

## **WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – April 12, 2023**

<b>POSTED MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Saturday – Apr. 15</b>	<b>St. Anthony’s, Upham</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Sunday – Apr. 16</b>	<b>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
		<b>St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
		<b>St. Anthony’s, Upham</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
	<b>Tuesday – Apr. 18</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	
		<b>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

### **CONFIRMATION TUESDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 P.M. – St. Alphonsus Church, Hampton**

Bishop Riesbeck will be officiating. Come; join us to welcome Bishop Riesbeck and witness Gregory, Theodore and Zachery receive their first Holy Communion.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND HOLY HOUR OF MERCY:** Join our Diocese in praying the Divine Mercy Novena, which begins on Good Friday and will conclude the Novena with a Holy Hour of Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, at 3:00 pm. This will be celebrated by Fr. Ralph McRae at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and livestreamed via our diocesan Facebook page. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Music will be provided by Divine Mercy Catholic School choir. The Novena Prayers will be posted daily on our Facebook page. Jesus, I trust in you!

**KNOWLEDGE CAFE – Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.** What is mindfulness and how do we be mindful? How do we practice mindfulness and what do I do when I can’t stop thinking? You will practice mindfulness and learn the evidence-based benefits of practicing mindfulness. You will briefly look at the science of how mindfulness changes your brain and your perception. You will practice progressive muscle relaxation and look at things to remember for your practice of mindfulness.

The Café is funded by the Government of Canada’s New Horizons for Seniors Program. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

**Next Café Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** - Elizabeth Vandenberghe – Coordinator, Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP). The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will be hosting a presentation to share information on: Benefits and credit payments, tax credits, CRA service and tools, ways to do your taxes, tax free help and how to be scam smart! Come learn about taxes and have your benefit and credit questions answered!

**ORDINATION OF DEACON STEPHEN MAWHINNEY AND DEACON DAVID RIOUX –** Mark this date and time: Friday, May 12, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. The Mass of Ordination will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John. Through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Laying on of Hands, Deacons Stephen and David will be ordained to the Order of Presbyter by Bishop Riesbeck.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN –** Something new, for us, this year. 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. The campaign runs for five weeks from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. How appropriate! This year, that is from May 14<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>. Some drop a daily or weekly donation into their bottle or enclose a cheque made payable to SPCC; the choice is yours to make. The baby bottle, with attached label for identification and receipt purposes, is returned to the church and we forward them to the Centre. I’ll share more info. as the campaign approaches.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE / YOM HASHOAH** - Monday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue, 91 Leinster Street, Saint John.

This is an in-person event in the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue. The programme will feature a keynote address by Mr. Leonard Vis of Toronto. Leonard was born in Amsterdam in 1930 and will speak about his Holocaust experiences. Memorial candles will be lit in memory of victims of the Holocaust. A short reception will follow.

For further information please contact Katherine at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum: (506) 633-1833 or [sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca).

**HAMPTON FOOD BASKET (HFB)** – On behalf of the HFB, Dee Dee would like to say “THANK YOU” to ALL who generously donated, food and cash, on Holy Thursday. Their client list has substantially increased; everything they receive makes a difference.

**COOKIES FOR ROMERO HOUSE** – Friday, April 28th, is the last Friday of this month. For those that graciously prepare cookies, please contact Shelagh Sherwood at (506) 943-3493. Individually packaged dessert items, i.e. Costco specials, will not be refused. Shelagh and Don. sincerely appreciate any help they get.

**COLOURING SUPPLIES FOR OUR “WEE” VISITORS** – If you are in the company of wee visitors, we have some art supplies available, if a little distraction is desired. The package contains colouring pens, sheets of paper and pictures to be coloured. They are available (only 3) in the foyer of St. Alphonsus. After Mass, please return to the table outside the office and I will ensure they are sanitized for their next visit.

**FREE INCOME TAX CLINIC** – Clinic will be at the Hampton Senior Resource Centre, 31 Demille Court and will run until April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is for individuals with modest incomes; **Tuesday mornings only**. First come, first served; no appointment necessary. For more information, call Wendy at the office (506) 832-3327. FYI – I’ve heard that CRA is currently in contract negotiations. There may be a disruption in service mid April. Considering this possibility, the sooner you file your taxes the better.

Until next week, be safe  
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