

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – May 1, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – May 4th	St. Anthony’s, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – May 5th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
		St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove	11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday – May 7th	Evening Liturgy	6:30 p.m.
		Rosary after Mass	

KNOWLEDGE CAFE – Hampton Resource Centre (Fridays at 11:00 a.m. - noon):

May 3rd – Trauma Program provides resources on injury prevention and how to stay safe. Guest speaker: Dr. Richard Louis, MD, Injury prevention specialist.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are provided. This is the last event on the schedule I have.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SILVER ROSE PILGRIMAGE - Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life. This year the Silver Rose will be in the Diocese of Saint John, this Sunday, May 5, 2024. All are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 3:00 pm for a Silver Rose prayer service as we ask the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe in promoting a culture of life.

STEBENVILLE 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. I’ll share more info. as the campaign approaches. See poster on bulletin board.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - The Holocaust Memorial Day Program will be held in the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue, 91 Leinster Street, on Monday, May 6th beginning at 7:30 p.m. Members of the local Jewish community will light memorial candles, share music and photographs of family members impacted by the Holocaust. This year, the programme will feature the personal testimony of Shimon Walt, of Halifax.

Shimon was born in Vilna, Lithuania after the war ended. He grew up thinking there were only five people in his family: himself and his brother, his parents, and his grandmother, a fortunate few amongst the five per cent of Lithuania's Jews who survived the Holocaust. When his wife Peggy asked for names of family members who had been killed, he couldn't reply; what happened to them in Vilna, the "Jerusalem of Lithuania," was never spoken about after the war. Reluctantly returning to his birthplace in the summer of 2023, he discovered cousins for the first time and visited killing sites in Estonia and Lithuania where his family had been murdered.

For further information please contact Katherine at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum:

(506) 633-1833 or sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca

AUDITE SPRING RETREATS AT VILLA MADONNA:

4-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th to Fri., May 31st - COST: \$479.00;

2-day Retreat... Mon., May 27th to Wed., May 29th - COST: \$237.50.

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.

Team of Audit  and four invited Facilitators, in an atmosphere of welcoming Silence. Persons first time for this Audit  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:

Saturday, May 4th – 10:00 a.m. until noon;
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.

TRINITY CHURCH'S CHIMING & TIMING CAMPAIGN – This Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 p.m., recitalist MICHAEL MOLLOY will perform a ROYAL CONCERT of ORGAN MUSIC. To celebrate the anniversary of King Charles' coronation, this recital features regal music for kings and queens from coronations, jubilees, weddings and funerals, all performed on Trinity's 280 voice organ.

This is a fund-raiser for Trinity Church (115 Charlotte Street, Saint John) to get the TOWER BELLS pealing, once again, over the city. For advance ticket sales call the Church Office (506) 693-8558. COST: \$30.00, with a tax receipt of \$10.00. Thank you for considering supporting "Saint John's Church of the Loyalists". See poster on bulletin board.

"MAKING WELLNESS A PRIORITY" – The Canadian Mental Health Association is presenting a monthly series that addresses the 8-dimensions of wellness and helps individuals in achieving whole-person wellness. Starting Tuesday, May 7 @ 2:30 p.m. – *Intellectual Wellness* with Daniela Fernandez, Director of Community Engagement 211 NB.

Daniela will present an overview of the 211 NB service, how it can help people connect to the full range of social, community and government programs and how it can support service providers in their frontline and community work.

The ***Making Wellness A Priority*** sessions are held at the Kennebecasis Public Library. To pre-register call 506-652-1447. See poster on bulletin board at St. Alphonsus.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOTHER'S DAY BASKET - The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets on a Mother's Day basket valued at over \$500.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold this coming Sunday, May 5th, before and after mass. Draw will take place on Mother's Day, May 12th.

Tickets are also being sold in Sussex and Norton. Funds raised will be used by the Knights to finance local projects. Thank you for your support.

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH – 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. Evening starts at 6:00 p.m. with instrumental music by a local musician. 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.

CCCB WEBINARS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER – In this Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, the CCCB is offering a webinar series, “A Great Symphony of Prayer”. The webinars are based on the themes contained in the prayer booklets prepared by the Jubilee Office in Rome. Available in both official languages, the next series of webinars on prayer will take place in the fall (October 3 to 24th). For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/a-great-symphony-of-prayer-the-our-father-as-a-programme-of-life>

MILESTONES: That little birdie is back 😊 I’ve heard that Sharon Brown and Rita Allaby are celebrating a birthday in the next couple of days. Please join me in wishing happy birthday to Sharon and Rita.

Be Safe,
Wendy McGee,
Parish Secretary
BLESSED TRINITY PARISH
(506) 832-3327

FATHER'S MESSAGE

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

Last Sunday's readings spoke of the intimate connection between us as branches and Christ as the vine. Using the imagery of vines, Jesus reveals this most important connection, where we grow and become witnesses to the wonder-filled love of God.

In the 1st reading from Acts we witness Peter calling to Baptism many of his listeners, challenged by his words and lifted by the energy of the Spirit. Drawn into the life-giving movement of the Spirit they become part of the Church, part of this growing movement which is the early Church. Baptism being the call to love transforms and lifts up the community to share in the life of sharing this love with the world.

'Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.' (1 John 4,7)

In the Gospel today, Jesus assures us that the ever present love of God envelopes us forever – expanding and incorporating us into this abiding reality of love. Continuing to rejoice in the joy of the Resurrection we participate in the energy of God's love. Confident in this we bear fruit to change and encourage our world.

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don

