

SUMMERTIME FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET cont.

from around the middle of June to Sept. 1st – total of only eight (was twelve but some have already signed up) 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. 😊

TRINITY CHURCH, SAINT JOHN: Their “Summer Sounds 2024” fundraising program will run Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. from June 10th to 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 rest of the month of June and all of July. Check the bulletin board for more information:

June 24: Andrew Clark - Balladeer / Guitarist;
July 01: enjoy your Summer National Holiday;
July 08: 'Back In Time' - Swing Band;
July 15: Old-Favourites Sing-a-long with Ron Maloney;
July 22: Calvary Temple Music Team - Praise music; and
July 29: Steven Mott & Friends - 'Summer Strings'.

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.

NB MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM – Looking for something to do this Summer? Until August 30th, the NB Military History Museum, Bldg. A-5, 119 Walnut Street, Gagetown, will be featuring a history of the Royal Canadian Army Chaplain Corps since the first World War. For more information call (506) 422-2000 ext. 1304 or email: nbmhm.mhmnbnb@gmail.com. See poster on bulletin board.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS - Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage. Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. 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 (Rothsay NB, contact (506) 451-8489 or ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org).

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS -

While attending Mass in our parish, have you noticed how smoothly everything appears to run? If you have not already figured it out, that's because of our dedicated teams of volunteers that make it happen. So, on that theme, would you consider joining one of our teams? Is there something that, as my father would say "catches your fancy"?

Now, before you get all defensive and say "I don't know how to do that" ... or "what could I possibly do?" take a breath and cogitate on this. To volunteer in your church, in my opinion, is one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. Every one of us has a beginning, middle and an end and if you are like me, I'm hoping for the "end" to be far off in the future but we all know that we have no control over that. That decision belongs to a far greater power than I.

As I have come to learn, the beginning, middle and end all centre around the church – baptism, confirmation, marriage, baptisms again, etc. etc. You get my drift. There is reading, composing prayers, arts and environment, music, counting collection and general maintenance of the grounds surrounding the church and parish house, to mention a few. If you are interested, please call the office {(506) 832-3327} and leave a message. We can have chat and figure out what would be a good fit for you. God bless.

BAPTISMS – During this Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus, father will be baptizing a new member into the Catholic faith – please join me in welcoming baby Elizabeth McVicar.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES – If we have all done our jobs correctly, our graduates have been blessed during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. We must continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of this education. Please join me in a silent prayer for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year:

"Father, we thank you for these graduating students. We pray that you will give them direction, purpose, and perseverance as they enter the next phase of their lives. Give them clearness of mind to move forward into the plans and purposes that You have for them."

Well done!!

MILESTONES: Lorraine and Bob Earle are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this week. Congratulations, Lorraine and Bob. Also, a few important dates are coming up in July, just in case you wanted to drop something in the mail. Father Barry is celebrating his birthday (91) July 7th; Father Savoie is celebrating his Ordination (42 yrs.) July 9th and Sister Doreen has a birthday July 14th. Mum's the word. If you are asked, remember, I did not tell you. ☺

Be Safe, Wendy McGee, Parish Secretary.