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January 7th, 2018 - Epiphany of the Lord

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 this past Wednesday 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. These pamphlets are available on the Adult Faith Formation Bulletin Board in the Parish Center. It is easy to follow. Pick one up and give it a try. If you would like to join a group to pray this once or twice a week, just leave your name at the Parish Office (444-6001).

Diocesan Catechist Retreat Who Am I Called to Be? January 26-28th, 2018, Friday 8 pm – Sunday 1:00 pm, Villa Madonna Retreat House Cost: \$175 (Includes accommodations & all meals). Retreat Facilitator - Fr. Owen Burns. To Register, please fill out registration form and forward to your Regional Catechetical Coordinator on for before January 19. Registration forms are available online https://www.facebook.com/diocesesjrelform/ or from your parish coordinator. Saint John: Mary Alice: Tel: 653-6829 e-mail: sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org Fax: 653-6904.

Children's Faith Formation classes resume NEXT Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at 10:00 am.

<u>Note of thanks from Fr. Bill:</u> On behalf of myself and the parish staff, I would like to thank everyone for your kind greetings, blessings and gifts through the Christmas Season. My heartfelt thanks as well on the generous gift of time and involvement in attending our beautiful liturgies over this Christmas Season and for all of you who took on special responsibilities and liturgical ministries. May all of you have a blessed and purposeful New Year and 2018.

Mass for the Feast of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys - Friday, January 12 - will be 10 am at St. Anthony's Church. Anyone interested is invited to join the Sisters, Associates and friends at this Liturgy.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Community Breakfast: 170 Regent Street, on Sunday, January 14th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cost: Adults \$ 7.00, children \$ 3.00, families \$ 20.00.

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1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

† MASS INTENTIONS †

| Wed | 10^{th} | 6:30 pm | Alice Fudge |
|------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Thur | $11^{\rm th}$ | 12:05 pm | Christine Romanus |
| Sat | 13^{th} | 5:00 pm | Michael Bardsley |
| Sun | 14^{th} | 9:00 am | Marg Bonnell |
| | | 11:30 am | Earle Harrison |

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday's 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Legion of Mary – Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am 1st **Friday Adoration** following noon Mass until 2 pm **Natural Family Planning** www.billings.life/en 450-9343

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule January 13th & 14th

| <u>Lectors</u> | Eucharistic Ministers |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5:00 Curry Smith | Krista Casey-Smith (H2) |
| Spencer Smith | Patrick Tang |
| | Linda Roach |
| 9:00 Meg Mombourquette | Kate Black (H2) |
| Catherine Harrop | David Macneil |
| | Hughena Macneil |
| | Carole Dilworth |
| | Mary McMahon |
| 11:30 Sue Kettela | Claire Leach (H2) |
| Bev Woznow | Noreen Vaillancourt |
| | Maria Flores |
| | Chris McAloon |
| | Andrea McLaughlin |

For the weekend of December 23/24 and the Christmas Masses

Offertory (operating)

| Envelope | \$ 2 | 26,874.00 |
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| Loose | \$ | 5,868.93 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) | \$ | 1,350.00 |
| Total | \$ | 34,092.93 |
| Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc) | \$ | 1,897.37 |
| Kitchen Renovation | \$ | 885.00 |

December 30 & 31st / January 1st

Offertory (operating)

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| Envelope | \$ 14,630.10 |
| Loose | \$ 1,141.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) | \$ 1,350.00 |
| Total | \$ 17,121.10 |
| Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc) | \$ 554.00 |
| Kitchen Renovation | \$ 2,000.00 |

NECROLOGY

| Jan 7 | Joseph Ross | 1973 |
|--------|----------------------------|------|
| | Gregory McDade | 1981 |
| | Marjorie Eleanor Underhill | 1998 |
| Jan 8 | Gertrude B Keenan | 1972 |
| | Dorothy Mary Shannon | 1994 |
| | Mona McLaughlin | 2004 |
| Jan 9 | John Alfred Barry | 1971 |
| | Gerald Joseph Lenihan | 1972 |
| | Helen Bernice Lynch | 1986 |
| | T Louis McGloan | 1986 |
| | Helen Elizabeth Gorman | 1992 |
| | Irene Gertrude MacDonald | 1992 |
| | Nora Gertrude Dolan | 2008 |
| | Alfred Daniel Burgoyne | 2014 |
| Jan 10 | Mabel E Wade | 1983 |
| | Mona Shirley Richards | 1992 |
| | Marjorie Turner | 2000 |
| | Fenton Gerard Burke | 2001 |
| | George John Oley | 2015 |
| Jan 11 | Joseph James Kileel | 1975 |
| | Leo Francis Cain | 1976 |
| | Katherine Rose Gorman | 1976 |
| | Molly (M Isabella) Barry | 1987 |
| | Fernande DeGrace | 1991 |
| | Ralph John Keilty | 2015 |
| | Robert Michael Bardsley | 2017 |
| Jan 12 | Mary Frances Morrissey | 1987 |
| | Thomas M Gregan | 1999 |
| | Dorothy Lee | 2005 |
| Jan 13 | Daniel Green | 1968 |
| | Roy Samuel Weaver | 1974 |
| | Eveline Marie Kenny | 1995 |
| | Mary Agnes McGuire | 2003 |
| | Agnes Yvonne Foster | 2010 |
| Jan 14 | Edna Farrell | 1956 |
| | Vesta Jennie King | 1990 |
| | Harold William Chlow | 1991 |
| | Evelyn Elizabeth Eardley | 1997 |
| | Ana Lilian Rosales | 2010 |
| | James Lee (Jim) MacAfee | 2017 |
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Faithful Departed

Evelyn VanTassel, sister to Mac (Bernardine) Carter **Hubert McDonald**, husband of Eleanor and daughter of Nancy MacKay

Sanctuary Lamp
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Deceased Members of the Kelly & Connolly Families

Readings for January 14th

1st Reading 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Gospel John 1:35-42 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, January 17th @ 7:30 in the Mary Sullivan Room 120.

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council Daily TV Mass sponsored by St. Dunstan's will be broadcast on Wednesday, January 24th.

Note from Fr. Bill regarding weekend Masses:

Please take note that we now have three weekend Masses instead of four as follows: beginning this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, Saturday @ 5:00 pm, Sunday @ 9:00am and 11:30am. There will be NO 7:00 pm Mass. The reason for this change is due to the new Mass schedule at St. Thomas University which now has Mass on Sunday evening @ 7:00pm. For many years there has been a commitment to make sure there is a Sunday evening Mass scheduled in the city of Fredericton to accommodate those who through work or other commitments have not been able to attend an earlier Mass. We are blessed that the Sunday evening Mass @ 7:00pm at St. Thomas University continues to provide this service. The Chapel at St. Thomas is on the main floor of Holy Cross House on Montgomery St. and there is ample parking on Sunday evenings in the parking lot beside Holy Cross House. Thank you to the many people who have taken on ministries at the 7 pm Mass to assure prayerful and vibrant liturgies for so many years.

The Fredericton Women's Inter-Church Council

will be hosting a Panel discussion on the Theme "God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity" at Holy Family Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road on Thursday, January 25,2018 from 2-4 PM. Members involved in the Panel Discussion are Moderator Mary Ryan along with Gladys Lacey-House, Linda Lamont, Nancy Bauer, Dr. W. Barry Miller, Margaret Leonard, Kate Rogers, Chris McAloon, Lisa Bamford, Kay Furlong, Shirley DeMerchant and Father Monte Peters. For all those on the panel Rehearsal date will be on Sunday, January 7th at Holy Family Parish at 4:00PM. Storm date will be Sunday. January 28th from 2-4PM, same place. Ample parking available. There are no stairs. Patrons can be dropped off at the door. Free will donation to Liberty Lane, a home for Abused Women and Children.

St. Francis Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 13th 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Adults \$6, children under 12 years of age, \$3.

An insightful Quote for Epiphany:

"To bless another person is to give away some of one's own life so that the other might be more resourced for his or her journey. Good parents do that for their children. Good teachers do that for their students, good mentors do that for their protégés, good pastors do that for their parishioners, good politicians do that for their countries, and good elders do that for the young. They give away some of their own lives to resource the other. The wise men did that for Jesus. How do we react when a young star's rising begins to eclipse our own light?" Fr. Ron Rolheiser

An insightful Quote as we continue to live our liturgical seasons and feasts:

"Life is not meant to be escaped, we learn, as the liturgical year moves from season to season, from feast to feast. It is meant to be penetrated, to be plumbed to its depths, to be tasted and savored and bring us to realize that the God who created us is with us yet. Life, we come eventually to know, is an exercise in transformation, the mechanics of which take a lifetime of practice, of patience, of slow, slow growth."

Sr. Joan Chittister

Kitchen Renovation: The Kitchen Renovation is complete! Feel free to drop by and take a look at our beautiful new kitchen. At our last Annual Parish Meeting (April 2017) we let you know that the kitchen would be renovated at a cost of \$55K plus tax. In order to adhere to building codes and food safety policies this renovation required a complete upgrading to our kitchen structure including electrical, plumbing, counter tops, cabinets and flooring. The cost will actually be \$101 K with tax included. At that Parish Meeting, we were asked by some of those in attendance to put out an invitation to parishioners requesting donations towards this project. Given that we have not approached parishioners for over 6 years for assistance with any of the many projects we have done at the cost of \$814K, it seems timely that we make this request once again. We have relied heavily on our investments to fund all of the projects we have undertaken. We are now looking to fund some of our new projects, including this kitchen renovation, through new funding from whatever you are able to contribute. With the bulletin several weekends ago, Fr. Bill included a letter to parishioners detailing all of the capital projects we have done in the past 6 years with an envelope attached for donations as one possible way to contribute to this kitchen project. That letter and envelopes are available at the entrances to the church and at the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

Revitalization & Realignment - Continuing the Conversation #6

Why Are We Doing This?

In any project it helps periodically to reflect on why we are doing this. There are many factors that have brought us to this point – declining population, aging communities, movement of people from one area to another, shortages of priests, the need to carry out ministry and pastoral care in new ways, financial considerations to name a few. But one, a new vision of the Catholic Church has been expressed by Pope Francis.

Pope Francis expressed this new vision in 2013 shortly after he became pope. In his exhortation to all Catholics, <u>The Joy of the Gospel</u> Pope Francis called on all Christians, including Catholics to a "renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ". As he put it: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." In this he was quoting his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI. It is this encounter with a person, Jesus Christ that energizes us as disciples to become missionaries of Good News to our world.

In <u>The Joy of the Gospel</u> Pope Francis expressed this vision this way: "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 channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than her self-preservation." (27) In short the Church, the whole Church, universal and local must become about mission, not maintenance.

Pope Francis has expressed a new vision of how we are to be Church in the midst of the world in the 21st century. This vision calls for each and every person, laity and clergy to carry the Good News to the whole world. At the local level it will mean communities that are revitalized and active, that gather many different generations, children, seniors, youths and middle age. Being Catholic will mean more than going to Mass on Sunday. It will mean we will all be missionary disciples of Jesus ready to share what we have received. In doing so, we become the face of God to our world.

Why are we doing this? Why are working for revitalization & realignment? Because we aspire and hope to grow stronger as the Church we are called to be – communities of missionary disciples able to share the full joy of the Gospel.





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