

St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

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April 15th, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Building a new relationship with Aboriginal Peoples for churches and social justice groups.

The BLANKET EXERCISE will take place at St. Dunstan's on Saturday, May 5th at 1:15 – 3:45 pm.

Register by calling the Parish office 444-6001. (Maximum participants 30). Be prepared to take your shoes off for the Exercise. Please call Katie Black, Exercise Facilitator with any questions @ 442-2426.

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that tells the 500-year story that is rarely taught of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and European newcomers. KAIROS, is a national ecumenical social justice organization in which a number of churches and organization are committee partners. Participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. Facilitators, representing a narrator and the European colonizers, direct participants who are drawn into the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. By engaging on emotional and intellectual levels, the Blanket Exercise educates and deepens understanding about how yesterday's history connects with today's movement to secure respect for and recognition of Indigenous peoples' sovereignty and treaty rights.

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, \$7 for children over 5. Tickets 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.

DIVORCE CARE AT ST. DUNSTAN'S - Find Help, Discover Hope and experience Healing, Support Group. We will be offering a 13-week program Tuesday evening beginning April 17th from 6:30-8:30 in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center Room 123. To register please call Jeanette @ 458-9546.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST THE VULNERABLE: As an extension of our present outreach activities for the vulnerable in our community, St. Dunstan's Parish is inviting Wilmot United Church and the Community Kitchen to join us to share with information on their outreach activities in which they are presently involved. Both have indicated in conversations that they could use more volunteers. If you have an interest in this ministry please plan to attend an information session in the Mary Sullivan Room of the MBFC Thursday, April 19 at 7 PM.

DATE NIGHT

Tables 4 Two: A date night with your teen. Parents and youth (grades 6-12) are invited to an evening of great food and meaningful conversation.

Friday, Apr. 20 at 5:30 pm, St. Dunstan's MBFC, \$10/table. Reserve your table by email (karen@morris-photographics.com) or phone (454-7966) Deadline: Wednesday, Apr. 18.

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1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed	18 th	6:30 pm	Carl Stafford and DFM
Thur	19 th	12:05 pm	Leo and Susan Losier
Sat	21 st	5:00 pm	Salim Tartak
Sun	22 nd	9:00 am	Georges Kreidi
		11:30 am	Lorna Daigle and DFM

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 21st & 22nd

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:00 Tina Christie Lilia Cozzarini	Felipe Serrano (H2) Penny Hutley-Dobson Frances Briand
9:00 Hughena Macneil David Macneil	Godwin Njoku (H2) Jayne Nicki Esther Archibald John Denning Marg Denning
11:30 Sue Kettela Mary Ryan	Clair Leach (H2) Marie Costello Anne Macies Doreen Cormier Noreen Vaillancourt

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

For the weekend of April 7th & 8th

Offertory (operating)

Envelope	\$ 5,718.00
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$ 1,425.00
Loose	\$ 933.10
Total	\$ 8,076.10
Budget	\$ 8,888.00
Variance	(\$ 811.90)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 1,550.50
Kitchen Reno Donations to date	\$23,436.75

Readings for April 22nd

1st Reading	Acts 4:7-12
2nd Reading	1 John 3:1-2
Gospel	John 10:11-18

Sweet Worship Event! Come enjoy worship bands and performers from various churches in Fredericton on April 27th @ 7PM at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. Freewill offering will be received for Village of Hope.

NECROLOGY

Apr 16	Yvonne Kearney	2013
Apr 17	Maureen Smyth	1968
	Carl James DiGiacinto	1970
	Ernest W Thompson	1971
	Gerald Joseph Hardy	1977
	Michael Joseph Caden	1978
	Dianne Marie Vienneau	2011
	Wayne Patrick Nolan	2014
	Patricia Noella McGillan	2016
Apr 18	Margaret Elizabeth Greene	1992
	Leonard Kent	1994
	George Grant Watt	2010
Apr 19	Elliott Doucette	1991
	Stanley William McLaughlin	1999
	Carmel Hobin	2000
	Doris McKay	2007
	Dr. Hugh Miller MacSween	2015
Apr 20	Thomas S Madden	1971
	Jon Alexander Fallon	2012
	M Eileen Ryan	2015
	James Joseph Furlong	2015
Apr 21	Suzanne Losier	2009
Apr 22	George Lewis Dineen	1981
	Robert Eugene McGinn	1986
	Frances Ethel Toner	1994
	William Esau Canam	1999
	Helen Grace Cockburn	2001
	Joseph Georges Whalen	2017

Faithful Departed

Harry McDonald, brother-in-law to Rita Armstrong
Gerald Hawkins, husband of Kathleen



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

Community Food Mentor training at the Greener Village (Fredericton Food Bank) during May as part of their continuing education program. The course will run for 5 consecutive Wednesdays from 8:45 am to 3:45 pm and will include a free one day National Food Safety Handling Course. Contact Alison Jutta at Green Village 459-7451 or email info@greenvillage.org

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.

Sts. John & Paul CWL Annual Spring Luncheon April 28th @ noon. \$10 Tickets call Helen 457-1040.

St. Anthony's monthly "Touched by Cancer" Mass for those whose lives have been affected in any way by cancer will take place Friday, April 20th 7:00 pm.

Swing into Spring Fundraiser Dance and Auction Featuring Live Music by Crosscut, Saturday, April 28th St. Theresa's Church Hall. Doors Open at 7:00 pm * Dance * Auction * Cash Bar. Tickets \$15.00 @ 444-6070.

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.

Grandmothers helping Grandmothers Fredericton is having a Fish and Chips Kitchen Party at the Market on May 12 from 6-8pm. A delicious fish and chips dinner by chef Rick Huskins, entertainment, a silent auction and gifts for sale just in time for Mother's Day. Cost is \$20 adults, \$10 children. Cash bar. For tickets call or email Linda Hubbard at 457-0362 lindahub@nb.sympatico.ca, Jean Coutu in Devon or Westminster Books.

Twitti School Book Sale - At George Street Middle School Saturday, April 28th from 8 am to 3 pm in the gym. Please call 454-0233 or drop off books at George Street School during the week before the sale.

Church: Who are we? Who might we become? Revitalizing for Mission (by Fr. John Jennings)

The word "church" means many things to many different people. In fact, often each of us uses the word in a number of different ways. "Church" can mean a building in which a community gathers. It can signify a particular group of Christians. It might be used to identify the teaching authority of the Catholic or other Christian community. It can be very local in its focus and at the same time may refer to a global or universal community.

The Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) which met in four sessions beginning in October 1962 and ending in December 1965 focused on how we see ourselves as "church". This was a council of the whole worldwide Catholic Church. Over 2200 bishops, leaders of local communities around the world met at St. Peter's in Rome. Their reflections and discussions produced 15 significant documents. The central focus of these documents was the many aspects of who we are as "church" in the world of our time.

Two particular large proclamations, one entitled *Lumen Gentium* ("Light of the Nations") and the second *Gaudium et Spes* ("The Joy and the Hope") focus directly on who we are as "church" and how we act as "church" in the context of the world of the late 20th century. *Lumen Gentium* helps us to see who we are. It presents many scriptural images or ways of describing "church". But the strongest or favoured image is that of "the People of God". This image captures the "church" as a people, beloved by God, who are on a journey of faith in answer to God's call.

The call of this Church, this People of God is to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Gathered into a communion or community of faith following Jesus, they are to be witnesses of God's love and peace to our world. As they do this, they are to become a source of hope to all humanity. Thus as "church" we are a community of disciples of Jesus with a mission to share the Good News that we receive from Jesus.

Now, some 50 years later, we are still called to be this beloved People of God. We are to remain missionary disciples of Jesus, witnessing to the Good News, not for our own sake, but for all of humanity. This was what Pope Francis expressed in 2013 in his *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"). He speaks of the Church as a "community of missionary disciples" and as an "evangelizing community". (24) Throughout "The Joy of the Gospel" the "church" is always a community of disciples who exist for mission, not for maintenance.

Who are we now and what must we continue to become more fully? We are Church – a community of disciples of Jesus, who are bent on evangelizing the world in which we live, locally and globally. This is the ultimate goal of our diocesan revitalization efforts.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT VILLA MADONNA

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

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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