

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – May 8, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES: Saturday – May 11th St. Anthony’s, Upham 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday – May 12th St. Alphonsus, Hampton 9:30 a.m.
 St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday – May 14th NO EVENING MASS OR ROSARY

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC 2024 YOUTH CONFERENCE - check bulletin board for poster;

CAMP SHELDRAKE – check bulletin board for poster;

WEE ONES BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - The Sussex Pregnancy and New Parents Care Centre (SPCC) offer free confidential testing, advice and resources for making informed choices. Every year, they have a fund raising campaign that involves circulating “baby bottles” for us to enclose a donation to support the important work they do in our area. We also have a supply of **Wee Ones Envelopes** for you to use, if you prefer. The campaign runs for five weeks from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. How appropriate! This year, the campaign will run from Sunday, May 12th until Sunday, 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); 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 Centre at the end of their campaign. 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 Care Centre. See poster on bulletin board.

SAINT JOHN JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM – The museum will have an “artist in residence”, this summer, Roslyn Harrush. For “An Evening with Roslyn Harrush”, drop by the museum on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – free admission. You will be able to view acrylic, watercolour and print works as well as register for their Summer Art Classes. All are welcome.

Art classes will be on Sunday afternoons starting May 26th running until Sept. 15th. Each class runs from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. One class \$45.00; two classes \$85.00. See poster on bulletin board for more information or call (506) 633-1833 or email sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca

Support for this Artist-in Residence program comes from a generous grant from the Saint John Community Arts Board.

AUDITE SPRING RETREATS AT VILLA MADONNA: please note reduction in cost

4-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th to Fri., May 31st - COST: \$340.00;

2-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th to Wed., May 29th - COST: \$170.00.

Each retreat begins with supper at 5:00 p.m. on May 27th and ends at 2:00 p.m. on the last day, either May 29th or 31st. Retreats are run by a team from Audité and four invited facilitators, in an atmosphere of welcoming Silence. Persons first time for this Audité retreat may request half-price registration. Email: audite119@bellaliant.net

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.

HAMPTON FOOD BASKET'S SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE – They are looking for clean, gently used **spring and summer clothing** for the whole family **including footwear**. No winter wear please, they have limited storage space! They will also accept **bedding, towels** and **linens** that are in good shape. Please drop off your donations at St. Alphonsus Church, 22 Church Street, Hampton (back parking lot) as follows:

Thursday, May 9th – 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and
Saturday, May 11th – 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Thank you for your continued support. Distribution will be later in the month.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA – Year-round monthly donations transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Monthly donations reduce administrative costs and strengthen Caritas Canada's ability to respond quickly to emergency situations. During the Lenten Season and until Pentecost Sunday, May 19, new monthly donors will have their donations matched dollar for dollar through a fund supported by Religious Communities. You can enroll in the monthly donation program on their website, devp.org/shareyearround. Being a "Share Year-Round" donor simply means acting for social justice and human dignity all year long. Thank you for your support!

ROSE SUNDAY – MAY 12TH (MOTHER'S DAY) - Each year on Mother's Day, the Knights of

Columbus pass out red "lapel roses" before Mass to all Mothers in our congregation as a sign of our Respect for Life. Voluntary donations, accepted at the door, will be forwarded to the Mother and Child Welcome House in Fredericton. Thank you for your support.

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH – This Sunday, May 12th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at the Retreat House, 115 Villa Madonna Road, Rothesay. What a wonderful way to honour our mothers and other women in our life. Take the time to relax and enjoy the warmth and comfort of the house. Tickets are selling fast; better to **reserve** a seat than miss out.

Catered by Childs Catering the menu is:

Buttermilk Pancakes with fresh Blueberry sauce
Eggs Benedict with Hollandaise sauce on an English Muffin
Sausages, Baked Ham
Assorted Croissantwiches
Curry Squash and Tomato Basil Soup
Assorted Sweets
Coffee, Tea, Juice

COST: Adults \$25.00
Children 5 – 12 \$12.00
Children 4 and under Free

Payment can be taken at the door or e-transfer to: villa.admin@nb.aibn.com

MASS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER – Beginning this month, the Mass for Those Living with Cancer will now be celebrated on the **third (3rd) Tuesday of the month**. The next monthly Mass for Those Living with Cancer, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, will be celebrated on **Tuesday, May 21st** at 7:00 pm. Anointing of the Sick will be offered.

EVENING PRAYER IN CARMEL CHAPEL (103 Burpee Avenue, Saint John) – Next gathering May 22nd (note date change for this month only). Last Evening Prayer in this cycle will be 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.

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.

CLOSURE OF OUR LADY OF CALVARY MONASTERY, ROGERSVILLE - On April 26, 2024, the abbot general of Cistercians of the Strict Observance and his council sitting in Rome, voted to close Our Lady of Calvary Abbey in Rogersville, NB. It follows that they are officially closed. A commission has been formed to deal with the practicalities of closure. They are still there though, living their monastic life until all issues regarding this closure are resolved.

SYNOD REFLECTION SESSION SUMMARY REPORT - Following the Synod Reflection Sessions that took place in March, a summary report was compiled and sent to the CCCB to contribute to the final session of the Synod in October 2024. This report is now available on our diocesan website in both English (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synod-2021-2023>) and French (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/synode-2021-2023>). A sincere thank you to all who participated in the ongoing work of the Synod.

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

MILESTONES: Father Barry will be celebrating 65 years as a priest on Friday, May 17th. Please join me in congratulating Father Barry on this milestone. If you would like Father Barry's current mailing address, please ask.

Be Safe,
Wendy McGee,
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