

St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

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March 11th, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Lent

KITCHEN GRAND RE-OPENING (THIS Weekend March 10/11th after each Mass)

Please join us in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre after Mass on Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11. While showing off our newly renovated Kitchen, we will be serving coffee, tea and snacks (freshly baked in our 'new' kitchen). As part of this gathering, there will be a blessing prayed as well.

We thank you for your support and enthusiasm regarding this project which is well reflected in your generous donations of \$22,777 toward total project costs of \$103,823. The kitchen was in dire need of an upgrade; we think you will be happy with the results.

LENT FOOD DONATIONS/FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Your generous food donations of the past weeks are very appreciated by the Greener Village Food Centre. A very big Thank You! This week share the comfort and pleasure of a hot beverage with clients of the Food Bank. Please consider "instant" beverages of coffee, tea or hot chocolate since many clients have access only to a microwave or kettle to prepare this beverage. Donation boxes are available at each entrance to the church.

NO Children's Faith Formation Classes this weekend, March 11th, due to March Break.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfast Sunday, March 11th @ 10 AM to 1 PM.

Development and Peace (D & P) Share Lent 2018! A school of community leaders in Peru. For the fourth week of Lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. **The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week, March 18th.** We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All parishioners are invited to a Parish Meeting on Sunday, March 18th @ 4 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center, Helen O'Connor Hall. At this meeting the Financial Report for 2017 and Budget for 2018 will be presented. Also, this will be an opportunity to receive reports on the Pastoral life of the Parish in 2017 and to celebrate all that God is doing among us. Hope you can attend.

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1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 35:14-17am 19-23

Gospel: John 3:14-21

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed	14 th	6:30 pm	Zoe Morin
Thur	15 th	12:05 pm	Napoleon Roy
Sat	17 th	5:00 pm	Mary O'Connor
Sun	18 th	9:00 am	Peggy Vink
		11:30 am	Special Intention

1st Friday Adoration 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday's 4:00 – 4:30

Legion of Mary – Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am
Natural Family Planning www.billings.life/en 450-9343

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule March 17th & 18th

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:00 Curry Smith Spencer Smith	Linda Roach (H2) Krista Casey-Smith Frances Briand
9:00 Marg Denning John Denning	Kate Black (H2) Sonny Grasse Bob Scott Karen Morris Pauline Arnold
11:30 Marilyn Rowan Sue Kettela	Anne Macies (H2) Robert Michaud Rose-Anne DiGiacinto Carole Monterio Natali Caswell

For the weekend of March 3rd & 4th

Offertory (operating)

Envelope	\$ 5,818.00
Loose	\$ 1,093.75
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$ 1,425.00
Total	\$ 8,336.75
Budget	\$ 8,888.00
Variance	(\$ 551.25)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 1,727.00
Kitchen Reno Donations to date	\$22,846.75

Your 2017 Donation Receipts are available to pick up in the parish office. Please advise the office of any changes to your address or phone number. Remember Pre-Authorized Debit as a way to make your donations. Forms are available at church entrances.

Readings for March 18th

1st Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34
2nd Reading	Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel	John 12:20-33

Palms from previous years may be dropped off at the Parish office. They will be used to make next year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.

NECROLOGY

Mar 12	E Margaret McKimmie	1974
	Joseph Paul Lucien Leger	1987
	John Merlin Cougle	2005
	Edith Margaret Morrison	2007
	Michael James Cashin	2014
Mar 13	Jack Ivory	1978
	Barbara M Prebble	1978
	Aline Marie Coombes	1983
	Elizabeth (Lizzie) McGinnis	1988
	Bernice Margaret Whalen	1993
	Joseph Gonzalve Roy	1997
	Laurie Frederick Graham	2005
	Simone A Smyth	2012
Mar 14	Evelyn Violet Ellis	1992
	Most Rev Arthur J Gilbert	1999
	Joseph Perry Anthony York	2002
	Malfina Cimolino	2005
	Robert Bruce Rogerson	2017
Mar 15	Margaret Agnes Sullivan	1983
	Robert Andrew Kennedy Jr	1989
	Cynthia Ann Burns	2005
Mar 16	William B Burns	1975
	Adela DiGiacinto	1983
	Leona Margaret (Peggy) Vink	2004
	Romeo Florean	2010
Mar 17	James Lee MacAfee	1992
	King Hang Tang	1999
	Gertrude Wade	1999



With Gratitude & Thanksgiving: Well-known composer of contemporary Catholic liturgical music, David Haas In Concert June 1st 7 pm \$20 at the door. Music Ministers Workshop and Retreat, Saturday June 2nd at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Riverview. 9 am – 2 pm (lunch provided). \$35 (advance registration). Deadline to register May 15th. For more info or to register visit www.diomoneton.ca See posters on church bulletin boards for more information.

CWL Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 13th beginning at 6pm with Stations of the Cross in the Church. Meeting to follow in Mary Sullivan Room 120. Guests always welcome!

Note from Fr. Bill: During this time of restructuring and revitalizing in our Diocese, we are being invited to pray with the Sunday Gospel each week by using the method of 'Lectio Divina'. We had an information and practice session with this method of prayer with 30 people attending. There are pamphlets describing what Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is and the steps to follow when praying it as an individual or in a small group. Pamphlets are available on the Adult Faith Formation Bulletin Board in the Parish Center. It is easy to follow. If you would like to join a group to pray this once or twice a week, leave your name at the Parish Office.

Lenten Stations of the Cross: Parish groups that would like to hold Stations of the Cross during Lent can schedule this through the office. Tuesdays and Thursdays are the available evenings. Scheduled are:
CWL on Tuesday, March 13th @ 6 pm
Little Rock on Wednesday, March 14th @ 12 noon
D & P on Thursday, March 15th @ 6:30 pm
Everyone is welcome! Pamphlets at the church entrances.

Easter Flowers ~ Parishioners are invited to make a donation for flowers for the church Altar for Easter in memory of loved ones. Please write "flowers" on the front of your regular envelope and write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the back ... or place a special envelope in the offering, or stop into the parish office.

RELAUNCHING OF THE HOSPITALITY BROCHURE "BELONGING AT ST. DUNSTAN'S"

Over the past few months our "Belonging at St. Dunstan's" brochure has been revised and updated. We, as a Parish, continue to grow and welcome new parishioners and support and encourage the continued involvement of our faithful and long term parishioners. This brochure is a way for you to become more aware of the councils, committees and ministries that you could be a part of and the contact information for them. There is also a form in the brochure called 'Welcome Card'. You could fill this out if you would like to be contacted for further information and direction regarding the parish. We have in place people who will follow up with you when you fill out the form. Completed forms can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the offertory at Mass. The brochures are at each entrance of the Church. New and longer term parishioners are invited to take a look, discern your involvement and let us assist your 'belonging' at St. Dunstan's.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Thursday, March 15th following
the 12:05 Mass join us in the
Mary Sullivan Room (MBFC) for
some refreshments, conversation and good
ol' Irish music. Everyone is welcome.

March 1, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I have the pleasure to invite all of you to the *Chrism Mass*, a unique celebration in the Liturgical Year. At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John, Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

If you are a regular to this annual celebration, I look forward to welcoming you back. If you have never experienced the *Chrism Mass*, I warmly encourage you to come for the first time. Each year I meet people who are delighted to have done so.

It is a pleasure for me to preside this concelebrated Eucharist during which I bless the Holy Oils to be used for the coming year and receive the renewal of promises made by the priests the day of their ordination.

At the end of this Mass, the Holy Oils will be distributed to parish representatives. Afterwards, all are invited to a reception in the Cathedral Rectory. I look forward to welcoming you.

Let us pray for each other during this season of grace. Blessings on your Lenten journey towards Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Robert Harris

Bishop of Saint John

Sr. Nuala P. Kenny is a Sister of Charity of Halifax and Medical Doctor. She will be giving a workshop on the topic: "Rediscovering the Art of Living and Dying as Disciples of Jesus" at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception THIS Sunday, March 11th @ 2 pm for anyone interested in this topic. Sr. Kenny is also offering a 2 day workshop at The Villa Madonna, March 12 & 13. More information on the back of the bulletin.

Annual Book Sale in support of Twitti School in Zambia, Saturday, April 28 -8am - 3pm at George Street Middle School. Donations of good quality used books are welcome, ie gently used Children's literature, young adult fiction, fiction/non-fiction for adults. Call 454-0233 or 292-2056. Books may be left at George Street Middle School during the week leading up to the sale.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT VILLA MADONNA

To register: call Villa Madonna at 849-5125 or email: villamadonna@nb.aibn.com

Men's Spirituality Really Matters - Wednesday, March 7th - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Join Bill Kolodnicki, member of *Illuman*, to explore the work of *Illuman* and Father Richard Rohr. *Illuman* focuses on providing men all over the world an opportunity through ritual, teaching, and communicating to explore what really matters to them. Discussions will be held on real life challenges, our roles in society, and how to support each other. The Men's Rites of Passage (MROP) is a program developed by Fr. Richard Rohr. *Illuman* has been entrusted with maintaining the integrity and expansion of this work. \$40 includes 2 breaks and lunch). **OPEN TO ALL MEN!**

Rediscovering the Art of Dying, Lenten Project - March 12 & 13, 2018 facilitated by Nuala Kenny, Medical Doctor, renowned Ethicist, Professor, and Sister of Charity of Halifax. The Christian notion of a good death is death not as a good end but as a good transition; one that requires faith, proper acceptance and readiness. **Who Should Attend:** Clergy, Physicians, Lay Ministers, those who work in Pastoral/Palliative Care **Cost:** \$75 commuters (includes breaks & lunch each day); \$150 (one nights' accommodation/meals beginning with lunch Monday and ending with lunch Tuesday).

Conscious Aging Workshop ~ Tuesday, April 3 ~ Thursday, April 5, 2018 ~ Cultivate Wisdom, Connect with Others, Celebrate Life facilitated by Bill Kolodnick. Bill is a certified IONS Conscious Aging Workshop Facilitator. He has a passion to learn and looks eagerly to learning from each person he meets. This powerful workshop provides the space and the opportunity for you to explore your potential for growth, sense of purpose, service and fulfillment in the later chapters of life. **Cost:** \$230 per person; \$330 per couple (incl. 2 nights' accommodation/meals); \$150 commuters (incl. meals/breaks). Open to All!

24 Hour Guided Directed Retreat - Wednesday, May 2 ~ Thursday, May 3, 2018. AN INITIAL EXPERIENCE OF THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS Hearts on Fire ~ Inner Peace Through God's Transforming Love

Registration: 4:00 pm Wednesday, Retreat begins at 4:30 pm Wednesday and ends at 4:30 pm Thursday May 3. This silent retreat will be an opportunity for specific guidance in various structured approaches to prayer. Retreatants will have an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. In between assigned prayer periods, retreatants are free to enjoy the indoor and outdoor space as desired. This retreat will also include the celebration of Eucharist. **\$35 registration; \$75 upon arrival. Coordinators:** Pam Daigle & Betty Poley

Peacemaking - Not for the Faint Hearted ~ Weekend Guided Retreat with Gloria Ulterino ~ Fri, May 4 ~ Sun, May 6, 2018

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference a series of North American conferences, brings 50,000 teens and their leaders closer to Christ every summer. Steubenville Atlantic 2018, in Halifax, is presented in partnership with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Conference dates are July 6-8, 2018. All aged 14-18 are welcome. **Cost:** \$325 (transportation included) **26 early bird registration seats left** at \$300 before March 9th. If you are interested in attending Steubenville Atlantic, please contact Margot McAloon-Parker 444-6025,

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