

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – May 29, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – June 1st	St. Anthony's, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – June 2nd	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
	St. Bridget's, Chapel Grove 11:30 a.m.		
	Tuesday – June 4th	Evening Liturgy	6:30 p.m.
		Rosary after evening liturgy	

WEE ONES BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - The Sussex Pregnancy and New Parents Care Centre (SPCC) annual fundraising campaign is under way. They offer free confidential testing, advice and resources for making informed choices. This ministry in our community reaches out to teens, women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy and parents in need of support and resources. They do important work in our area.

Baby Bottles or a specially marked envelope is available in the foyer of St. Alphonsus and St. Anthony's church. The campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, June 16th. Some drop a daily or weekly cash donation into their bottle or enclose a cheque made payable to Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre (SPCC) at the end of the campaign; the choice is yours to make. The baby bottle, with attached label for identification and receipt purposes, or envelope, is returned to the church and we forward them to the Pregnancy Centre.

IF YOU TAKE A BOTTLE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST. It helps, at the end of the campaign, to ensure I have all the bottles collected before I forward our donations to the Pregnancy Centre. See poster on bulletin board.

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION– To mark the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), a Eucharistic procession will take place, this Sunday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m., between the morning Masses at the Cathedral, around the Cathedral block. All are invited to attend.

AASEA RETREATS –Silent Directed Retreats are being offered with directors from the Saint John Local AASEA at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in June. A 5 – Day Silent Directed Retreat takes place from Mon., June 10 to Fri., June 14, 2024, with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$570.00 due upon arrival. A 4 – Day option is also available from Tue., June 11 to Fri., June 14, 2024 with a registration cost of \$130.00 and \$400.00 due upon arrival. Pre-retreat instalment payment may be arranged. For registration and more information, please contact Bob McDermott at mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca. These retreats are for those seeking an atmosphere of silence. They include daily meetings with a director and daily Eucharist.

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION ENVELOPES (yellow) - The annual collection for the Cathedral Restoration takes place this weekend on the Solemnity of Corpus Christ. If you need an envelope (yellow), there is a supply in the foyer of St. Alphonsus.

SISTERS OF CHARITY – PILGRIMAGE OF THE HEART: The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception are inviting all people to pray with them as they begin a special 170-day “Pilgrimage of the Heart” in gratitude for 170 years of presence among the people of God. This can be accomplished by praying the rosary from wherever you are for peace and healing in our world. For more information, please see the letter from Sr. Mary Beth McCurdy and Zita Longobardi, Co-chairs of the 170-day “Pilgrimage of the Heart” that is posted on the bulletin board.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE AT ST. LUKE’S – corner of Metcalf St. and Lansdowne Ave., Saint John: There will be a book and bake sale, held in St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, this Saturday, June 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Guaranteed to find some items to feed your body, mind and soul. Monies raised will be used to support much needed local community outreach programs.

For more information call (506) 693-4152 or email: stlukesportland@gmail.com

MASS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER – The next monthly Mass for Those Living with Cancer, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, will be celebrated on **Tuesday, June 18th** at 7:00 pm. Anointing of the Sick will be offered.

EVENING PRAYER IN CARMEL CHAPEL (103 Burpee Avenue, Saint John) – Next gathering **Wednesday, June 26th**. Music starts at 6:00 p.m.; prayer ritual begins at 6:30 pm.

PARKING: Both sides of Burpee Ave. and Rocmaura lot off Park Street. Weekday contact info: (506) 634-4970.

MAIL FORWARDING TO THE DIOCESAN OFFICE - The mail forwarding from Bayard Drive to the Villa will expire in June. If you have any business with the diocesan office, please make sure you use their new address: 115 Villa Madonna Road, Rothesay NB E2H 2X4.

SAINT JOHN CHORALE SPRING MUSICALE: N.B.'s national award winning choir is presenting a Spring Musicale “Back to Broadway” this coming Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's United Church, 50 Dexter Drive, Saint John west. Guest soprano: Mary Louise Belyea. Scrumptious desserts and tea will be served. Cost: adult \$20.00; student \$10.00; children free. The Chorale, the only NB choir to place, won 1st place in Community Choirs at the National Festival 2023-2024. See poster on bulletin board.

INTO HIS LIKENESS: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ - A three-week personal retreat on Zoom to deepen our friendship with Jesus as missionary disciples. Come and join a growing group of fellow Catholics committed to parish renewal in ministry as we explore what it is to respond to the Pentecost spark of the Holy Spirit in our hearts to become more deeply committed as missionary disciples in friendship with Christ. Beginning June 4, (7 to 9 pm) join us for a three-week personal formation Zoom retreat of daily prayer and reflection, with weekly group discussion and faith formation and accompaniment in missionary discipleship, using the book *"Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ"* by Dr Edward Sri. The book can be purchased from Amazon. To register, please contact Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or by phone at 506-627-6465.

STEBENVILLE ATLANTIC – The deadline to register for the July 5-7 Steubenville Atlantic youth conference in Halifax is June 7, 2024. The diocese is covering the cost of transportation once again this year, and parishes are encouraged to share this opportunity with high school youth. This is a transformative experience for participants and a very worthwhile investment in the youth of our diocese. Please consider providing fundraising opportunities and assisting with the cost of registration (\$300). Participants can register at the following link: <https://secure.e-registernow.com/cgi-bin/mkpayment.cgi?state=3873>. For more information, please contact Patricia Lee at catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org.

SUMMERTIME FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET – Some of you know about this sign-up sheet. For those that do not, we attempt to co-ordinate summer flower gathers to decorate the altar from early July to Sept. 1st – total of only nine Sundays, this year. This much needed "summertime break" is for the Arts and Environment Committee. There is also a similar break for those that compose our weekly prayers. Please consider signing up for at least one weekend. When in doubt, there are parishioners that will give you guidance. You only need to ask. 😊

MILESTONES: Some of you may have noticed some empty seats at the back of the church, those regularly occupied by Margaret and George Stevens. Over the span of more than 45 years, Marg. and George have been very active in our parish – in the old church across the street and this church, a church growing old gracefully thanks to George's keen eye for items that needed to be taken care of – i.e. upkeep, interior/exterior maintenance, including the parish house, heating, lighting etc. For those of you that know Marg. and George, you would know that they do not dwell too long on matters of importance. The decision they made to move to Saint John to be closer to family was well thought out. They will be missed.

I would also like to thank Fred. McBride for his many years of service to our parish. Don't worry, Fred. is not going anywhere but he has figured out it's time to "smell the roses" and slow down a little bit more. Fred. has been a member of our Eucharist, Hospitality and

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Altar Server teams. Thank you, Fred., for your many years of service.

An important date crept by me, last week. Bill Chisholm celebrated a special birthday and, this week, Wendy McNulty is celebrating her birthday. Shush ... please, do not tell Wendy that it was me that tipped you off. Happy birthday, Bill and Wendy!

Be Safe,
Wendy McGee,
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