

## WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR BLESSED TRINITY PARISH – Nov. 22th, 2023

<b>POSTED MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Saturday – Nov. 25th</b>	<b>St. Anthony's, Upham</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Sunday – Nov. 26th</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 evening – Nov. 28st</b>	<b><u>St. Alphonsus, Hampton</u></b>	<b><u>6:30 p.m.</u></b>
		<b>Rosary after Mass</b>	

**Music Ministry Practice – NO practice Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> (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 24<sup>th</sup> – Emilie Brutinel, of Seniors Advocate Education and Outreach, will be talking about ensuring the rights, interests and views of seniors and adults are protected.

December 1<sup>st</sup> – 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.

## **KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ cont.**

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Advance Care Planning for your future health care needs based on your personal values is important. You have the power to choose the type of care you want and who will speak on your behalf if you are unable to express your wishes. Presenter: Jan Grant – Horizon Health.

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

**INITIATION TO LECTURE:** The Tragic Situation of MAiD in Canada: Lecture by Sister Nuala Kenny, MD (Sister of Charity N.S.). Thursday - November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 [sjrightrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:sjrightrighttolife@gmail.com) or (506) 653-6828.

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

November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 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 8<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

Although there is no fee to attend either event, the Foundation asks that you reserve your theatre seat for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 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** – This Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## ST. BRIDGET'S CHRISTMAS SALE cont.

Vendor space is available. For more information: call Christine at (506) 763-2155 or Nancy at (506) 653-0089. See poster at St. Alphonsus.

**SAINT JOHN JEWISH HISTORICAL MUSEUM** - The SJ Jewish Historical Museum will be hosting the Holocaust Education Exhibit until 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](mailto:sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca).

**EVENING PRAYER – CARMEL CHAPEL (note new date and time):** Sunday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 p.m.**, 103 Burpee Avenue, behind Chateau Saint John. Parking: Both sides of Burpee Ave. and Park St. area *behind* Rocmaura. "Enter in silence together".

**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 – 29<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY – ANNUAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATION:** The Diocese will celebrate World Youth Day, this Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 p.m. with a welcome and keynote speaker; 4:00 p.m. Mass and Adoration, ending with a social at 6:30 p.m. WHO: Youth aged 16 to 35; WHERE: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. See poster on bulletin board.

**REJOICE IN HOPE – A Young Adult initiative in the diocese:** In today's difficult times, the Church wishes to rekindle hope in the world. To do this, she relies especially on young people (18 to 35 years) who "... are the leading figures of history and missionaries of joy". Pope Francis invites young people to deepen their understanding of Christian hope and to witness joyfully that Christ is alive!

In person meetings are at the Cathedral Rectory, Mondays 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Gatherings will begin with a simple meal, in fellowship.

MEET other young Catholic adults; SHARE your experiences; LISTEN to a word of faith; RENEW your commitment to Jesus and BECOME the difference the world needs! To register or for more information, contact Jim Anderson at [janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org). See poster on bulletin board.

**THE LITTLE WAY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP - an initiative of the diocese:** The Little Way of Missionary Discipleship Series will provide an opportunity to encounter Doctor of the Church through a directed study of the spirituality and missionary genius of St. Therese, a model for discipleship in a missionary Church. All participants are asked to bring this study edition of Story of a Soul (with commentary): **Story of a soul study edition**, St. Therese of Lisieux, translated by John Clarke, prepared by Mark Foley, OCD, ICS Publications. ISBN: 978-0935216387 (available on Amazon.ca). Where: In person, Villa Madonna Retreat House. When: Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to register, contact Jim Anderson at (506) 653-6809 or [janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:janderson@dioceseofsaintjohn.org). See poster on bulletin board.

**NEW PASCHAL CANDLE FOR ST. ALPHONSUS – WHAT CAN I SAY!!** We have exceeded our goal, thanks to your generosity. All we have to do now is complete the order. Thank you.

**WINTER WONDERLAND FOOD DRIVE – TOWN SQUARE, HAMPTON** – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (inclement weather, the event will be Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>), 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.

**COMMUNITY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** – Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Also, the **2024 envelopes have arrived** and are available for pick up in the lobby of St. Alphonsus Church. Father will deliver the envelopes for St. Anthony's. Please do not use them until the New Year. Everyone has a new number. This change is cost-saving for the parish. Thank you for your understanding.

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

**MILESTONE:** Happy birthday, Brenda - safe travels. Please welcome Peggy this Sunday at St. Alphonsus. Peggy is covering for Brenda. And, two more .... Ruby Carter celebrates a "big one" this Sunday but, truth be told, she has been celebrating for a few days! And, John Kneeland has a birthday coming up early December. On behalf of the congregation, happy birthday .... and many more.

**OFFICE HOURS** – The office will be closed from Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. I will be taking a little break to spend Christmas with my son and family in BC.

Until next week, be safe

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