

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – April 2, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Tuesday – Apr. 2nd	NO Mass or Rosary – St. Alphonsus
	Saturday – Apr. 6th	St. Anthony’s, Upham 4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – Apr. 7th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton 9:30 a.m. St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove 11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday – Apr. 9th	Evening Liturgy 6:30 p.m. Rosary after Mass

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 7, at 3:00 pm. This will be celebrated by Bishop Riesbeck at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. 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!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Bishop Riesbeck will be presiding the 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John on Monday, April 8th to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. In response to Pope Francis’ invitation to all Catholics, we will renew the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the end of Mass. For parishes outside of Saint John who will have Mass that day, the Act of Consecration can be found at the following link:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/20220325-atto-consacrazione-cuoredimaria.html>

Additional resources are available from the Archdiocese of Toronto at:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/contentassets/415f85fc71064cf7a3810483bccb187d/consecration-resources-for-annunciation-2024.pdf>.

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

April 5th – Screening of the documentary “Unsyncable”. This film, by Tell Tales Productions Inc., is about promoting active living for seniors; followed by a discussion. Moderator: TBD (Tell Tales Productions).

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.

KNOWLEDGE CAFE cont.

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.

BIBLE FAITH STUDIES - The first series of Bible Faith Studies started at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall** Monday, March 4th at 2:00pm and will run until April 15th (6 weeks). These weekly sessions present God's plan of Salvation with small group sharing on Bible passages along with articles from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Bible-Faith studies are the most exciting way to explore, share and deepen our faith by growing in intimacy with God through His word in Holy Scripture. All are invited to participate-both Catholic and non-Catholics alike. Please bring your Bible if you have one, a notebook and a pen and invite anyone and everyone you know to join us! NO registration is required.

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. Draw date: April 14, 2024.

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.

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.

HAMPTON HELPING HANDS (HHH) FOR DISPLACED UKRAINIANS – An update. Our final count is \$325.00!! Amazing. The money collected from all the participating churches will be used by HHH for Displaced Ukrainians in the following ways this spring:

- helping two single Ukrainian moms with a \$250 grocery card, each;
- buy a toddler’s bed for a 2-1/2 year-old Ukrainian girl who is here with her mom (some of the dads are still defending the country, some are single moms); and
- buy booster seats for some of the Ukrainian children.

Thank you to everyone!!

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. Between St. Anthony’s and St. Alphonsus, together, we raised \$2,351.41. According to the Sussex Pregnancy Care Centre, we were the highest contributing church group in last year’s campaign. The “Wee Ones 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.

EASTER FLOWERS – Thank you to those who generously donated towards the Easter Flowers (see next page). Their appearance and fragrance greatly enhanced the atmosphere at St. Alphonsus during Holy Week. With some tender loving care from Dianne and the Arts & Environment Committee, the blossoms may last a little while longer.

PASCHAL CANDLE – THANK YOU to all who contributed towards the purchase of this beautiful candle.

MILESTONES – A little birdie has tipped me off that we have two birthdays to celebrate. Please join me in wishing Dianne Arsenault and Joanne Henderson “Happy Birthday”. 😊😊

Be Safe

Wendy McGee, Parish Secretary

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