

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – May 15, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – May 18th	St. Anthony’s, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – May 19th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
	St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove 11:30 a.m.		
	Tuesday – May 21st	Evening Liturgy	6:30 p.m.
		Rosary after evening liturgy	

As an outward sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts, please consider wearing red this weekend.

PENTECOST VIGIL: There will be an overnight Pentecost Vigil at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 18th through to Sunday, May 19th. The evening will begin with a talk by Bishop Riesbeck at 7:30 pm, followed by overnight exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00 pm with Benediction at 9:45 am prior to the 10:00 am Mass. Keeping in mind the Year of Prayer and the Holy Father’s encouragement to encounter Jesus through Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving, Intercession and Supplication, many moments of prayer will be offered throughout the evening in the presence of Jesus, including: Liturgy of the Hours (8:00 pm Evening Prayer, 11:45 pm Night Prayer, and 8:00 am Morning Prayer) Praise and Worship (8:30 pm, 11:00 pm, and 8:15 am); Rosary (9:30 pm), and silent adoration (10:00 pm-11:00 pm, 12:00 midnight-8:00 am). Adoration for families will be offered from 9:00 am - 9:45 am, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Come follow in the footsteps of the disciples at Pentecost as we call on the Holy Spirit to pour out his gifts in power over our diocese. For more information go to the Diocese of Saint John website and click on “Diocesan News”. A detailed schedule is listed.

PENTECOST NOVENA (note – this item was received after last week’s email was sent, hence the short notice): Join our Diocese in praying the Pentecost Novena, which began last Friday, May 10, and will conclude this Saturday, May 18 with an overnight Pentecost Vigil at the Cathedral beginning at 7:30 pm and concluding with the 10:00 am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 19. Novena prayers will be posted daily on the diocesan Facebook page.

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. Last scheduled drop off for donations at St. Alphonsus Church, 22 Church Street, Hampton (back parking lot) is Saturday, May 11th – 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Thank you for your continued support. Distribution day is Wednesday, May 22nd.

WEE ONES BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - The Sussex Pregnancy and New Parents Care Centre (SPCC) 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.

Their annual fund raising campaign for 2024 is now under way. You may take a baby bottle or use one of the specially marked envelopes to place in the collection basket. The campaign runs for five weeks from Mother's Day, May 12th 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); 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 this 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 (see list below) 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

Classes: Finger Painting for Adults and another class for Youth;
 Explore Drawing Mediums for Adults and another class for Youth;
 Introduction to Printmaking for Youth;
 Painting with Watercolour for Adults; and
 Acrylic Painting for Adults

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,

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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.

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 this Sunday, May 19 which is Pentecost Sunday, 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!

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights recently had two fundraisers – Mother’s Day basket and lapel roses. The basket was won by Mary Snyder of Sacred Heart, Norton. Between those two events, the Knights raised \$315.00 with the help of parishioners at St. Alphonsus. They are very appreciative of your support.

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

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION ENVELOPES (yellow) - The annual collection for the Cathedral Restoration takes place on the Solemnity of Corpus Christ (June 1-2, 2024 – see letter from Bishop Riesbeck included in this week’s email). If you need an envelope (yellow), there is a supply in the foyer of St. Alphonsus.

SAINT JOHN CHORALE SPRING MUSICALE: N.B.’s national award winning choir is presenting a Spring Musicale “Back to Broadway” on 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.

MILESTONES: Father Barry will be celebrating 65 years as a priest this Friday, May 17th. Please join me in congratulating Father Barry on this milestone.

Be Safe,
Wendy McGee,
Parish Secretary
BLESSED TRINITY PARISH
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PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 19, 2024

'Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love!'

This Sunday we celebrate the birth of the Church through the energy and fire of the love of God, birthing the Church as the dwelling place of the Spirit. Similar to the light, fire and energy at the beginning of creation, (Genesis 1) the Church springs from the life-giving hands of God, energizing the Apostles and Disciples of Jesus into the Church.

The Gospel passage from John, heard on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, speaks of Jesus appearing to the Disciples and filling them with Jesus' peace.

'When Jesus had said this, Jesus breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit' (John 20:22)

Both the extending of peace and the breath of the Spirit parallel the account of creation from Genesis. Always from generation to generation, the Church is recreated in the hearts of believers, made anew and becomes a witness to the world. From Paul's letter to the Galatians, we read:

'...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.' (Galatians 5: 25)

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don