

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – March 13, 2024

***** THIS EVENING - Reconciliation Service, 6:30 p.m. St. Alphonsus, Hampton *****

POSTED MASS TIMES:	Saturday – Mar. 16th	St. Anthony’s, Upham	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday – Mar. 17th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
		St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove	11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday – Mar. 19th	Evening Liturgy/Rosary	6:30 p.m.

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

March 15th – The Age Friendly Committee has several initiative approved for action. They will provide an update and talk about the “8 Pillars”: transportation, housing, communication and information, respect and social inclusions, civic participation and employment, community support and health services and outdoor spaces and buildings. Guest speaker: an Age Friendly Committee representative.

Next Café: April 5th.

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

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, 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

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.

EVENING PRAYER IN CARMEL CHAPEL (103 Burpee Avenue, Saint John) – March 27th. 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.

Last Wednesday of the month: Apr 24 * May 29 * June 26

MEN OF FAITH RETREAT: A Call to Prayer and Discernment - In preparation for the Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis invites us to “rediscover the great value and absolute necessity of prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church and in the world” so as to “prepare ourselves to live well this event of grace and to experience the power of God’s hope.” It is good for us to ask ourselves: What is God’s call to the men of the Diocese of Saint John as we move towards the Jubilee of 2025?

Please come and join other men of faith in the Diocese of Saint John for a day of teaching, prayer and discernment, conversation, and fraternal fellowship with Mass and Adoration.

WHEN: Saturday, **March 23, 2024, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm;**

WHERE: Villa Madonna Retreat House, 115 Villa Madonna Road, Rothesay, NB;

COST: \$75.00 includes lunch, supper, and an evening social.

For travelers or anyone wishing to extend their retreat experience, overnight accommodations are available for Friday and/or Saturday evenings for an additional \$75/night.

Open to all men in the Diocese of Saint John ages 19+ yrs. Register on-line (**Deadline this Sunday, March 17th**): <https://forms.office.com/r/eRYCgL2pWv?origin=lprLink>

For more information, contact Jim Anderson: janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - The theme for the 2024 campaign, “Reaping our Rights”, builds on the five-year theme introduced last year entitled Create Hope. Through this campaign we are invited to be mindful of impoverished populations (particularly rural populations) that are facing growing challenges due to climate change, land grabbing,

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resource theft, soil contamination and armed conflict. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports them in defending their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more. You can assist in this effort by giving generously to Share Lent, this Sunday, **March 17th** the **5th Sunday of Lent**. Further resources to support this campaign can be found at <https://devp.org/en/campaign/reaping-our-rights/resources-lent-2024/>.

CAMP SHELDRAKE - To help send some kids to camp, they are holding a raffle to give away a playhouse and a 50-50 draw. The grand prize is a furnished, wired and heated 12 foot by 16 foot playhouse complete with set of bunk beds, PlayStation 5, chair and 65-inch TV. Prize is valued at \$20,000. Second prize is 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – MARCH 29TH: For the last 50 years, the Holy See has urged all parishes around the world to support their brothers and sisters during difficult times. Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked. The Good Friday collection is the major source of income for their Church, and it permits many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and measure of peace, for Christians who more than ever depend on our generous support. Please support this worthwhile endeavour.

INCOME TAX CLINIC – There will be a free tax clinic, run by volunteers, starting Tuesday, March 19th at the Hampton Resource Centre (31 Demille Court, Hampton). **Tuesdays, only, from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. No appointment necessary; first come first served. This clinic is for people with modest income and a simple tax situation. This clinic will run until the end of April.

HELP GETTING TO SUNDAY MASS IN HAMPTON – One of our parishioners that lives in the 700 block of Main Street, Hampton, is in need of a ride to and from Sunday Mass at St. Alphonsus. If you are able to help, please call the office (506) 832-3327.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK – At the back of St. Alphonsus church, you will notice a few posters; to their right, a supply of pencils. Please take a few minutes either before or after Mass to check them out. If you are able to help, during Holy Week, in any of the areas listed, please do not hesitate to PENCIL in your name. If you have any questions about what you would be volunteering for, please do not hesitate to speak with Father Don., Sandra McNeill or call the office. “Many hands make light work”.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER - Parishioners are, once again, invited to contribute towards the beautification of St. Alphonsus this Easter. Donations can be made as a memorial to your loved ones or not. Names will be listed in our weekly parish bulletin.

Donations may be made by calling the office (see number below) or by placement in the collection on Sunday along with your name and envelope number, if you have one for income tax purposes. **Don't forget to include the name of the person you would like placed on the memorial list.** Envelopes are available in the foyer of St. Alphonsus.

Be safe
Wendy McGee,
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