.**

Those In Need \$598.

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.

For September 15 & 16

Lectors

4 pm Bill Wiseman & Paula Harper

10 am Jack Nielsen & Sandra Butler

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Carol & Art Ryan, Michelle Luck

**10 am George & Wanda Quigley,
Pauline Hughes**

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

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR September 16 **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading 1 Isaiah 50:4-9

Reading 11 James 2:14-18

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Key Passage: *Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. (James 2:17-18)*

Adult: *Why should faith always ?*

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

95th Anniversary of St Joseph's Church

Come join us in celebrating our 95th Anniversary with a fun day of activities, 16 September, 11:30 am to 2 pm. Free bouncie castle / slide for the kids and other activities. Games and food available for a small fee. Special BINGO Saturday night as part of the festivities. A limited number of tickets are available, (\$35.00) at the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday 10-2. Max 125 Tickets to be sold. Regular games \$100.00 and a jackpot of \$1000.00. Doors open at 5:30 warm up games begin at 6:45.

Parish Turkey Dinner, 23 Sept, \$15.00, in the H.O.P.E. Centre. Doors open 4:45 pm serving time 5 pm. Tickets available at the Parish Office Tuesday to Thursday 10 am to 2 pm and at the door at 5:15 pm while supplies last.

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.

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

Monday Morning Adult Line Dancing (Country, Oldies, Latin, Pop, Seasonal, etc.) - Something for Everyone - Monday Mornings, 10:30 until Noon - 10:30 to 11:30 Beginner, 11:30 to 12:00 Improver - The next 5 week session begins on Monday, October 15th - Registration for the session - \$35.00. Drop-in rate - \$9.00 - Bring comfortable shoes (no street shoes) and No Scents please. Come join in on the fun.

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

1 pm Seniors Cards - all are welcome

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....

Fridays

Friday Night Adult Line Dancing (Country, Oldies, Latin, Pop, Seasonal, etc.) - Something for Everyone - Friday Evenings, 7:00 until 8:30 - 7:00 to 8:00 Beginner, 8:00 to 8:30 Improver - The next 5 week session begins on Friday, October 19th - Registration for the session - \$35.00, Drop-in rate - \$9.00 - Bring comfortable shoes (no street shoes) and No Scents please. Come join in on the fun.

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.

Adult Dance featuring **Party Line** is returning to H.O.P.E. Centre on Friday, September 28th. Tickets are available at the St. Joseph's Parish Office. Please call 653-6856. Get your tickets now! Only \$10.00. Doors open at 8 pm, band plays from 9 pm to 12 midnight. Cash bar.

Community News

Evening Prayer at Carmel Chapel, 105 Burpee Ave. on Thursday, September 13, at 7 pm. **All** are welcomed to the sounds of song, psalm, silence and prayer. A peaceful 30-40 minute experience.

KV Memory Café Welcome back to this 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 Mark Harris, First Link Coordinator, to give us an "Overview of programs and services of the Alzheimer Society", and Layton Peck and Greta Gilmore will entertain us with well-loved songs. The KV Memory Café is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from September to May. Please join us Sunday September 9 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 parking signed 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."

Tickets for the **Tracy Friars & Family Celebrate Show** at Imperial Theatre on Nov. 26th go on sale Monday Sept. 17th. Tickets available at the Box Office at 10 am and by phone/online starting at 11 am. Tickets are \$20 with a LIMIT of 10 per person. Proceeds from this show will support the 5 Priority Neighborhoods and the establishment of a permanent endowment fund through Greater Saint John Community Foundation, the Friars Family "Celebrate" fund.

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 21.

Realignment to New Parishes: Now What?

This month as we began to come together in new parishes, the Franciscan writer, Fr. Richard Rohr in his "Daily Meditations" online began a series of reflections on the early Christian Church. As he reflected, he noted some significant aspects of the earliest Christian communities.

Christians were called to live always in relationship – to God and to one another. Christian faith is essentially a community faith. It is not focused on us as individuals. Rather, as the Trinity expresses the loving relationship that is our God, so we as God's People are called to live and honour our lives in loving relationship with one another. We are a faith of communities.

These Christians were also marked by their inclusivity. As they shared their resources and energies with one another, they also opened themselves to welcome all others. There are no barriers or limits to God's love. So there could be no exclusions from the love and compassion of these communities of Christians.

The revitalization that is the goal of our new parishes is really a call to reach back to our roots, to our early ancestors in the faith. We seek to create faith communities that are open and inclusive, ready to share what we have with all of God's People. There is no place for self-centered protection of "what we own or have." There can only be a generosity of spirit in which we pour out our time, talent and resources for others.

Some 1800 years ago, at a time when Christians were being persecuted Tertullian, a third century Christian lawyer and writer living in a North African community, made the case for Christianity. He commented that someone who was not a Christian would look at how they lived and could well say: "See how they love one another... and how they are ready to die for each other."

Our ancestors in the faith created communities of believers who were ready to live as disciples of Jesus. Like him, they strove to reflect the open and healing love of God. It is a love that is life-giving to others. It is also a love that opens the doors of the community to all, without exception. This is truly Good News and these communities sought to share it with everyone, not just in words, but more in action. This is what we mean by evangelization. Our new parishes are being called to become open and inclusive communities, ready to share our lives, time, talent and resources with one another and beyond.

May the Spirit of God be poured into our hearts that we may grow into communities of disciples, marked by generous, self-giving love, truly a People of God.