



St. Alphonsus Parish

September 2017

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Weekday Liturgies: 6:30 pm (day to be announced each week)

Saturday Liturgy: 4 pm

Sunday Liturgies: 9 am Upham / 10:30 am Hampton

Read Date of Issue: September 23rd & 24th

AUTUMN

Ordinary Time continues through the autumn, as we settle back into the routines of work and school ... the days grow shorter ... a bit colder ... and the green fields turn gold then brown.

As we ebb into another school year, Cattails and the Sunflower ~ colours, still visible in the fields, can connect us with God.

Sponsors, parents and children of our young people who received First Eucharist in June, will be gathered for two more sessions.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of children of school age encourages the community to support and participate in "Mystagogy".... A time of 'savouring the experience and effects' of any experience of Sacrament.

Relationships begun in each of the persons taking part in the five sessions with catechist Sheila Boudreau can bring 'awakenings of God and others' in daily living. There is more.

September 26th and October 24th will be a time for these same parents, sponsors and children to gather, listen and speak. Stories of the Gospel and the Actions and Prayers of the Community Eucharist will receive attention.

THANK YOU to Marc Robichaud tending to Maintenance issues in our Parish and keeping the grounds looking wonderful this summer!

THANK YOU to Stewart Galloway for his many years of 'faithful wisdom' to Parish Council!



Birthday Blessings
to

Regina McBride!

On September 22nd, 2017, she celebrated her 99th Birthday!

SYRIAN FAMILY UPDATE:

Our Syrian Family is scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, October 4th, 2017!

All Parishioners & Team Members are invited to a meeting ~ Sunday September 24th at 7 pm!

As noted in our announcements, we will be moving from 615 Kennebecasis River Rd the week of **September 25th to 30th**. Parish council has allowed us to move items to the church hall.

We will gather to pack and move as many small items as possible during the week. Saturday the 30th, we will move all large items. If you are at all able to join the team, many hands make light work!

Schedule:

Monday - 6pm - packing

Tuesday - 1pm - packing

Wednesday - 1pm - packing

Friday - 6pm - packing

Saturday - 9am - move all items

Call Paulette at 609-9099 or Karen at 647-0982, if you have questions.



Financial Facts:

- Avg. Offertory August 2017 - \$1,853; same month last year - \$2,095
- Next Special Collection: "World Missions" - October 21st/22nd.
- Hall Rental Information: Contact Gloria Wilson 832-3792 or Louise McKee 832-5303.



Art & Environment . . .

We will gather items the first week of October for our Fall display! All food items will be donated to the Hampton Food Basket after Thanksgiving Weekend.

Parish Council Communicating: September 10th

- Longtime member, **Stewart Galloway** has officially resigned from PC effective June 18th, 2017. **New members are needed.**
- **Sheila Boudreau**, catechist of First Eucharist, was present and parish council heard her describe the Spring 2017 preparation sessions of parents, sponsors and children. Two more sessions are scheduled for September and October. At that time, the focus will be 1) 'Hearing' Gospel Story rather than 'Reading' the Gospels. 2) 'Actions' ... Breaking Bread, Sharing Cup, Praying and Going Forth...rather than 'Watching'.
- **Syrian Committee** asked to store furniture in the church hall until family arrives and residence secured. All agreed.
- **Marc Robichaud** is unable, because of his work schedules, to continue doing maintenance work on Parish House. **Request for a person or persons, to take over this role.**



We are in need of a **"Maintenance Person or Persons"** for the Parish House. If interested, please contact Parish Council (Donna Martell 721-5496) or Finance (Peter White 849-7541)

Driving to Upham:

"I enjoy that Sunday drive to Upham, you know!" Kevin smiled. "Through Passekeag __ longer, but straight road; the Robertson Road, shorter, but winding."

We know he does, but he hardly has a breath between Sunday 7am and noon time! So to give him a breath and a reserve of energy for the 10:30 Mass, Parish Council Chairperson, Donna initiated a **'trial run'**:

For September and October, she scheduled a driver to meet him at the Red Door of the house, every other Sunday at 8:30am and let him enjoy just to sit, watch changes on the roadway as the season changes.

After the **'trial run'**, she will assess, with both communities, the joyful support that is, and has always been there.

The Diocese of SJ is celebrating its **175th Anniversary** on October 1st. The celebration will begin with Mass at the Imperial Theatre at 3 pm...then a Gala Dinner at the Delta Hotel – reception at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$65 per person. **Please call Holly @ Diocese (653-6800) to purchase.**

A unique opportunity for a Memorial Remembrance – In memory of a loved one, you may sponsor a floral table centerpiece for a donation of \$30. Your loved one's name will be recognized on a memorial card displayed on one of the 50 dining tables and you will receive a tax receipt for your donation. **Please contact Anne Marie Tingley at 506-652-5615 or solserve@nb.sympatico.ca or Mary Arseneau at 214-4290.**