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FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

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March 5th, 2017 – First Sunday of Lent



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 the March school break.

St. Francis of Assisi CWL invite parishes to join them and members of Celebration of Faith in Diversity group and Prof. Dr Alexandra Bain, St. Thomas Religious Education class to a celebration of Mass followed by Mary's Way of The Cross, *Wednesday, March 15th, 9 am.*, Celebrant, Father Maria.

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) with early bird registration at \$300 before Feb. 28th. 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.halifaxymouth.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).

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 starting on March 14th to June 6th, 2017 from 6:30 - 8:30 in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center Room 123. To register please call Jeannette @ 458-9546.

Attention Middle School Youth: Would you like to take part in something amazing? The **NET Team** will be holding an event for grades 6 - 8, on Saturday, April 1, from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$10. To register, contact Karen at 454-7966, or karen@morris-photographics.com. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 24.

The AASEA (Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate) is offering a 1-day Silent Directed Lenten Retreat at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on Wednesday March 29, 2017, beginning at 9:30 am and concluding at 4:30 pm. The theme for this retreat, facilitated by Fr. Bill Brennan and local AASEA members, will be "Jesus Heals" and will offer a guided prayer experience, a meeting with a spiritual director, and an opportunity to share this experience with fellow retreatants. The cost is \$40.00 which includes lunch and morning and afternoon snacks.

Children's Faith Formation NO Classes Sunday, March 5th or Sunday March 12th during March Break.

SCENT FREE CHURCH – Please refrain from wearing scented products or perfumes to church.

Many people are sensitive or have allergies. Thank you!

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1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25:3, 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed	8 th	NO MASS	
Thur	9 th	12:05 pm	Rose Mary Batchlida
Fri	10 th	12:05 pm	Kevin P. Burns
Sat	11 th	5:00 pm	Zoe Morin
Sun	12 th	9:00 am	Harold Butterfield
		11:30 am	Emery Godin
		7:00 pm	John Francis London

Check the Lent & Easter Event Calendar for Mass at other parishes.

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 info: www.billings.life/en
or phone 450-9343

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule March 11th & 12th

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:00 Curry Smith	Patrick Tang (H2)
Spencer Smith	Jim Daley
	Krista Casey-Smith
9:00 Alice Coady	Marg Denning (H2)
Jessica Gillis	Jayne Nicki
	Andrea McLaughlin
	John Denning
	Sonny Grasse
11:30 Bev Woznow	John Brennan (H2)
Susan Kettela	Jeannine Cochrane
	Natali Caswell
	Chris McAloon
	Robert Michaud
7:00 Sheila Girouard	Carol Dilworth (H2)
Mary Holland	Phyllis Daigle
	Tim Dilworth

February 25th & 26th

Offertory (operating)	\$ 8,142.60
Budget	\$ 7,847.00
Variance	\$ <u>295.60</u>
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 448.00

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 March 12th

1st Reading	Genesis 12:1-4
2nd Reading	2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

The Little Black Book – Six-minute reflections on the Passion according to John \$1.00 in the office.

NECROLOGY

Mar 6	Kathleen Janine Jacobson	1999
	Arthur "Art" Budge Jewett	2011
Mar 7	Murray McIntyre Noble	1971
	Marion Finnegan	1973
	Theresa Mary White	1980
	J Arthur Boudreau	1985
	Michael (Ben) Hogan	1991
	Dr Vladimir Aloris Chudoba	1998
	Mary Josephine Donnelly	2001
	Gerges Kreidi	2004
	Edward (Ted) Guidry	2012
	David Allen Daley	2016
Mar 8	A Neville Lynch	1975
	Carl Walker Gorman	1981
	Emmanuel Joseph Aucoin	1987
	Mary Celina Boudreau	1994
	Genevieve Gladys Burns	1997
	Nicholas John Sheehan	2009
Mar 9	Joseph Louis Martin	1974
	Hector St. Clair Hartlen	1978
	Maygan Marion Marie Gilles	1993
	Sharon Lee Carrier	2003
	Clifford Voller-Jones	2010
Mar 10	Albina Long MacFarlane	1970
	Mary Agatha Rowan	1980
	Samuel Jackson Hale	1988
	Vernon Joseph Daigle	1991
	Kevin Patrick Burns	2003
	James (Jim Bob) Pirie	2009
	Dr. Marcel S Brzak	2012
	James O'Neill	2014
Mar 11	Edith Frances Farris	1975
	John J Feeney	1976
	Anna K McCaughey	1976
	Lloyd Daniel Murdock Buggie	1989
	Thomas James O'Rourke	1992
	Thelma Anna Marie Williams	2003
Mar 12	E Margaret McKimmie	1974
	Joseph Paul Lucien Leger	1987
	John Merlin Cogle	2005
	Edith Margaret Morrison	2007
	Michael James Cashin	2014

Faithful Departed

Linda Theriault, sister of Pat Campbell
Perry Dobbelsteyn, nephew of Joe & Mary



Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Vaughan LeBlanc

Available dates for the Sanctuary Lamp

March 19
April 2 & 23
May 7, 14, 21 & 28

The CWL Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a resounding success with close to 400 meals served. A special thank you goes to Convener Heather Maillet and to Rose-Anne DiGiacinto and Pauline Arnold who were in charge of the kitchen. Thanks to CWL members, Knights of Columbus, members of the Grade 9 Confirmation Class, and other parishioners who helped in many ways including, selling tickets, cooking the delicious food, serving, making desserts, serving desserts, assisting with the clean-up, selling tickets on the quilt and working on the silent auction. This was an enjoyable community-building event for the parish just before Lent. The proceeds will go to several charitable organizations in the community including our own parish.

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.

Any parish group that would like to lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent during times when the church is open may schedule this through the parish office.

The Saint John Diocesan Council CWL is offering one (1) bursary in the amount of \$500.00 to a 2017 High School Graduate and Mature Students entering University, Community College, Business College, Technical College or School of Nursing. Applications are available in the parish office; **complete and return by March 13, 2017.** The President of St. Dunstan's Parish Council CWL is Beth Nicholas. For further information please contact Bernardine Carter, Chairperson of Education and Health at 459-5270.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, March 12th, 10 AM to 1 PM. Adults \$ 7, children \$ 3., families \$ 20.

Note from Parish Pastoral Council: We are pleased to invite you to 2 follow-up sessions from the Nov 27, 2016 Parish Meeting we held to review the results of the Disciple Maker Index. *These meetings are scheduled for Wed., March 22nd and Wed., 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.

The March CWL Meeting is scheduled for March 14th beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church with *Mary's Way of the Cross*. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Way of the Cross. The guest speaker for our meeting, which will immediately follow the Way of the Cross, will be Heather Hughes, the Executive Director of N.B. Right to Life. Visitors are always welcome. Dues \$20.00 may be paid at the meeting, at the MBFC office, or by placing an envelope with your name, and marked "CWL dues", in the collection.

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" (Mark 14:38). This time of music, prayer, silence, reflection and reading will end with you writing down a question, or a prayer request or a feeling or an emotion. The prayers, feelings and emotions will remain before the Altar each Tuesday night, but the questions will be read out, brought to the floor, the following Tuesday, for discussion (no names are required). The idea is to live Lent more fully, to ask God for the ongoing gift of conversion and to learn more about our faith and or the Church. After all, as St. Anselm says, our "faith seeks understanding." What better time to seek the Light than in these dark nights of winter. I hope you will be able to "watch and pray and seek" with us this Lent. These celebrations will last between one hour and one hour and a half. In a society that moves faster and faster, come, be still, WATCH AND PRAY, write out your questions, desires, anxieties and be well.

Food Donations During Lent - Greener Village is a community food centre that increases food security in the Fredericton area through its inclusive programs and services. The Four Pillars of the Centre are: Food Bank and Clothing Boutique; Teaching Kitchen; Community Garden; Education. St. Dunstan's is focusing our assistance this Lenten Season on restocking the shelves of the Food Bank. **For the Second Sunday in Lent** please consider donating any of the following school snacks: peanut free granola bars; fruit or pudding cups; juice boxes etc. (Donation boxes are located at each entrance to our church).

Development and Peace (D & P) – Caritas Canada **50 years of Share Lent!**

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow – *Women at the heart of change*. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine, available at the entrances of the church. Our first testimony is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an Indigenous women's farming association supported by Development and Peace-Caritas Canada. "I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free and that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights." Silvia tells us. **Women have always been at the heart of our organization! Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmother of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared in the military dictatorship?**

Revitalization: What's that?

By Fr. John Jennings

Over the past few months we've spoken a lot about the **revitalization** of our church in the Diocese of Saint John. What exactly do we mean by that? What would a revitalized church look like?

Revitalizing means bringing new life. In the case of our diocese, it means building communities that are filled with life. It means parishes that are more than service stations with a Mass on Sunday and little else. It means parishes where we welcome our senior and mature members. But it also means communities filled with active younger members, children, and young adults, all contributing their energy, time and talents.

The Disciple Maker Survey included a number of questions that asked us to think beyond our present reality. Several of those questions gave us a pretty clear idea of what revitalized communities might look like. For instance, we were asked how effectively our parish assisted us in our spiritual growth. As well, we were asked about how ready we are to share our faith with others. Both of these questions indicate what we're hoping for: parishes and communities that are full of life and ready to share this new life in the broader community.

If you completed the survey, you might recall that you were asked to respond with a number, indicating how much you agreed or disagreed with several statements: "My parish helps me to grow spiritually as a Catholic." "My parish helps me to grow spiritually...Forming me as a disciple of Jesus Christ."

These questions reveal that a revitalized parish and diocesan church would be able to nurture the broad spiritual needs of the community. They would be constantly growing in their spiritual life and promoting the growth of spirituality in each one of the members. A parish that is a community of disciples of Jesus.

It's one thing to see our Catholic faith as simply going to Mass on Sunday. It's something else again to see our Catholic faith as living and learning and working together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Sharing the Good News. Being witnesses of the Gospel to others.

A revitalized parish and diocese will be willing and able to offer liturgies where we share the gifts and energies of the whole community. It will provide opportunities for growing the faith of adults, young people and children. A revitalized parish will reach beyond the walls of the church and share its energies and resources in outreach. A revitalized church is the face of Jesus in our world.

<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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