WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – July 17, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES: Saturday – July 20th - St. Anthony's, Upham 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – July 21ST St. Alphonsus, Hampton 9:30 a.m.

St. Bridget's, Chapel Grove 11:30 a.m.

** Tuesday Evening Liturgy suspended until early September **

SUMMERTIME FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET – Only <u>four</u> weekends not covered. Sheet is in the foyer of St. Alphonsus, to the right as you come in the front door. <u>Please consider volunteering for one Sunday</u>. Your help gives a much needed "summertime break" for your Arts and Environment Committee. There is also a similar break for those that compose our weekly prayers. When in doubt, there are parishioners that will give you guidance. You only need to ask.

TRINITY CHURCH, SAINT JOHN: Their "Summer Sounds 2024" fundraising program will run Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. until August 26th. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. at both Charlotte and Germain Street entrances. This weekly series will feature easy listening and classical selections performed by fine local musicians. A free will offering will be taken - half each to the performers and for the Chiming & Timing of the Steeple Bells. Here is the list of scheduled performers for the remainder of July and the month of August. Check the bulletin board for more information:

July 22: Calvary Temple Music Team - Praise music;

July 29: Steven Mott & Friends - 'Summer Strings';

August 05: Michael Molloy - 'Organ Variations';

August 12: Easy Listening & Humour - 'Cool Chicks & Ugly Doclings';

August 19: Rachel & Richard Kidd - Classical Violin and Piano; and

August 26: Broadway Show Tunes - Saint John Chorale.

Trinity Church's congregation dates from 1783 and is known as "Saint John's Loyalist Church". It has a spiritual ambience and is a fine example of English gothic architecture. Acoustics are perfect for this music program.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS - Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Retreat takes place on **September 27-29, 2024 at the Villa Madonna Retreat Center** (Rothesay NB, contact (506) 451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org).

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS - Whether it's helping father during Mass or at the altar, reading or

music or working around church property, we all have a little something to give. Without your help, who can predict the future of our parish? Come, join a team. Call (506) 832-3327. Many hands make light work.

WEE ONES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: I have already delivered the majority of bottles and envelopes that were returned, Father's Day, for this year's fundraising campaign for the Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre – counting day was June 25th. I am looking for a few more bottles © If you have one, please drop it off at either St. Anthony's or St. Alphonsus as soon as possible. I will soon be making one last trip to Sussex to drop them off.

CHURCH YARD SALE – SAINT ANN'S (135 Simpson Drive, Saint John): There will be a fundraising churchyard sale, Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See poster on bulletin board.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE FOURTH WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - 28 JULY 2024: "On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path.

To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me."

COOKIES FOR ROMERO HOUSE – Last Friday of this month is July 26th. Shelagh and Don. sincerely appreciate your help with their monthly "Cookies for Romero House" campaign. <u>ALL</u> donations gladly accepted. Contact Shelagh or Don. at (506) 943-3493.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC UPDATE: 82 youth and chaperones from the Diocese of Saint John travelled to the Steubenville Atlantic Conference in Halifax Nova Scotia July 5-7th, 2024 accompanied by Bishop Riesbeck, Fr. Burns, Fr. Knox and Fr. Savariraj.

They had an amazing time and shared their highlights of the weekend with a video. The video is available for viewing on the Diocese of Saint John Website.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." – John 1:5

DIOCESAN NEWS:

Fr. Cornelius Ngurukwen, SMMM, as he is installed as Pastor of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish in the Miramichi July 13, at the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Fr. Antonio Reyes, as he is installed as Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in the Miramichi July 14, at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's Basilica.

Fr. Callistus Abazie, SMMM, as he is installed as Pastor of St. John Paul II Parish in Oromocto July 21, at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Fr. Dan Bastarache who recently entered retirement after many faithful years of service, most recently as pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

YOUTH RALLY SAVE THE DATE – "Take Up His Calling", a Diocesan Youth Rally, for high school students, will take place at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 1:00 pm-6:30 pm. For those that attend there will be an afternoon of sports, activities, faith, fellowship, worship and prayer.

VISIONING YOUTH MINISTRY IN OUR PARISHES -message from Patricia Lee, Diocese of Saint John: "Do you feel a burden of spiritual concern for high school aged youth in your parish? Do you feel a nudge from the Holy Spirit to help address the needs for evangelizing young people? Patricia Lee and Jim Anderson will be facilitating a day of reflection and discernment for anyone interested in discussing the needs and initiatives for the evangelization of young people in our parishes. This is for current and new people drawn to building youth groups in your parish. The gathering will be held at the Villa Madonna Retreat house in Rothesay, Tuesday, August 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Snacks and lunch will be provided."

Please register by email to: catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by calling (506) 627-6465.

If you are interested in building youth groups, click this link to register: Youth Ministers Gathering (office.com)

MILESTONES: Please join me in congratulating Patsy and George Kelly on their 61st wedding anniversary, Dee Dee and Les Holland on their 46th wedding anniversary and Sheila and Gary Boudreau on their 45th wedding anniversary. True love never dies. And "happy birthday" Muriel Buckley. Congratulations everyone.

Be Safe,
Wendy McGee
Parish Secretary
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