

## WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – January 17, 2024

<b>POSTED MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Saturday – Jan. 20th</b>	<b>St. Anthony’s, Upham</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Sunday – Jan. 21st</b>	<b>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
		<b>St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Tuesday – Jan. 23rd</b>	<b>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
		<b>Rosary, after Mass;</b>	

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR FATHER DON.** – This Saturday evening, January 20<sup>th</sup>, after Mass in Upham (around 4:45 p.m.), there will be a pot-luck supper at **St. Alphonsus Church, Hampton**, in celebration of father’s milestone birthday. Please contact **LOIS KNEELAND at (506) 847-5687** if you plan on attending. Lois has already made numerous phone calls but her list is not complete. By calling Lois, they will have an idea of how many to expect regarding the setting up of tables and chairs. It’s not a surprise. Father had to check his busy social calendar to make sure he was available ☺

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

Returning this Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 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, Tuesday, at noon. See poster on bulletin board for more information. Started on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**HANDBOOK for the 2024 “Sunday of the Word of God”** – This message is sent on behalf of Bishop Riesbeck:

The theme for the fifth *Sunday of the Word of God*, celebrated on January 21<sup>st</sup>, is “Remain in my Word”. The Dicastery for Evangelization (Section for the Fundamental Questions Regarding Evangelization in the World) has developed a pastoral and liturgical handbook offering helpful suggestions for experiencing the *Sunday of the Word of God* in parishes, in families, and with young people.

The resource is available:

in English

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in French

[http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpne/image/DomenicadellaParola/2024/FR\\_V%20DOMENICA-SUSSIDIO.PDF](http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/dam/pcpne/image/DomenicadellaParola/2024/FR_V%20DOMENICA-SUSSIDIO.PDF)

**ANNUAL CATECHIST RETREAT 2024 - Registration deadline is this Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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 next week – 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.

**SJ DIOCESE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - Caritas Canada Share Lent 2024 Workshop -**

**On Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024**, at Holy Family Church, Fredericton (1500 Hanwell Road) from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** - lunch provided, refreshments available throughout the day.

Theme: **Create Hope--Reaping Our Rights**

Presentation by: **Adah Ogbe**, Maritime Animator for Development and Peace

## **SJ DIOCESE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE cont.**

Members and non-members invited to attend in person. Virtual attendance is available via Zoom. You can **register to attend** by going to the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdeyspkiHdVTCwV5lmrO\\_UOSGFLhFv4Z](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdeyspkiHdVTCwV5lmrO_UOSGFLhFv4Z)

**CATHEDRAL RESTORATION EFFORTS:** The most prominent symbol on the Saint John skyline is the Cathedral's bell tower. Bishop Riesbeck 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](mailto:khudson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org).

**SPECIAL COLLECTION, INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND (IRF)** – 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:

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;

**CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CMHA) SAINT JOHN OFFICE cont.**

📍 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](http://www.cmhanb.ca)

**EVENING PRAYER IN CARMEL CHAPEL** (103 Burpee Avenue, Saint John) - Last Wednesday of each month, starting January 31<sup>st</sup> until June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The 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.

**Jan. 31 \* Feb 28 \* Mar 27 \* Apr 24 \* May 29 \* June 26**

**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 new envelopes for the next few weeks and remember to record, weekly, how much you have placed in the envelope. Some use the Initial Offering envelope and others do not. Your help is greatly appreciated seeing as this is the best way to ensure that your donations are properly assigned for income tax receipt purposes.

Be safe

Wendy McGee,

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