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March 26th, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH St. Dunstan's Annual General Meeting (AGM): All parishioners are invited to a Parish Meeting on **Sunday, April 30th @ 4:00 pm** in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center. At this meeting the Financial Report for 2016 and Budget for 2017 will be presented. Also, this will be an opportunity to receive reports on the Pastoral life of the parish in 2016 and to celebrate all that God is doing among us.

The Door Is Open' for you at St. Dunstan's on Thursday, April 6th from 6 pm to 9 pm. Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Shawn Daley will be present to welcome anyone desiring a one-to-one conversation and/or the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). There will be reflective music, and an environment of silence to assist your prayer.

TUESDAYS WITH TAIZÉ ~ You are cordially invited to join us at the STU Chapel (STU Campus, Holy Cross House, Main Floor) every Tuesday evening at 7pm during Lent. We will be coming together in the Chapel to "Watch and Pray".

The St. Dunstan's Development & Peace Group will be leading the "Way of the Cross" on Thursday, March 30th beginning at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

VISIONING for the FUTURE! Children/Youth Faith Formation programs at St. Dunstan's Parents and Guardians...Save the date: Sunday April 9, 2-3:30pm.
Information to follow after soon.

Catholic Book Store Easter Sale, Friday March 31st from 10 am to 5 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre, Room 120. Easter Cards & gifts, Books, 1st Communion and Confirmation gifts & cards, Rosaries, Bibles, and general merchandise and gift items. **Sue's Chocolate Creations** will be there with some yummy 'Chocolate Treats'!

Children's Way of the Cross ...The **Children's Faith Formation Committee** is inviting families and all others who wish to join us on **Saturday, APRIL 8 at 4:00pm** to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. We will be using a child's version of the prayers for this so that the children/youth who attend will understand and perhaps even volunteer to participate in the readings. As there are 14 Stations, we expect it will take about 30-35 minutes to complete the "walk". Everybody is welcome to come and join us in this ancient Christian Lenten activity. *We will try to start on time as the scheduled 5:00 pm Mass will follow soon afterwards.* You may wish to join with us in both of these liturgical devotions.

Attention Middle School Youth: Games, skits, cool music! Middle-school youth, it's not too late to register: **NET Team will be holding an Encounter day on Saturday, April 1, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.** Registration: Karen at 454-7966, or karen@morris-photographics.com

We're still looking for families who can provide meals and accommodations for two (or more) NET team members on Saturday evening, April 1, and Sunday morning, April 2. Please contact Karen by phone (454-7966) or email (karen@morris-photographics.com).

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1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13

Gospel: John 9:1-41

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed	29 th	6:30 pm	Lori Elizabeth Dunlap
Thur	30 th	12:05 pm	Mary Breen
Fri	31 st	12:05 pm	Jim Myles
Sat	1 st	5:00 pm	Ron Gallagher
Sun	2 nd	9:00 am	Greta & Roy Thomas
		11:30 am	Linda Theriault
		7:00 pm	Georges Whalen

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

April 1st & 2nd

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00	Lilia Cozzarini	Patrick Tang (H2)
	Mary Holland	Frances Briand
		Verna Shaw
9:00	Cassidy LaFrance	Peter Maillet (H2)
	Mac Duffy	Heather Maillet
		John Denning
		Marg Denning
		Sonny Grasse
11:30	Mary Ryan	Doreen Cormier (H2)
	Chris McAloon	Jeannine Cochrane
		Margaret Savidge
		Maria Flores
		John Brennan
7:00	Carole Dilworth	Sheila Girouard (H2)
	Cecilia White	Marie Costello
		Agnes LeBlanc

March 18th & 19th

Offertory (operating)	\$ 8,439.61
Budget	\$ 8,888.00
Variance	(\$ 448.39)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 655.00

Your 2016 Donation Tax Receipts are available to pick up in the Parish office. If you have a change/correction in your address/phone please advise the office. Thank you for your generous and continued support of our parish.

Readings for April 2nd

1st Reading	Ezekiel 37:12-14
2nd Reading	Romans 8:8-11
Gospel	John 11:1-45

Lenten Recital at St. Paul's United Church - All are welcome to a enjoy a noon recital featuring Julie Grant, flute and Dianne Roxborough Brown, piano on Wednesday, March 29 at 12:10PM at St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street. A free-will offering will be accepted.

NECROLOGY

Mar 27	Odilon Joseph Fortin	1970
	Rev Thomas James Daley	1992
	Margaret E Doherty	1993
	Evelyn M. Ahern	2001
	Alexander Frederick Taylor	2001
	Velma Beatrice McGinn	2002
Mar 29	Violet Mary MacLean	1979
	Lori Elizabeth Dunlap	1985
Mar 30	Robert H Donnelly	1974
	Valerie Marie Legere	1999
	Mary Bessie Bransfield	2001
	Mary June Maureen Borland	2006
Mar 31	J Walter Gallant	1970
	Evelyn Mary Brewer	1983
	Gisele Louise Ireton	1993
Apr 1	Theresa Fazekas	1972
	Aurelie J Mulhern	1987
	Norman Ross Belliveau	2007
Apr 2	Katherine Freeman	1978
	Alfreda Martin	1990
	John Archibald Duffy	1996
	Donald Francis Hobin	2004

Faithful Departed

Clarence Cormier, brother of Doreen
Clay Hawkes, son of Elizabeth

Available dates for the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10)

April 2 & 23 / May 21

July 16, 23, 30 / Aug 13, 27 / Sept 3, 10, 17

Oct 8, 22, 29 / All weeks in Nov / Dec 3, 10, 17, 31

***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.*

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will be screening the documentary 'Open Bethlehem' on Wednesday, March 29th at 6pm at Conserver House, 180 Saint John Street, Fredericton. This documentary helps bring to light the impacts of the construction of the separation wall on Palestinians and on a city that is a symbol of religious and cultural diversity. It offers an intimate look by filmmaker Leila Sansour. The film spans seven momentous years in the life of Bethlehem, revealing a city of astonishing beauty and political strife. More information, visit www.openbethlehem.org

Note from Parish Pastoral Council: We are pleased to invite you to the second follow-up session from the Nov 27, 2016 Parish Meeting we held to review the results of the Disciple Maker Index. ***The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th @ 7:15 pm (following the 6:30 pm Mass) in the MBFC.*** We will be opening up several themes presented in the Survey that can help us explore aspects of our adult faith lives. Your input at these sessions can help us do some planning in the area of Adult Faith Formation. It will be helpful in our planning for the meeting to know how many will attend. Please sign up by phoning the parish office @ 444-6001.

St. Thomas University students and members of Fredericton's faith communities invite you to the 6th Annual Celebration of Faith in Diversity. This year's theme is "Women and Faith." Our organizers, all women, represent: the Wabanaki First Nation, the Fredericton Shambhala Buddhist Community, the Fredericton Baha'i Community, the Catholic Women's League, the Maritime Geeta Bhawan Hindu Temple, the Fredericton Islamic Association, Sgoelai Israel Synagogue, and the Fredericton Unitarian Fellowship. Come join us on March 26th and learn about your neighbours! Share with us as we celebrate our own stories through poetry and video, song and dance! The CFID is free and open to the public. There is free parking on campus, and all are invited to stay on from 4-5 pm and enjoy refreshments courtesy of our faith communities! ***Sunday, March 26th @ 1 pm, St Thomas University, Brian Mulroney Hall – Room 101***

DIVORCE CARE AT ST. DUNSTAN'S - Find Help, Discover Hope and experience Healing, Support Group. We will be offering a 13 week program Tuesday evenings started March 14th and will run to June 6th, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center Room 123. To register please call Jeannette @ 458-9546.

The **9th annual Twitti Book Sale** is set for **Saturday, April 22** at **George Street Middle School** in the gymnasium, **8 am - 2 pm**. The funds raised will help purchase a Literacy Intervention program for Grades 1-3 at Twitti. We look forward to seeing you, and to sending you home with books, books, books! Only \$1 each! Your reading will help the Twitti children learn to read!

Stations of the Cross During Lent

The Legion of Mary will pray *The Stations of the Cross* on Friday's immediately following the 12 noon Mass.

Chrism Mass: Bishop Harris invites the faithful of the diocese to the Chrism Mass which is being held on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Reception to follow in the Cathedral Rectory.

Little Rock Scripture Studies Lenten Series

Lenten Series - The Netflix biographical miniseries on Pope Francis continues at the MBFC. In total, there are four 50-minute episodes in Spanish with English subtitles. Episode 3 will be screened on Tuesday, March 28, at 10 a.m., and Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. Contact: Jayne Nicki 453-9899 or jaynicki@nbnet.nb.ca

Food Donations During Lent - Greener Village is enormously grateful for the generous response of our Church community during this current food drive. Please continue your support by dropping off a food item into a donation box located at each entrance to the church. **Requested item this week: condiments (ketchup, salad dressing or mustard).** Food donations boxes are located at each entrance to the church.

St. Dunstan's Catholic Women's League members news: Nominations for the **Maple Leaf Service Pin** and the **Certificate of Merit** award are being accepted. Envelopes with nomination forms can be picked up in the Parish office and are to be returned to the CWL box by Friday, May 12th.

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference: Steubenville Youth Conferences, a series of North American conferences, brings 50,000 teens and their leaders closer to Christ every summer. Steubenville Atlantic 2017, in Halifax, is presented in partnership with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Conference dates are July 7-9, 2017. All aged 14-18 are welcome. Cost: \$325 (transportation included). If you are interested in attending Steubenville Atlantic, please contact Margot McAloon-Parker 444-6025, fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. For further information, please check out: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/archdiocesan-offices/pastoral-life-new-evangelization/steubenville-atlantic. There will be financial assistance for St. Dunstan's Youth, please call the parish office (Fr. Bill at 444-6001).

Development and Peace (D & P) – Caritas Canada 50 years of Share Lent! Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria. This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services! **Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. Please, be generous.**

Revitalization & REALIGNMENT - What is this? What does it mean for us?

by Fr. John Jennings

We've been talking a lot about *Revitalization & Realignment*. What's the connection between the two? What does *Realignment* mean for us in the Diocese of Saint John? Let's begin by noting that *Revitalization* is intended to help us grow as disciples of Jesus. In fact, it's aimed at becoming what Pope Francis calls for in *The Joy of the Gospel* (27) "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything..." This is a vision of church as a community of disciples, working to share the message and carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in our world. This vision is what *Revitalization* is all about.

But what is *Realignment* about? What does it mean for us? The short answer to these questions is that to *realign* is to become a church capable of carrying out this vision. For our diocese in 2017, it means we must examine how we are structured and how we are able to grow. *Realignment* will allow our local church, our diocese, to be a community of disciples on mission.

Both *Revitalization* and *Realignment* are directed to the whole Diocese of Saint John. They are not projects of individual parishes, nor of only part of the diocese. This is a project of the whole diocese. Every parish will be impacted. Not a single parish will be unaffected. Put in another way, the status quo is not an option. The structure of the whole diocese will change with *Realignment*.

For 175 years, our ancestors - the Catholics of this area - have held the vision of living their faith and passing this faith along to the next generations. They planned and worked to make this dream a reality for their children and their children's children. They gave of themselves to build communities of disciples who shared their faith with others. In doing so, they responded to the settings and the times in which they lived. As times changed, so did their way of being communities of disciples. Sometimes this meant adding new communities. Sometimes it meant that communities merged with others or even ceased to exist. Change is a reality of life and growth.

Realignment of our diocese is the examination and response to the changes of our own time. It means we're responding as our ancestors responded, addressing the need for change and looking to the future with hope. The population of our province is shrinking and at the same time, it's aging. Like the general population, our parish communities find fewer persons who are active. At the same time, we have fewer priests in our diocese. They too are aging and many of them are nearing retirement. More than this, the parish of the 21st century exists in a new reality. We need to work much harder at evangelization, to put more energy into sharing the Good News, both within and beyond our walls.

As Pope Francis has said, we are called to be a missionary church. He sees the church as an "evangelizing community". That means a community that shares the Good News and calls and forms every single member to be a missionary. To this end, Pope Francis calls for a reform of our structures "to make them more mission-oriented." (See: *The Joy of the Gospel* 25-28)

Realignment in the Saint John Diocese requires us to look at our current parish structures and ask ourselves: how can we realign our parishes in a way that strengthens us as evangelizing disciples? What must we do to have full churches, celebrating vibrant liturgies? How can our parishes offer a broad range of opportunities for faith formation to children, youth and adults? How can we develop communities with an outreach that touches our world, sharing the Gospel in both word and action?

What does all this promise for our future? It means our whole diocese will be different. It will have fewer parishes and missions. Parishes will be larger and will be served by a number of priests. As well, these parishes will have a support staff of lay persons. All of this is intended to provide more services, assisting the formation and growth of communities of disciples, reaching out to all ages.

A revitalized church in the Saint John Diocese will have parishes with sufficient people, material and financial resources to be missionary evangelizing communities. To turn again to Pope Francis, he has called upon us to make our parishes "environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented." (*The Joy of the Gospel* 28)

We should be very grateful to our ancestors for responding to the needs of the church in their time. If we don't look to the future with hope we will be letting them and ourselves down.

<http://www.sttheresaparish.ca/diocesan-revitalization> (this link is also on St. Dunstan's website) www.stdunstansparish.ca



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Breast Cancer Survivors Fredericton
meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre @ 7 pm Room 122. For more info contact – Eleanor McCloskey 460-1019 / Diane Taylor Myles 455-5502 / Margaret Sisk-McCully 472-8418. (A member of the New Brunswick Breast Cancer Network - NBBCN).

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