

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – January 10, 2024

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – Jan. 13th	St. Anthony’s, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – Jan. 14th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
		St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove	11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday – Jan. 16th	NO MASS - St. Alphonsus NO Rosary	

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

Returning January 19th – What is the Food Purchasing Club? The Saint John Food Purchasing Club is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that has been in operation since May, 1997. Their goal is to help members in our community stretch their food dollar by offering access to good quality vegetables and fruit at affordable prices. Guest speaker: Paulette Haines – Hampton Age Friendly Committee.

February 2nd – Presentation on RRIF’S and associated tax planning that will aid you in understanding the best time to draw various investments. Guest speakers: George Logan and Dax Pattison of Pattison Financial Group.

February 16th – Nancy Drury, Owner/Operator of Nancy’s Tours will talk about their new 2024 calendar - many exciting bus day-tours and many overnight adventures to wonderful places in North America. The new 2024 calendar will be available.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are provided. If schools are cancelled due to the weather, the Knowledge Café is also cancelled.

HAMPTON SENIORS RESOURCE CENTER – WELLNESS PROGRAMS: Something new this year. Indoor winter walking starting Tuesday, Jan. 15th at noon. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

ANNUAL CATECHIST RETREAT 2024 - Registration deadline is next Thursday, January 18th. Please make your plans now to attend the Catechist Retreat from January 26-28, 2024 at the Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay. Weekend registration fee: \$260.00; Commuter fee: \$120.00. Facilitator: Jim Anderson. To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/qMfUY9BzAq>. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

COOKIES FOR ROMERO HOUSE – Last Friday of this month is January 26th. If you would like to help Shelagh and Don. with their monthly “Cookies for Romero House” campaign, please call (506) 943-3493.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP – Just wanted to let you know the make-up of our new family, the HABTEMICAEL’s, arriving on January 26th – dad and mom and four children!

Berhe (dad); Genet (mom); two male children Matiyas (6 yrs. old) and Adam (one month old) and two daughters Yadiel (5 yrs. old) and Lidiya (3 yrs. old). Karen Bethune will keep us posted on their progress.

CATHEDRAL RESTORATION EFFORTS – update: The most prominent symbol on the Saint John skyline is the Cathedral’s bell tower. Bishop Riesbeck is encouraging you to prayerfully discern a generous personal donation towards the Cathedral restoration. Even as an Episcopal member of a Society of Apostolic Life the Bishop is already tithing voluntarily a significant portion of his salary to his Community and other charities. He has personally committed to a monthly donation of \$200 over a five-year period.

The Bishop is asking you to prayerfully consider gifts of a one-time or monthly donation (payable either by cheque, email money transfer or automatic withdrawal), multi-year pledge, securities, bequests, or life insurance, which are a tremendous blessing and will aid significantly in the success of these restoration efforts. If you have any questions, or if you know of any people or organizations/businesses that could potentially make a significant gift to the Cathedral restoration, our Finance Department would be happy to assist you. Please contact Kelly Hudson, Director of Finance and Administration, at:

khudson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION, INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND – On the last weekend of January, January 27 – 28, the diocese will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (yellow envelope). Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB’s five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>). You can read more about the IRF’s activities, including updates on 89 of over 130 projects that have been funded to date, on their newly-launched website, <https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>. Please consult this website for additional resources:
<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-reconciliation-fund>.

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CMHA) SAINT JOHN OFFICE – Message from Dawn O'Dell, Community Program Coordinator:

Happy New Year! Here is the current schedule regarding upcoming sessions along with the re-scheduled December session. The ***Making Wellness a Priority*** is a monthly series that addresses the 8-dimensions of wellness and helps individuals in achieving whole-person wellness.

📍 Tuesday, February 6 @ 230 PM - **Spiritual Wellness** with Dawn O'Dell from CMHA NB Saint John office;

📍 Tuesday, March 12 @ 230 PM - **Environmental Wellness** with Amy Cleveland from @Cedarcrest Gardens;

📍 Tuesday, April 2 @ 230 PM - **Physical Wellness** with Diane O'Connor with @Rothesay Hive Walkie Talkies; and

📍 Tuesday, May 7 @ 230 PM - **Intellectual Wellness** with Daniela Fernandez with 211 New Brunswick / 211 Nouveau-Brunswick.

The ***Making Wellness a Priority*** sessions are held at the Kennebecasis Public Library. Invite a friend and to pre-register call (506) 652-1447. For more information: www.cmhanb.ca

2024 PARISH ENVELOPES – You can now use your new envelopes😊. Please take a few minutes to ensure your contact info. is written on the front of the envelopes for the next few weeks. Some use the Initial Offering envelope and others do not. This is the only way to ensure that your donations are properly assigned to you.

Be safe

Wendy McGee,

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