

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – August 2, 2023

POSTED MASS TIMES: Saturday – Aug. 5 St. Anthony’s, Upham 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday – Aug. 6 St. Alphonsus, Hampton 9:30 a.m.
 St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove 11:30 a.m.
 St. Anthony’s, Upham NO MASS

Tuesday evening (St. Alphonsus) Mass is suspended for the summer, returning Sept. 5th

SUMMER CHURCH FLOWERS NEEDED - Summer is a time of abundant **pickings** (see below) in our own flower beds or the area where we live. If you would like to help, there is a Sign-Up Sheet in the foyer of St. Alphonsus covering the summer weekends in August until September 3rd. Call Dianne Arsenault at (506) 832-4149 for more information. THANK YOU to those who have already signed up.

Speaking about “pickings” for those of you that live around Hampton, you must know someone who has had their lawn picked apart by some critter that slinks in under the cover of darkness. Well, apparently, we are not immune. Someone, with friends, has been weeding the flower bed in front of St. Alphonsus (see picture below). There are even remnants of one of them having supper on the front steps while taking a much needed break from being on their hands and knees far too long 😊 We are, indeed, blessed in our parish – the list is endless of those who volunteer to make your worship experience memorable. Please join me in giving these thoughtful souls, who wish to remain nameless, our sincere thanks.

MEN’S ROSARY MARCH – On behalf of the Cathedral Men's Rosary group, you are invited to attend a Rosary March on **Saturday, August 19th, at 10:00am**. They will be interceding, trusting in our Blessed Mother and evangelizing Uptown Saint John through the power of the Rosary. They will muster at the Cathedral; the march will take between 30-45 minutes. Bishop Christian will be joining the group. Afterwards, a brunch will be hosted at the St. Vincent de Paul centre for all interested. Also, they are looking for rosaries to hand out during the march. If you have any to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Gibson MacMillan at gibsonmacmillan@outlook.com.

Press Release from CCCB about the Holy Father’s Apostolic Visit to Canada – “Looking Back One Year Later” – attached is the full copy of this press release for you to read. Here are some highlights:

- Recap of the Holy Father’s Canadian visit;
- Publication of four pastoral letters on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples;
- CCCB’s establishment of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) and awarding grants by the fund to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives

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- Publication of a commemorative booklet containing all the speeches and homilies of the Pope's apostolic visit and video are available, for purchase, from CCCB Publications.

It's interesting to note that the establishment of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was a \$30 million pledge over 5 years. So far, the Fund has raised over one-third of the initial pledge (\$11,264,838) and is on track to meet its goal.

HAMPTON FOOD BASKET – Please keep the Food Basket in your thoughts and prayers. Monetary donations, as well as non-perishable food items that are given out on a monthly basis like **canned meat** and **canned fish, canned vegetables, soup** and **cereal** are always welcome. Drop off basket is in the foyer of St. Alphonsus. For more information please contact Dee Dee at (506) 333-1651.

SUMMER SOUNDS 2023 – Trinity Church, Saint John, Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. until August 28th. This weekly series will feature some easy listening and some classical selections. The program will delight and enlighten listeners. Cost: free will offering – 50% to the performers and 50% to Trinity Church renovations.

Aug. 7th: Andrew Clark – Balladeer and guitarist extraordinaire.

Aug. 14th: Choral Folk Songs – Saint John Chorale & Spencer Belyea.

Aug. 21st: Evening Strings with Stephen Mott and friends.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SHRINE SUNDAY 2023 - The 100th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Shrine at Upper Skiff Lake will take place on Sunday, August 13th. The chapel will open for prayer at 10:00 a.m. followed by an open-air Mass at 11:00 am. You may bring a bag lunch or a canteen will be open for sandwiches, hot dogs and soft drinks. The afternoon will start with the Holy Rosary at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Sacrament of Healing at 2 p.m. All are welcome to join in this Spiritual Journey.

DIRECTIONS: Take exit 212 at Meductic, turn onto Route 122 towards Canterbury. You can take Mill Street to Upper Skiff Lake Road – follow the signs or drive on Route 122 to just past Skiff Lake, turn right onto the Upper Skiff Lake Road – follow the signs. It's about 215 klms. from Hampton, approximately a 2 hr. and 45 min. drive, one way. Take a lawn chair and enjoy the day. For more info. please contact: Pam Grant @ 506 272-2938.

MILESTONES – Please join me in congratulating Sandra and Ernie McNeill on their 50th wedding anniversary, August 11th and Nancy and Art Roy who are celebrating or celebrated a wedding anniversary. Sorry, I don't have a number or date. Little Birdie didn't have all the

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info. 😊 Please keep Sandra, Ernie, Nancy and Art in your prayers.

Some of you may already know but Brenda, leader of our Music Ministry, is going on vacation this month. Please make welcome Peggy Harmes who is filling in for Brenda, this Sunday.

Until next week, be safe

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