

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH
St. Joseph's Church Stella Maris Church St. William's Church

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

&

H.O.P.E. Centre News
4347 Loch Lomond Road
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Rev. Ralph McRae, Moderator
Rev. Rodrigo Tabilona

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 Hours Mon - Thurs 10 am to 2 pm Closed Friday

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

Saturday, February 16
4 pm Bill McGrath

Sunday, February 17
10 am Ruby Gray
Terri Chouinard

Monday, February 18
Family Day - Office & Centre Closed

Tuesday, February 19
8:30 am Soup Pot Day for Avenue B
10 - 11:30 am Moms & Tots
10 am Seniors Exercises
1 pm Seniors Cards

Wednesday, February 20
12 noon Betty Montague
7 pm Latin Line Dancing

Thursday, February 21
5:30 pm Doors open for Bingo

Friday, February 22
12 noon For The People

Saturday, February 23
4 pm Tom Flaglor

Sunday, February 24
10 am Hugh McGuire

Please pray for our Catechumens -
Leisa Dubee, Susan Ouellette &
Pamela Stevenson as they journey through
the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, February 17 at Villa Madonna
Retreat House from 2 - 4 pm.

PARISH FINANCES

Last Week's Offerings:

Offertory \$2511.

Pre-authorized Debit (weekly) \$230.

Those in Need \$67.

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.

February 23 & 24

Lectors

4 pm Bernie Desmond & Paula Harper

10 am Wanda Quigley & Beth Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm Linda Hackett, Joe Butler,

Pauline Hughes McKillop,

10 am Fred & Marian Frigault, Patti Davis

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.

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-McKillop 696-7907 to arrange a visit.

Faith Fair- Spring 2019

The Faith Fair is a gathering of religious items throughout the year, displayed in the Spring and there for the taking. A Goodwill jar will be available for those who wish to make a contribution otherwise all items are *Free*.

Anyone who would like to donate items for the Faith Fair please drop in box at entrance to the Church at Mass times or give to Wanda Quigley (696-4996).

- books - pamphlets - Rosarys - Prayer Cards
- figurines - statues - crucifixes - Bibles
- medals - Jewellery
- miscellaneous religious items

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Reading 11 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Luke 9:18-24

Key Passage: *Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 27-28)*

Adult: *What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who hurt you?*

Child: *When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?*

Soup Pot Day for Avenue B – Feb. 19th

Please gather with us at 8:30 am on Tuesday Feb. 19th 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.

Our Lady Of Good Counsel CWL is offering a \$300.00 bursary for 2019. Applicant must be a first year student. The bursary will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed high school and has been enrolled in a recognized secondary education institution (University, college, technical school etc.) Application Forms are at the front door of the church and must be received by March 10,2019 to H.O.P.E Center office which is open 10 am-2pm Monday - Thursday.

H.O.P.E. CENTRE NEWS

Any questions call 653-6875

Monday

10:30 am Adult Line Dancing
Drop-in rate - \$9.00 - Bring comfortable shoes (no street shoes) and No Scents please.

7 - 8 pm Yoga with Manon

The cost is \$30 per person. Drop-ins \$8
Spread the word, tell your friends and neighbours. Come out and enjoy the stretch and relaxation.

Tuesdays

9:30 am Moms & Tots

10 am Seniors Exercises

1 pm Seniors Cards - all are welcome

Wednesdays

Latin Line Dancing

Beginners 6:30 -7pm, 5\$ drop in, Regulars 7-8:30 pm paid or 10\$ drop in - See you there

FOOT CARE CLINIC

Last Wednesday of each month Cost \$40 - provided by nurses trained in Advance & Diabetic Care. Call 847-0254

Thursdays

Bingo....Doors open at 5:30 pm
Games begin at 6:50 pm. Come out for a night of fun and relaxation....

Moms & Tots Program Tuesdays at 9:30 am.
This structured play time is held in the Church Basement (enter by the front door of the Centre and go down in the elevator). The cost is \$2 per family.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019 will be celebrated Friday, March 1 at 2 pm in the H.O.P.E. Centre. This year's service was prepared by a committee from Slovenia and the theme is "Come - Everything is Ready". Hosted by Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish - All are welcome - light refreshments will be served.

Community News

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 is February 22.

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 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. Please ask your family and friends to join you in helping those who rely on blood and blood products. A little of your time could give someone else a lifetime.

To All Cursiستا's: There will be an Ultreya on Tuesday, February 19th, at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 171 Pettingill Road, Quispamsis. For more information call Charlie LeBlanc at 654-0822. Please use the back entrance.

Baptized in Christ, Sealed with the Spirit, Sent Forth in Mission: You are invited to a Pre-Lenten Reflection Evening, Wednesday, February 20, Villa Madonna Retreat House, Saint John 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Come and discover how exploring the deeper meaning of our baptism, can better prepare us to celebrate the Easter Triduum. The evening will be facilitated by Sr. Gertrude Mulholland, SCIC. No fee: Donations gratefully accepted.

AASEA Day Silent-Guided Retreat

The Mystery of God's Love and Mercy
On Thursday March 14 from 9:30am – 4:30pm a Silent-Guided Lenten Retreat will be held at the Villa Madonna Retreat Centre. This Silent Lenten retreat will include 2 guided prayer exercises and an opportunity for spiritual conversation. Also ample time for relaxation and walks in nature are built into the day's schedule. The day will conclude with Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Bill Brennan.

For more information or to register: Contact Peter Chouinard at peterchouinard@gmail.com or call 696-7065

Look.....at a Book! ***The Divine Dynamic*** by John Surette, sj
Tuesdays – 2 to 3:45pm March 12, 19 and 26
Facilitator: Mary Alice Glasgow
Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rothesay
Pre-registration: Donna at 847-3780
shroe@nb.sympatico.ca
Ellen at 847-5131 ellenrobert@hotmail.com
A 'Look" is 'not learning' a Book but can be the beginning of new awareness, both enjoyable and necessary. "This book opens a way to see God, the Planet of which we are a part, and the ways we relate to one another".
Book (both new and used) available at Amazon.ca.

WINTERLUDE BINGO - will be held at St. Pius X Church (Holy Redeemer Parish)
316 Somerset St., on Wednesday, February 27, with the Early Bird Games beginning at 6:00 p.m., and the Regular Games at 7:00 p.m.
\$1,000 Jackpot - \$20/person. Canteen services available.

Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick (CMHA of NB) Saint John –
Understanding Anxiety & Panic Disorder, an eight-week program for individuals diagnosed with generalized anxiety and/or panic disorders. Tuesdays beginning March 12th. If you have any questions or require additional information, please visit our website
<https://cmhanb.ca/category/programs-and-services/saint-john-programs/> or call our office at 633-1705.

Blessed Are You: Who Are We

There is a story of an anxious, dyslexic, insomniac who was also an atheist. He laid awake all night worrying whether or not there was a DOG. Hopefully we do not find ourselves in this predicament. But we may sometimes wonder about what kind of GOD is at the center of our faith. In fact, our God loves us deeply. Again and again in our faith, we discover that God loves us unconditionally that is, without limit, no matter what.

At the very beginning of our scriptures, in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis (1:1-31), there is a clear assertion of God's vision of us and our world. The writer tells the story of creation. After each step in the process, the story relates: "And God saw that it was good." As God completed the creation work, the author remarked: "God saw everything that was made, and indeed, it was very good."

In the words of spiritual writer, Ron Rolheiser: "This tells us how God feels about us and the world, and it contains the implication that we should feel the same way about ourselves and the rest of the world: 'good, very good!'" (Rolheiser. Against an Infinite Horizon 31)

God delights in us and all creation. So too, should we. This is the message we see in Luke's Gospel this Sunday. He tells the story of the Sermon on the Plain, just Matthew relates the story of the Sermon on the Mount. Both of these stories begin with what we have come to call beatitudes, that is, blessings.

Blessings are acknowledgements that we take delight in someone. In parts of Canada, there is an old New Years tradition of parents blessing their children as the year begins. As they enter the New Year, their parents explicitly tell them of their delight in them. What a wonderful way to begin a year.

To bless someone is an expression of our love for them. We need such affirmations and our world needs this vision of promise. It is no small thing that our faith offers us a vision that God sees us all as good. Beatitudes are at the core of who we are as disciples of Jesus.

We are not about commandments, judgements and rules to follow. We are about recognizing the blessing that each and every person is in our world and before God. Seeing and acknowledging such blessings are the foundation of every good relationship, whether with one another or with our God. They are the basis for a life-giving and loving faith.

If we really want to know what it means to be and to live as disciples of Jesus, we can begin with what we see in these blessings and how we can recognize them in ourselves, in one another and in our world.