

St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

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REV. BILL BRENNAN, PASTOR

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May 13th, 2018 – Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 31st @ 7 pm – ECMA Winner Becka deHaan in concert at St. Dunstan's

Becka deHaan has been on the Fredericton music scene since 2008. She holds a certificate of Grade 10 Piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music and a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and English from Canadian Mennonite University. Career highlights include being the opening act for the East to West music festival in Shediac in 2014 and serving for four consecutive years as music leader at the New Brunswick Christian Ashram from 2014 to 2017, and she is currently music director at the Lincoln Baptist Church. She has released two full-length albums, and a third is on the horizon.

Family Rosary on Mother's Day: Families come with your children on Sunday, May 13th at 2:30 pm in St. Dunstan's Church to pray the Rosary. The 'Mysteries' will be led by the children. All are welcome.

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 April 30th. If you are interested in attending Steubenville Atlantic, contact Margot McAloon Parker at 444-6025.

DIVORCE CARE AT ST. DUNSTAN'S - Find Help, Discover Hope and experience Healing, Support Group. We will be offering a 13-week program on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in the MBFC Room 123. Call Jeanette @ 458-9546.

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.

CWL SPAGHETTI SUPPER - SATURDAY, MAY 26TH 4:00 - 6:30 PM

Enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Supper with Fresh Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Desserts, Tea & Coffee. \$10 for adults, \$7 for children over 5. Tickets sold at the door.

Sponsored by St. Dunstan's Council of the Catholic Women's League.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 13th, 2018 – Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

† MASS INTENTIONS †

NO WEEKDAY MASS – PRIESTS RETREAT

Sat 19th 5:00 pm Edmond and Rachel Losier
 Sun 20th 9:00 am Evelyn Vantassle
 11:30 am Zosia Szyszko

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 May 19th & 20th

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:00 Lilia Cozzarini Verna Shaw	Penny Hutley-Dobson (H2) Gracie Mersereau Linda Roach
9:00 Alice Coady Mac Duffy	Heather Maillet (H2) Peter Maillet Sonny Grasse Bob Scott Jayne Nicki
11:30 Bev Woznow Carole Dilworth	Doreen Cormier (H2) Rose-Anne DiGiacinto Robert Michaud Chris McAloon Maria Flores

For the weekend of May 5th & 6th

Offertory (operating)

Envelope	\$ 5,495
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$ 1,425
Loose	\$ 1,452
Total	\$ 8,372
Budget	\$ 8,888
Variance	(\$ 516)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc.)	\$ 2,060
Kitchen Reno Donations to date	\$ 28,472

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.

The Fredericton Ladies Choir Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 22nd @ 7:30 pm at St. Dunstan's. Tickets \$15 available at Westminster Books, from choir members and at the door. Everyone welcome!

NECROLOGY

May 14	Gertrude E Rideout	1975
	Helen G Kitchen	1976
	Mary Genevieve Legassie	1981
	Dorothy Monica King	1994
	John Colbert (Jack) Foreman	1998
	Elynor Agatha Cunningham	2008
	Ruby Margaret Hurley	2009
	Maria Delisca O'Connell	2010
	Thomas (Doody) McCarthy	2011
May 15	Albert Alexander Parish	1989
	Rev G Everett Grant	1994
	Edna May Burns	1998
	Matthew Green Gallagher	1998
	Roger Casaubon	2003
	Doreen Leona Painting	2006
May 16	Eloi Turgeon	1986
May 17	C Lyn Howell	1980
	Ada Ryan	1968
	Antoinette Parmigiani	1994
	Paul Carlyle Campbell	2004
May 18	Jeanie W Sullivan	1971
	Lois Lucille Ackerman	1981
	Keith Michael Woolaver	2002
	Maureen Ethel Young	2006
May 19	Frank Alexander Saunders	1989
	Stanley William MacNeil	1993
	Nafra Terry Anderson	2017
	Katharine Ann Robinson	2017
May 20	Irene Mary Anna Mattern	1988
	Ruth Grant	1994
	John Phillip Birch	1996
	Margaret Theresa Graham	1999
	Thelma Agnes Monahan	1999
	Marjorie Hester Dugan	2006

Faithful Departed

Irene Keenan, mother of Carla Hartley



Readings for May 20th

1st Reading	Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel	John 20:19-23

Thoughts on The Ascension from Fr. Ron Rolheiser

What does the Ascension mean?

Among other things, that the mystery of how we touch each other's lives is strangely paradoxical in that the wondrous life-giving power of arriving, touching another's life, speaking words that nurture, doing actions that build up, and giving life for another, depends also upon eventually leaving, being silent, absorbing rather than actively doing, and giving our goodbye and death just as we once gave our presence and our life. Presence depends too upon absence and there's a blessing we can only give when we go away.

That's why Jesus, when bidding farewell to his friends before his ascension, spoke these words: "It's better for you that I go away." "You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy." "Don't cling to me, go instead to Galilee and I will meet you there."

How might we understand these words? How is it better that someone we love goes away? How can the sadness of a goodbye, of a painful leaving, turn to joy?

We often have this kind of experience, simply in less dramatic ways. Parents, for instance, experience this, often excruciatingly, when a child grows up, grows away, and eventually goes away to start life on his or her own. A real death takes place here. An ascension has to happen, an old way of relating has to die, painful as that death is. Yet, it's better that our children go away. The same is true everywhere in life. When we visit someone, it's important that we come, it's also important that we leave. Our leaving, painful though it is, is part of the gift of our visit. Our presence partly depends upon our absence.

This however must be carefully distinguished from what we mean by the axiom: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." In essence, that's not true. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but only for a while and mostly for the wrong reasons. Physical absence, simple distance from each, without a deeper dynamic of spirit taking place beneath, ends more relationships than it deepens. In the end, most of the time, we simply grow apart. That's not how the ascension deepens intimacy, presence, and blessing.

The ascension deepens intimacy by giving us precisely a new presence, a deeper, richer one, but one which can only come about if our former way of being present is taken away. Perhaps we understand this best in the experience we have when our children grow up and leave home. It's painful to see them grow away from us, painful to say that particular goodbye, painful to see them, precisely, ascend.

But, if their words could say what their hearts intuit, they would say what Jesus said before his ascension: "It's better for you that I go away. There will be sadness now, but that sadness will turn to joy when, one day soon, you will have standing before you a wonderful adult son or daughter who is now in a position to give you the much deeper gift of his or her adulthood."

NOTE FROM FR. BILL:

Recently the Bishop announced the Parish Changes for the Diocese and had his 'Pastoral letter for Revitalizing the Diocese of Saint John for Discipleship and Evangelization' read at each Mass throughout the Diocese. Copies of the pastoral letter are at the entrances of the church.

The following change is happening for St. Dunstan's:

Fredericton South, New Maryland and Fredericton Junction (2 Priests).

The parishes of St. Dunstan's (Fredericton) and Sts. John and Paul (New Maryland) will be merged into one new parish effective September 1st, 2018. St. Dunstan's Church and Sts. John and Paul Church will serve as worship sites. St. Columba's Church (Fredericton Junction) will be a mission church of this parish.

The following is our diocesan 'Vision for a Revitalized Church'

Vision of a Revitalized Church Living out our Baptismal Call:

- An evangelizing community that gives Jesus Christ to the world.
- Full churches for Sunday Mass
- Intergenerational community of children, teens, young adults, middle-age, seniors.
- The Centre of the community life service those on the margin and most in need.
- A community of growing disciples who share their faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus Christ.

We are asked to pray with this vision using the following format:

A suggested Way to Pray and attend to our 'Vision of a Revitalized Church'

Personal Prayer:

-Take five minutes to settle and be conscious of you and God in the presence of one another.

-Read the entire 'Vision' reflectively and sit with it for a minute or two.

-Sit reflectively with one statement and notice your thoughts, memories and ideas.

-Sit reflectively with the same statement and notice what is happening in your 'heart' / your 'affect'.

-Take a minute to write down what happened.

(Do this for five consecutive days so you can pray with each statement of the Vision. Pray with a different statement each day).

(Do this prayer periodically).

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5 DAY DIRECTED RETREAT (AASEA) at the Villa Madonna – 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

Camp Sheldrake Inc., Bartibog (Miramichi) is now accepting registrations for upcoming summer programs for children and teens. For complete information on how to register visit our website www.campsheldrake.ca
Contact office at 506-622-8907 campshel@xplornet.ca

Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery (Hanwell): The Annual General Meeting of Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery Association will be held on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00PM at Holy Family Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

STILL A FEW SEATS AVAILABLE. 40th Anniversary **Pilgrimage to Sainte Anne de Beaupre** June 16th to 19th, 2018. One-night stay at Our Lady of the Cape and 2 nights at Ste. Anne de Beaupre. Single \$545 / Double \$390 / Triple \$345. Call Rick at 327-6777 for more information.

St. Anthony's monthly **"Touched by Cancer" Mass** for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place Friday, May 18 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

As we begin to merge our parishes of St. Columba, St's John and Paul and St Dunstan's, we have been asked as part of our first steps in moving forward to gather each month for prayer and socializing. Our first gathering will be hosted by St. Columba Mission in Fredericton Junction. We are all invited to gather for the Rosary in St. Columba Church at 6:30 pm on Sunday, May 27th followed by a reception with refreshments and conversation in the parish hall.

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