

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – April 10, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – Apr. 13th	St. Anthony’s, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – Apr. 14th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
		St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove	11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday – Apr. 16th	Evening Liturgy	6:30 p.m.
		Rosary after Mass	

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

April 12th – At HomeCare by Design, our goal is simple: we help people live well at home. Our dedicated team provides custom designed services to match your needs. Guest speaker: Judy Lane, RN BBA – President and CEO Homecare by Design.

April 26th – Parkland is a trusted provider of senior accommodations, services and care in Atlantic Canada. Join Lifestyle Consultants from Parkland in the Valley and Saint John to learn about lifestyle options and how you can live your Best Life at Parkland. Guest speakers: Christine McGee and Sydney Peacock.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are provided.

DESSERT BUFFET & SILENT AUCTION – sponsored by St. Mark’s CWL:

WHEN: This Friday, April 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Mark’s Church Hall, 171 Pettingill Rd., Quispamsis

COST: \$7.00 each (pre-sold or at the door); Family: \$15.00

Featured item in the Silent Auction is 2 tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs, first round, playoff game, section 307, row 5, seats 15 & 16. Starting bid is set at \$300.00. All proceeds to support St. Mark's Church.

STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC 2024 YOUTH CONFERENCE - Youth aged 14-18 are invited to participate in this event held at Saint Mary’s University in Halifax, NS from July 5-7. If you are between 18 and 21, you can attend as a Peer Leader. Before registering, please talk to your parish priest or RE coordinator about registration. Conference information can be found on the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth website under Steubenville Atlantic. Transportation to NS is included in the registration fee of \$300.00. Pick up locations will be from Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton. For more information please contact Patricia Lee at: catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or 506-627-6465. See poster on bulletin board.

CAMP SHELDRAKE - To help send some kids to camp, they are holding a raffle to give away a playhouse and a 50-50 draw. Tickets for both prizes are available on-line at:

rafflebox.ca/raffle/camp-sheldrake

There is still time to buy tickets. **Draw is this Sunday, April 14th.**

Camp Sheldrake, located in Miramichi, NB, is a Catholic-based, not-for-profit organization that offers summer overnight and day camps to youth aged 6 to 17. Campers' days are filled with canoeing, swimming, archery, rock-wall climbing, nature adventure, zip-lining, arts & crafts and of course campfires! Camp experiences are based on Christian values and promote volunteerism, community service and social justice initiatives. Through play and group activities, Camp Sheldrake provides an atmosphere to inspire youth to be leaders today and tomorrow. Each summer, campers attend from across the Maritimes and other parts of Canada and the USA; many returning year after year. Camp Sheldrake is for campers from **all** faiths and denominations. For more information, visit campsheldrake.ca.

MISSION OF THE CATECHIST WORKSHOPS - The "Mission of the Catechist" workshop for catechists is being presented by Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis & Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation on Sunday, April 21st, at two locations. You are welcome to attend at either location:

Villa Madonna Retreat House, 115 Villa Madonna Road, noon to 3:30 p.m.;

Or

St. Francis Church Parish Hall, 114 Church Ave, Sussex, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For information, please contact Patricia Lee at (506) 627-6465 or email:

catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. See poster on bulletin board.

EVENING PRAYER IN CARMEL CHAPEL (103 Burpee Avenue, Saint John) – Last Wednesday of the month until June 26; next gathering April 24th. 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.

SONGS OF SANCTUARY – Saturday, April 27th, 7:00 p.m. at Stella Maris Church (201 Bayside Drive, Saint John), the Cantores Celestes Maritimes and the Saint John Men's Chorus, directed by Kelly Galbraith, will be performing. Featuring Song of the Universal, Freedom Trilogy and works by Bruckner, Faure, Vaughan Williams plus beloved songs of friendship and support. General Admission: \$25.00. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board at St. Alphonsus.

GIVING VOICE TO THE WORD! – Like the pounding sound from a sport stadium ... still in the distance, the response of the psalms of the 50 Days of Easter Time is a drum ... a chant ... a cry ... a rumble from infant to elder and others you see.

There will be a one hour session, in three locations, inviting your energy and connections with the Pascal Mystery in Psalms and Scripture of Easter Time, through two small booklets.

COST: \$5.00

WHERE: Hope Centre This Sat., April 13th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.;
Assumption Hall Tuesday, April 16th from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.; and
Stella Maris Hall Thursday, April 18th from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Registration is necessary. Please call:

HOPE Centre, call Wendy Sanford @ (506) 653-6875;
Assumption Hall, call Marijke Blok @ (506) 654-8212;
Stella Maris Hall, call Gail McIntyre @ (506) 633-0366.

For contact purposes, we only need your name and telephone number.

NEW OR GENTLY USED KITCHEN STOVE NEEDED – In “Louise’s Kitchen” at St. Alphonsus, there was a small water leak from the ceiling, of all places, and it has claimed an electric stove. If you or someone you know is in the process of upgrading their kitchen appliances and would like to donate a gently used kitchen stove, please contact Dee Dee Holland at (506) 832-4965.

INCOME TAX CLINIC – There is a free tax clinic, run by volunteers, at the Hampton Resource Centre (31 Demille Court, Hampton) on **Tuesdays, only, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.** No appointment necessary; first come, first served. This clinic is for people with a modest income and a simple tax situation. This clinic will run until the end of April. For more information, speak with Wendy in the parish office.

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.

WEE ONES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – Some of you might remember last year's campaign. According to the Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre, we were the highest contributing church group (St. Anthony's and St. Alphonsus) in last year's campaign. The "Wee Ones Baby Bottle Campaign" will return, this year.

Your simple act of generosity can make a lasting impact in the lives of young mothers, fathers and babies by giving them an opportunity to choose life, learn and grow. It may seem like a small contribution, to you, but trust me when I say the impact is HUGE!

This year, the campaign will run from May 12th (Mother's Day) to June 16th (Father's Day). I'll remind you as Mother's Day approaches. One parishioner has already made their donation! Now that's what I call enthusiasm. The Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre is a registered charity and can issue a receipt for income tax purposes, if you supply your contact information.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP – Good news! Another of our sponsored families will be arriving soon! Gebremedhn Gebremskel (we will call him "Gary"), his wife, Gebriel, and three children, a girl, Afreta and two boys, Noah and Heseina. Afreta is six years old; Noah is nine years old and Heseina is twelve years old. They will be arriving in Saint John at midnight on May 2nd.

"Gary's" family was co-sponsored by St. Paul's Anglican Church, Rothesay and they will handle the settlement support. They have already found an apartment in Saint John and between our two churches, we have enough donated furniture to set them up. They are originally from Eritrea but have been in Israel for several years and will be very happy to join her brother Mikele in Saint John. They are especially looking forward to celebrating the Orthodox Easter service in Moncton on May 5th. Thank you for supporting the Gebremskel's and all the other families, through your prayers and donations!

COOKIES FOR ROMERO HOUSE – Last Friday of this month is April 26th. Shelagh and Don. sincerely appreciate your help with their monthly "Cookies for Romero House" campaign. **ALL** donations gladly accepted. Contact Shelagh or Don. at (506) 943-3493.

HAMPTON FOOD BASKET - The Hampton Food Basket would like to thank everyone who contributed food and money on Holy Thursday and on Easter Sunday. Your kindness and consideration for our neighbours is remarkable and they are grateful.

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION DESSERT & AUCTION FUNDRAISER – Enjoy an afternoon of enticing desserts and fellowship while supporting the outreach ministries of St. Paul's Mother's Union, this Saturday, April 13th from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall (Kennebecasis River Rd., Hampton). Admission: a free will offering. Auctioneer: Bruce Kennedy. Everyone is welcome.

MILESTONES – Just found out that my birdie got their wires crossed, last week. Dianne did not celebrate a birthday. It's not until July!! Too funny. Nothing like a little confusion to keep us on our toes😊😊. However, I have it on good authority that Dianne was happy to know so many cared to wish her well.

Be Safe

Wendy McGee,

Parish Secretary

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