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April 1st, 2018 – Easter Sunday

Note from Fr. Bill: This quote from Fr. Ron Rolheiser on April 1, 1987 still rings true for me as a central and hope-filled Easter message. I offer it for your Easter reflection.

“The resurrection of Christ challenges us to new life – to believe, precisely, that there are surprises hidden at the heart of death: that every scream, tear and cry is redeemed, and that God’s laughter is stronger than death. Ultimately, belief in the resurrection asks us to believe that, despite a strong experience to the contrary, reality is gracious, light does triumph over darkness, love over self-interest, justice over oppression, peace over chaos, fulfilment over hunger. Faith in the resurrection is the trust that, in the end, everything is good.

But it is hard, almost impossible, to believe that. Why? Because experience constantly belies it. At least, so it seems. Despair comes easier than faith. Too often self-interest, loneliness, oppression, greed, bitterness and darkness triumph in our world. It seems naive not to believe that they represent our Omega, our final unresurrected, non-redeemed destiny. The disciples of Jesus, themselves, experienced a lot of doubt, even on the original Easter Sunday. They, like us, were mourning crucified dreams.

What reversed this? What moved them from despair to new hope?

It was not just the fact of the resurrection that changed them, for they doubted, huddled in fear, locked doors, despaired and tried to go back to their old ways of life even after they had seen the empty tomb. What brought resurrection faith was the in-the-flesh appearance of the resurrected Christ. Slowly, gently, through these appearances, Christ built up their faith until they no longer needed these appearances. We are built up in faith through appearances of Christ in the flesh. Where does the resurrected Christ have flesh in our world?

The resurrected Christ appears to us in the flesh in those persons who are arsonists of the heart, who truly make our hearts burn within us. What kind of persons burn messianic holes within us? Those who speak of mustard seeds, who tell us about the value of what’s hidden, small and insignificant; those who tell us that pain can bring deep meaning and redemption; those who tell us that, despite all, reality is gracious and we can trust and love. They are those who tell us that we should be less afraid, that paranoia is an illness, metanoia is salvation; who tell us that bitterness is not noble, it’s hell, that cynicism and stoicism are forms of despair, that life is not tragic, that tears are redemptive, that the Christian call is to celebration.”

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, contact Margot McAloon Parker at 444-6025.

**St. Dunstan’s CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Friday, April 13th @ 6:30 pm.
Everyone is welcome!**

April 1st, 2018 – Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Gospel: John 20:1-18

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat	31 st	8:00 pm	Clair Gilmore (Easter Vigil)
Sun	1 st	9:00 am	Dr. Angela McGibbon
		11:30 am	Msgr. Joseph Woods
Sat	7 th	5:00 pm	Clayton Scherer
Sun	8 th	9:00 am	Bill Sarty
		11:30 am	Special Intention
Weekday Mass -Monday & Wednesday 9 am – St. Theresa's			

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 April 7th & 8th

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 Mary Holland Cecilia White	Patrick Tang (H2) Frances Briand Verna Shaw
9:00 Marg Denning John Denning	Sonny Grasse (H2) Bob Scott Andrea McLaughlin Mary McMahon Esther Archibald
11:30 Ella Allen John Brennan	Rose-Anne DiGiacinto (H2) Marie Costello Maria Flores Noreen Vaillancourt Ramon Martilano

Schedules for April to June for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers available in the church office.

For the weekend of March 24th & 25th

Offertory (operating)

Envelope	\$ 7,099.00
Loose	\$ 1,320.35
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$ 1,425.00
Total	\$ 9,844.35
Budget	\$ 8,888.00
Variance	\$ 956.35
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 709.00
Kitchen Reno Donations to date	\$ 23,431.75

Readings for April 8th

1st Reading	Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading	1 John 5:1-6
Gospel	John 20:19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday April 8th. at St. Dunstan's from 4– 4:45 pm. Everyone is welcome.

NO Children's Faith Formation this Sunday, April 1st. Classes will resume Sunday, April 8th @ 10 am

NECROLOGY

Apr 2	Katherine Freeman	1978
	Alfreda Martin	1990
	John Archibald Duffy	1996
	Donald Francis Hobin	2004
	Exilda (Zelda) Marie Dionne	2017
Apr 3	Eric Joseph Tims	1998
	Margaret E Arsenault	1999
	Anthony Francis Maillard	2007
	Antonia Olive Barry	2016
	Margaret Mary Currie	2017
Apr 4	Michelle Suzanne Jardine	1981
	Janet Mary Legere	2007
	Edith Pearl Flanagan	2008
Apr 5	Mary Crotty	1974
	Sarah Lavinia Camer	1988
Apr 6	Dorothy Jean Cote	1970
	Neil William Brewer Jr.	2013
	Faheme Khoury	2015
Apr 7	Erma Faye Ivory	1993
	Thomas James Marshall	2003
	Robert William Woolaver	2010
	Stephen Thomas Bell	2012
	Lillian Blanche O'Hanley	2012
Apr 8	Msgr Francis F. Walker	1975
	Alice Marie Doyle	1983
	John Arthur Crabbe	2013

Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Andy Burns (1967 – 1993)

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.diomoncton.ca See posters on church bulletin boards for more information.

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. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be April 18th @ 7:15 pm in the MBFC – Room 120.

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.

An Evening of Adoration - The Catechism calls the Eucharist the Source and Summit of our Faith. Adoration ending with Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation. Friday, April 6 at 7:00 PM in the STU Chapel.

**CWL SPAGHETTI SUPPER
SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH 4:00 - 6:30 PM**
Enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Supper with Fresh Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Desserts, Tea & Coffee. \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Tickets will be sold at the door. Sponsored by St. Dunstan's Council of the Catholic Women's League.

CWL 45's Card Party – April 17th @ 6 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre, Helen O'Connor Hall. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be prizes and door prizes. Come and bring a friend!

**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

Easter Message 2018

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Each year, as women and men of faith, we remember and celebrate the saving effects of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. As disciples of Christ, our lives are focused on Jesus. We spend our lives in communion with him, proclaiming his Gospel to the world in which we live beginning with our families. May this year's Easter Season provide us with one more opportunity to radiate Christ in and through the lives we live. When people see us, may it be obvious to them that we are his disciples. I wish you and yours every blessing as we celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of Christ and embrace once again the promise of new life which he purchased for us.

As a diocesan church, you are waiting for me to make public our plan as we move forward with our revitalization process. I apologize for the delay. Know that my collaborators and I are working diligently to fine tune the recommendations made to me. The process has included so many of you. I am grateful for the time and effort which you have invested. Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. As we move forward with the merger of parishes and missions, it is my hope that the plan will be recognized as the fruit of much prayer and widespread consultation and will facilitate a time of renewal in our diocesan church. Already there are signs of new life here and there in our diocese.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis reminds us that the purpose of the Church is discipleship and evangelization. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, as he thinks about dioceses and parishes, he says: "I dream of a missionary option; that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation." (E.V. #27).

After the Easter Season comes Pentecost, our celebration of the outpouring of the Spirit and the birth of the Church. As we recognize the Holy Spirit both inspiring and supporting the process in which we are involved, please join me in praying for a New Pentecost in our diocesan church:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Easter blessings on you and yours. You will be remembered as I celebrate Easter Mass at the Cathedral, the Mother Church of our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Robert Harris, Bishop of Saint John

UPCOMING RETREATS AT VILLA MADONNA

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

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).

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.

TAKE HEART ... HE IS CALLING YOU. AASEA Day Guided-Directed Retreat. Thursday, May 3rd from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. This silent retreat includes guidance for prayer in the morning plus a meeting with a personal spiritual director in the afternoon. Ample time for relaxation, and walks in nature are built into the day's schedule. The day will conclude with Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Bill Brennan. Contact Bob McDermott at mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca or 696-4772. Send non-refundable registration of \$15 with name, address, phone/email and any dietary needs to: AASEA Retreats, c/o Bob McDermott, 43 Studio Road, Saint John, NB E2N 1R8. Due upon arrival \$35 (arrival time 9 – 9:20 am).

5 DAY DIRECTED RETREAT (AASEA) – June 11 – 15 \$65. Applications available at www.aaseasaintjohn.ca/directed-retreats please forward to AASEA Retreats, c/o Bob McDermott, 43 Studio Road, Saint John, NB E2N 1R8. For further information contact Bob McDermott at 696-4772 or by email mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca

Peacemaking - Not for the Faint Hearted ~ Weekend Guided Retreat - with Gloria Ulterino ~ Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6. Gloria Ulterino, an active Catholic laywoman, is a preacher, storyteller, and leader of the Women of the Well storytelling group in Rochester, New York. She has led the services in this book in parishes and retreat settings in Western New York, at national gatherings, and with various other groups since 1998. She holds masters degrees in Divinity, Theology, American History, and is the author of numerous articles on pastoral ministry. **Cost:** \$230.00 single; \$390.00 couple; \$135.00 commuter. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 payable to Villa Madonna is due with your registration; remainder is due at arrival. Info on this retreat at the church entrances.

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