

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – Nov. 15th, 2023

POSTED MASS TIMES:

Saturday – Nov. 18th	St. Anthony’s, Upham	4:00 p.m.
Sunday – Nov. 19th	St. Alphonsus, Hampton	9:30 a.m.
	St. Bridget’s, Chapel Grove	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday evening – Nov. 21st	<u>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
	Rosary after Mass	

Music Ministry Practice – NO practice Nov. 21st and 28th (Brenda is away).

WANTED – Catholic family or families to host international students (Hampton): We received this request from Chris. Rendell, Coordinator of International Students for Hampton High School. They are looking for a Catholic family or families to host a female student and a male student from Brazil arriving at the end of January, 2024 staying until June. Octavio and Vitoria are both active in their Catholic church at home and are asking for family/families that also are active in the church. Would you be interested in hosting Octavio or Vitoria?

Requirements are pretty simple: the student should be treated as a member of your family; and the student will need their own bedroom and furniture. The ideal family would have a student or students at home (**not** a requirement). The host family would receive a modest monthly stipend to help offset the cost of having an extra person in your home. They are NOT looking for room and board; they are looking for an environment where the international student becomes part of the family.

The International Student program is operated by AEI, which is a NB Government Crown Corporation. For more information about the AEI program, check out:

<http://www.aei-inc.ca/host-family>.

If you are interested, please contact Chris. Rendell at (506) 333-3962.

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

November 17th – “Things to Consider” when downsizing your home and information about seniors apartments in the Hampton area. Speaker: Chris. Oliver, Realtor.

November 24th – Emilie Brutinel, of Seniors Advocate Education and Outreach, will be talking about ensuring the rights, interests and views of seniors and adults are protected.

KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ cont.

December 1st – Presenter is Const. Tyson Nelson, Hampton Detachment RCMP. Const. Nelson will be talking about the RCMP Anti-Fraud Campaign with a particular focus on on-line and telephone scams. You will receive tips on ways to spot these scams and protect yourself.

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

“NET” TEAM CONFIRMATION RETREAT - Experience a NET Retreat and engage your faith! A team of vibrant young missionaries will be visiting the Saint John region **Monday, Nov. 20th from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm - hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 31 Gondola Pt. Rd, Rothesay.** This retreat is for youths in grades 8 and 9, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an opportunity to attend the mandatory retreat experience to hear the message of God’s love and a chance to experience the Gospel personally. It will be an evening of faith, fun and friendship! Lunch and snacks will be provided. To help with planning, please reserve by contacting the parish office at (506) 832-3327.

INVITATION TO LECTURE: The Tragic Situation of MAiD in Canada: Lecture by Sister Nuala Kenny, MD (Sister of Charity N.S.). Thursday - November 23rd 2023 7:00 – 9:00 PM - In-Person / Zoom Meeting at St. Mark’s Church, 171 Pettingill Rd. Quispamsis. Hosted by: Saint John Chapter of New Brunswick Right to Life. Zoom link can be obtained by contacting sjrighttolife@gmail.com or (506) 653-6828.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – Everyone is invited to attend two, free-admission, events in celebration of this 75th anniversary:

November 24th @ 7:00 p.m. – Hampton United Church, 25 Robb Court off Keirstead Ave.
Hosted by the Hampton John Peters Humphrey Foundation, the author of the book “Peace by Chocolate” will engage in a conversation about the Hadhad family, and why he was compelled to write about their journey to peace and freedom. They are the Syrian refugees who settled in Antigonish, NS and started a chocolate business. Books are for sale at Pharmasave for \$15.00, tax included.

December 8th @ 7:00 p.m. – Hampton High Theatre, 34 Elizabeth Ave.

Tareq Hadhad, the main subject of the Peace by Chocolate story, will give a public presentation about the challenges his family had to overcome as refugees in putting down roots in a foreign land. What one must leave behind and what one must move forward with. Tareq has become a much sought after speaker and the Foundation is fortunate to have been able to engage him.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS cont.

Although there is no fee to attend either event, the Foundation asks that you reserve your theatre seat for Dec. 8th via Eventbrite, online. If you wish a “hard copy ticket”, there are a number of them available at the Kings County Museum.

ST. BRIDGET’S CHRISTMAS SALE – Sunday, November 26th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Chapel Grove (1784 Route 845). Admission is a donation of non-perishable items for the food bank. Vendors will be available with various items for sale: handmade crafts, holiday décor, salmon, fudge, wood products and many more items. Vendor space is available. For more information: call Christine at (506) 763-2155 or Nancy at (506) 653-0089. See poster at St. Alphonsus.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada invites us to “Stand for the Land” with a focus on Honduras in Central America. We’re asked to advocate with land and water defenders threatened by powerful mining interests. Some community members have been jailed and killed for resisting an open-pit iron mine heavily polluting a national park and rivers. Development and Peace is gathering signatures on a letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada to press for human rights and environmental protection. How might we participate? To sign the letter online, go to devp.org/act. To download the letter (for 10 signatures) and access other free resources, see devp.org/campaign (“Discover the Resources”). We’re also encouraged to pray for the campaign and all involved. Thank you - Mary Hanson, Diocesan Chair.

SAINT JOHN JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM - The SJ Jewish Historical Museum will be hosting the Holocaust Education Exhibit from Monday, November 20 to Friday, December 1, 2023.

This exhibit offers a unique opportunity to gain insight into the Holocaust by viewing a selection of evocative photographs and propaganda posters, and reading the poignant stories of individuals who lived through the Holocaust. The Exhibit is designed to guide visitors through the rise of antisemitism, illuminating the disturbing events that culminated in the genocide perpetrated by Nazi Germany from 1933 to 1945. With a blend of historical accounts and personal narratives, the exhibition explores the events surrounding Adolf Hitler's rise to power and bears witness to the unfolding of one of the most profound tragedies in human history. This exhibition acknowledges and pays tribute to the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust - a reminder of the importance of remembrance and reflection.

The Museum will be open Monday to Friday, November 20 to 24, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Sunday to Thursday, November 26 to November 30, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission rates apply: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family (parents and school age children). For further information, call the museum at (506) 633-1833 or sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca.

SAINT JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION – “The Great Commission: This Mission, led by Bishop Riesbeck, has already been offered in the Miramichi and Fredericton regions and was well received. Our Regional Mission will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Waterloo St., Saint John from Nov. 27 – 29th starting with mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by a talk on the following themes:

Mon., Nov. 27 – **Know** Jesus;

Tues., Nov. 28 – **Grow** in relationship with Jesus and one another in love (**Reconciliation Serv.**);

Wed., Nov. 29 – **Go** and make disciples of all nations.

Please note there will be a **Reconciliation Service at the Cathedral on Tuesday, November 28th**. The bishop will have local priests to assist.

All sessions will conclude with refreshments and fellowship in the Cathedral rectory. See poster on the bulletin board at St. Alphonsus.

VILLA MADONNA RETREAT HOUSE FISH CHOWDER/CHILI LUNCH OR SUPPER – Tuesday, December 12, sittings 11:30, 12:45, 4:00 and 5:30. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Includes fish chowder or chili, delicious homemade biscuits, dessert and beverage. Please call the Villa at (506) 849-5125 **to reserve**. See poster at St. Alphonsus.

ANNUAL CATECHIST RETREAT – VILLA MADONNA: The 2024 Catechist Retreat is open for registrations. Avoid disappointment and register early. This retreat is offered as an opportunity to parish coordinators and catechists as a time for personal and spirituality renewal. Retreat will run from Friday, January 26th to Sunday, January 28th, 2024. 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.

NEW PASCHAL CANDLE FOR ST. ALPHONSUS – A fundraising campaign is under way. To date, we have raised \$315.00, just over half. We still have a little ways to go 😊.

Do you have any change to spare? For the next little while, we will be accepting donations towards the cost of the new Pascal Candle. You can place a sealed envelope, with your donation, in the collection basket or the locked box beside the office door. Mark “CANDLE” on the envelope. Specially marked envelopes are available in the foyer of St. Alphonsus Church. If you provide your contact information and envelope number, if you have one, you will get a receipt for income tax purposes. THANK YOU for your consideration and generosity.

WINTER WONDERLAND FOOD DRIVE – TOWN SQUARE, HAMPTON – Saturday, December 1 (inclement weather, the event will be Dec. 3rd), Hampton’s Winter Wonderland food drive is in support of the **Hampton Food Basket**. There will be horse and wagon rides at Spooner Island; a gingerbread auction and live music in the Visitor Information Centre. Help support our Food Basket.

COOKIES FOR ROMERO HOUSE – Last Friday of this month is November 24th. Sister Theresa of Avila said: “Yours are the hands with which Christ blessed the world.” With that thought in mind, would you be willing to help Shelagh and Don. with their monthly “Cookies for Romero House” campaign? They sincerely appreciate your continued support. Whether your cookies are homemade or Costco specials, no donation will be refused. Contact Shelagh or Don. at (506) 943-3493.

COMMUNITY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE – Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Hampton United Church. This fundraiser is in support of the **Hampton Food Basket**. Donations of non-perishable food items and cash will be happily received. Tax receipts are available for cash donations, if contact information is provided. See poster at St. Alphonsus.

2023- 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS (blue) – The new Missals have arrived! They are available at St. Anthony’s, St. Alphonsus and St. Bridget’s. Cost: \$5.00.

PARISH ENVELOPES – For those parishioners that use parish envelopes, for the next little while, please write your name and correct mailing address on the envelope. We are not far from the end of our fiscal year. Having the correct mailing information etc. will make it so much easier to prepare income tax receipts.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING – NOVEMBER 25TH & 26TH: This weekend, as a sign of Kingship and Royalty, parishioners are invited to wear **RED**.

MILESTONE: Those little birdies are still around☺. Next week our very talented music director, Brenda, is celebrating a birthday while out of town visiting family. Happy birthday, Brenda and many more.

Until next week, be safe
Wendy McGee
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