

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – Apr. 16/25

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| POSTED MASS TIMES: | Holy Thursday – Apr. 17 th | St. Alphonsus, Hampton | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Good Friday – Apr. 18 th | St. Bridget's, Chapel Grove | 11:00 a.m. |
| | | St. Alphonsus, Hampton | 3:00 p.m. |
| | | Way of the Cross, Hampton | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Holy Saturday – Apr. 19 th | Morning Prayer, Hampton | 9:30 a.m. |
| | | St. Anthony's, Upham | 4:00 p.m. |
| | | Easter Vigil, Hampton | 8:30 p.m. |
| | EASTER SUNDAY | | |
| | Resurrection of the Lord | St. Alphonsus, Hampton | 9:30 a.m. |
| | | St. Bridget's, Chapel Grove | 11:30 a.m. |
| | Tuesday – Apr. 22 nd | Evening Liturgy, Hampton | 6:30 p.m. |

NOTICES FROM THE HAMPTON FOOD BASKET (HFB) - Historically, on Holy Thursday (April 17th), we collect donations of non-perishable food items, or money, for the Hampton Food Basket. Please consider donating. Mass on Holy Thursday is at 7:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus. *Also, it just so happens that, this year, Holy Thursday and the regular disbursement of food boxes fall on the same evening. **If you are attending the 7:00 p.m. Mass, please be aware that the Hampton Food Basket will be serving their clients from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the back parking lot of St. Alphonsus Church.** Two lanes of parking spaces, next to the ramp, will be blocked off for them to use as a loading zone. There will be 2 of their volunteers in the parking lot to direct the traffic. **Please follow their direction.** Also, watch out for moving cars when walking into the church. BE SAFE. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clothing Drive - It is that time again for the HFB Spring and Summer Clothing Drive. They are looking for clean, gently used clothing for the whole family as well as shoes and accessories. In addition to clothing, they are also looking for towels and bedding. Drop off dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, April 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to noon
- Wednesday, April 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If you would like to bring your donation on a Sunday, please leave it outside of the partitions on the basement floor as everything behind the partition has already been sorted. The HFB is now serving 200 families per month. They are thankful for your continued support. See poster on bulletin board.

SPRING FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES: This is an invitation to all parents and catechists to *"Transform Your Life as a Disciple of Christ"*. The Diocese of Saint John is inviting you to join a four-week personal retreat on Zoom to deepen your friendship with Jesus and grow as missionary disciples. This retreat is open to all parents and catechists committed to parish renewal and ministry. Here are the Retreat details:

Book Study of "Into His Likeness" by Dr. Edward Sri

Facilitator: Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship

Host: Patricia Lee, Director of Catechesis

Dates: April 24 to May 15, 2025

Meeting Times: Weekly sessions from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

To register, please email catechesis@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or text 506-623-8130 with your name and preferred time to attend. The book can be ordered online through www.Amazon.ca or Sunrise Marian.

FLOWER MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS FOR LENT – Your support has been overwhelming. On behalf of your Environment Committee, thank you.

MASS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER – The date for the next monthly Mass for Those Living with Cancer, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, is next Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. (4th Tuesday of the month for April, only, due to Holy Week). Anointing of the Sick will be offered.

SENIOR'S MASS AND LUNCH, VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE - The final Senior's Mass and Lunch for the Spring will take place on Tuesday, April 29 (Mass at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow). COST: \$15.00. The very successful "Senior's Mass and Lunch" will resume in the fall. If you would like more info, please call (506) 849-5125.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND – On Good Friday (April 18th) at our 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bridget's and our 3:00 p.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus, there will be a special collection (yellow envelope) for the upkeep of the Holy Land. Below is a message from FR. ROBERT MOKRY, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada:

"The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian sisters and brothers count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to: commissariat.ca/supporting-us. and by donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.” Fr. Mokry.

FREE 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 (i.e. no rental or business income). This clinic will run until the end of April.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT THE VILLA: The Villa Madonna in Torryburn is looking for a Facilities Coordinator. The Facilities Coordinator is responsible for **maintenance and upkeep of the buildings and grounds** of the Villa Madonna Retreat House including the bishop’s residence and Gilbert House. For more information, check this link for the full job posting: <https://ca.indeed.com/jobs?q=villa+madonna&l=Quispamsis%2C+NB&from=searchOnHP&vjk=453316595894491e> The application deadline is this Thursday, April 17, 2025.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE - YOM HASHOAH – Next Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue (91 Leinster St.) there will be a program featuring Roslyn Harrush, who will share the survival story of her mother, Eta Langsam, and reflect on her experience of growing up in Montreal as a child of Holocaust survivors. In 2021 Roslyn moved to Rothesay and volunteers in the community and teaches private art classes. Roslyn’s mother, Eta, survived the Vilna Ghetto, and three camps including Stutthof in Germany. She lived in the displaced persons camp at Bergen-Belsen from 1945 to 1948, where she married and gave birth to her oldest child, a son. While in Bergen-Belsen, she met another survivor, who asked her to record his testimony about the mass graves in Ponar Forest, near Vilnius, Lithuania. Her mother later learned of a cousin who was among those sent by the Nazis to hide the evidence of the graves and he was able to escape through a hidden tunnel with ten others.

Members of the local Jewish community will light memorial candles, share music and photographs of family members impacted by the Holocaust. For further information please contact Katherine at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum: (506) 633-1833 or sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca.

SPRING DESSERT BUFFET & SILENT AUCTION – On Friday, April 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. St. Mark’s Church CWL (171 Pettingill Road, Quispamsis) will be hosting a dessert buffet and silent auction. ALL proceeds to support their church. COST: \$10.00 each or family \$20.00. See poster on bulletin board.

COOKIES FOR ROMERO HOUSE – Last Friday of this month is April 25th. 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.

SPRING DINNER – ST. BRIDGET’S, SUMMERVILLE - St. Bridget's Church in Summerville (1784 Route 845), is having a Spring Dinner on Saturday, May 10th @ 5:30 p.m. They will be serving ham with all the fixings. COST: Adults \$18.00, Children 12 and under \$9.00. Tickets are available by calling Joanne @ (506) 763-2436. See poster on bulletin board.

KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ: Due to the holiday, there is no café this Friday, April 18th. This is the end of the current schedule in the office.

OUR LADY'S MAY ROSARY-MAKING RETREAT – Between May 16 – 18, at the Villa Madonna Retreat House, Torryburn, come and take up a holy hobby in honour of Our Lady. Learn how to make rosaries by hand with wire, beads, and high-quality rosary-making pliers. Already know how to make rosaries? Bring your rosary-making supplies and spend the weekend with others in rosary-making and prayer. Don't want to make rosaries? Come and spend time on retreat in prayer with others to learn more about the rosary. The retreat starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday and runs until 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Retreat facilitator, Jim Anderson, has been making rosaries for 30 years. Weekend in-house retreat fee: \$295.00 (commuter rate: \$165.00) + rosary making kit and supplies. For more information and to register on-line:

<https://forms.office.com/r/QmQycigg3n?origin=lprLink>

For registration information, please contact Veronica Wilson at (506) 849-5125 or contact@villamadonna.ca. For more information on the retreat content, contact Jim Anderson at: janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. See poster on bulletin board.

WEEKEND RETREAT – HE LOVES US! GROWING IN INTIMACY AND DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Through prayer, reflection, and teaching based on Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Dilexit Nos: On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*. Friday, June 13 - 15, at Villa Madonna Retreat House, facilitated by Jim Anderson. Weekend in-house retreat fee: \$295.00 (commuter rate: \$165.00). For more information and to register on-line: <https://tinyurl.com/HeLovesUsRetreatSJ> This retreat is open to all interested persons, for more information contact Veronica Wilson: contact@villamadonna.ca, 506-849-5125. See poster on bulletin board.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH: STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC FUNDRAISER – The diocese is excited to announce that they currently have almost 40 youth registered for the incredible opportunity to attend the Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference held this July in Halifax and 15 have applied for the LEAD program! This event is a life-changing experience that will deepen their faith, foster community, and inspire them to live out their Catholic values.

The diocese is seeking financial support to cover the costs of transportation and registration fees for the young attendees. Your generous contributions will ensure that no young person misses out on this transformative experience due to financial constraints. **Registration is \$350/youth.** Any amount donated is greatly appreciated and will go directly towards the expenses of the trip or you can participate in any fundraising events that may be organized in

your parish. To donate, please give through your parish (cheque made payable to: BLESSED TRINITY PARISH; on memo line write "Steubenville fundraiser". Your parish will forward to the diocese.) or donate directly through the diocese at: www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations and indicate it is for "Steubenville Atlantic 2025". Thank you for your generosity and support. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the spiritual lives of our youth.

God Bless,
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