**REV. BILL BRENNAN, PASTOR** 

**REV. MR. KENNETH PARKER, DEACON** 

July 29th, 2018 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Note from Fr. Bill: As we merge into a new Parish Community of St. Columba, Sts. John and Paul and St. Dunstan's there are many decisions that will be made in order to continue to create a faith community that has life-giving liturgies, faith formation for all ages, a priority to the vulnerable and the mission of social justice. In faith circles, the term for decision making is 'discernment'. As we strive to understand what discernment means and to engage in it intentionally as individuals and as a community, I will be offering some wisdom by people who can inform and teach us as we move forward. Today I offer you some thoughts from Fr. Henri Nouwen. These quotes (on the inside of this bulletin) are from a posthumous book by Henri Nouwen, *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* (HarperOne, 2013).

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 <a href="https://www.campsheldrake.ca">www.campsheldrake.ca</a> Contact office at 506-622-8907 <a href="mailto:campshel@xplornet.ca">campshel@xplornet.ca</a>

## St. Dunstan's Catholic Women's League upcoming events:

- ❖ Supper Bridge, Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. \$48 per table. Contact Josie 455-5746 or Pat 206-0517 to reserve your table.
- ❖ Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 9:00 am followed by breakfast in the Helen O'Connor Hall in the MBFC. Tickets \$8.00 will go on sale August 1<sup>st</sup> in the Parish office. Catered by the Knights of Columbus. Guest Speaker this year is Imelda Perley. Everyone is welcome to attend this event!
- ❖ Annual CWL Retreat, Villa Madonna Retreat House. October 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Facilitator Father David Ferguson. Cost \$184 (includes all meals and lodging). Commuters \$108 (includes all meals). All ladies welcome you don't have to be a CWL member. Contact Louise O'Connor fegan@nbnet.nb.ca or phone 506-648-9059 to register. Deadline to register Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Divorce Care at St. Dunstan's** – Find Help, Discover Hope and Experience Healing, Support Group **Tuesday, September 11**<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. In the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre, Room 123. Call Jeanette at 458-9546 to register or for more information.

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1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44 Gospel: John 6:1-15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Jul 30

#### **† MASS INTENTIONS †**

Wed	$1^{st}$	6:30 pm	Special Intention
Thur	$2^{\text{nd}}$	12:05 pm	Gerald Kilfoil
Sat	$4^{th}$	5:00 pm	Danny Banks
Sun	$5^{th}$	9:00 am	Norman & Veronica Campbell
		11:30 am	Hubert Mullin

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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** <u>www.billings.life/en</u> 450-9343

#### Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

<u>Lectors</u>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
5:00 Mary Holland	Gracie Mersereau (H2)
Tina Christie	Frances Briand
	Patrick Tang
9:00 Hughena Macneil	Heather Maillet (H2)
David Macneil	Peter Maillet
	Andrea McLaughlin
	Bob Scott
	Esther Archibald
11:30 Bev Woznow	Alynn Morrison (H2)
Carole Dilworth	Jeannine Cochrane
	John Brennan
	Marie Costello
	Maria Flores

#### For the weekend of July 21st & 22nd

Offertory	(operating)
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Envelope	\$	4,472
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$	1,425
Loose	\$	1,156
Total	\$	7,053
Budget	\$	8,888
Variance	(\$	1,835)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc.)	\$	336
Kitchen Reno Donations to date	\$	30,492
(Operating deficit to May 31, 2018	is S	\$29,026

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.

For new parishioners requesting a box of offertory envelopes, they will be left on the table at the Regent Street entrance of the church with your name on the box. Welcome to St. Dunstan's.

#### **NECROLOGY**

1973

Margaret Gaudet

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	Antoine T Pelletier	1975
	Stella Gertrude O'Connor	1991
Jul 31	Msgr William John Osborne	1973
	Catherine Evelyn Andrews	1982
	Jean Phyllis Tweedie	2006
	Joseph Leo Sisk	2008
	Rita Georgina Johnson	2016
Aug 1	George F Flood	1982
	Tony El-Khoury	2006
Aug 2	Jack Grant	1982
	Walter John McCaughey	1982
	Helen Margaret Jacobson	1993
	E Frances Flood	2003
	Aleitha Mary MacAuley	2016
Aug 3	Mary Catherine Sullivan	1989
	Brittany Isabelle C Jackson	1990
	Mary Theresa Morris	2006
	Edna Lauretta Thompson	2012
Aug 4	Mary Clair Mooers	1968
	Anna J Fortin	1972
Aug 5	Francis Albert Ramey	2015

#### Faithful Departed

Loretta Birch, mother of Barb Gillis and Dan Deap Janet Wilson, wife of the late Richard Wilson Wallace Ellison



#### Readings for August 5th

1st Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 12:15, 31a 2nd Reading Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 Gospel John 6:24-35

Note regarding offertory envelopes: If you forget to bring your envelope to Mass, please use an 'unnumbered' envelope which you will find in the pews or at the church entrances. Remember to write your name and address on the envelope so you will get credit for your donation.

First Saturday Devotions at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Marysville) Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Confessions at 9:15 – 10:30 am, followed by Rosary at 10:30 am and Mass at 11:00 am

# Henri Nouwen quotes on discernment continued:

"Discernment is faithful living and listening to God's love and direction so that we can fulfill our individual calling and shared mission,"

"Living a spiritually mature life requires listening to God's voice within and among us. To discern means first of all to listen to God, to pay attention to God's active presence, and to obey God's prompting, direction, leadings, and guidance. Discernment of spirits is a lifelong task. I can see no other way for discernment than to be committed to a life of unceasing prayer and contemplation, a life of deep communion with the Spirit of God."

For Nouwen, discernment is hearing a deeper sound beneath the noise of ordinary life and recognizing the interconnectedness of all things to gain a vision of "how things hold together" (theorik physike) in our lives and in the world. "Discernment is a life of listening to a deeper sound and marching to a different beat, a life in which we become 'all ears'."

"In the Gospels, there are many examples of Jesus not giving a direct answer to questions put to him by his disciples and others. (For example, the mother of James and John asks whether her two sons might sit one at the right hand and the other at the left hand of Jesus in his kingdom, and Jesus responds, "Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" [Matt. 20:20–23].) He does this not because he has no patience with them but because their questions are the wrong questions; they are not the questions that live in God's heart but belong instead to the fearful, anxious world of those who do not know who they are."

"Living a spiritually mature life requires listening to God's voice within and among us. The great news of God's revelation is not simply that "I am," but also that God is actively present in the moments of our lives at all times and places."

**Pilgrimage:** Sept 24th-28th With Fr. J. Stanislas Paulin. Holy sites in Montreal: Saint Joseph's Oratory, Le Grand Séminaire de Montréal, Notre-Dame Basilica, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum/Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel. In Trois-Rivières: Our Lady of the Cape Shrine. \$497.00 per person double occupancy. Meals not included. Deposit \$200.00 due June 1; balance \$297.00 due September 1. Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Ernie Doucet 847-5860 douceter@nb.sympatico.ca, Claire Robichaud 847-4156 claire@robichaud.org

# Revitalized Parishes: Growing & Nurturing Spirituality (Fr. John Jennings)

"I'm spiritual, just not religious." This is probably a comment we have heard many times before. It can mean many things to many people, including ourselves. Usually it comes from a view that "spiritual" and "religious" are two different, unrelated terms. Often it means "My sense of God and spirituality is personal and I don't relate it to church."

In fact, this separation of "spiritual" and "religious" is normally not helpful. In the case of Christian spirituality, it is especially unhelpful. For us as Christians, spirituality and religion are necessarily related. As personal as each one may seem, both of them are also communal. Spirituality without religion can be self-focused, and religion without spirituality can tend toward ritualism.

Christian spirituality has resulted from an evolution over many centuries. And it has drawn on the spiritual wisdom of many cultures and societies. This borrowing has been an enrichment and continues to be. Every age has found Christian spirituality affecting it. At the same time, every age and culture which Christians have encountered has contributed to the spiritual life of our Christian faith.

Spirituality is not a removal from life or the world. It is in fact, to experience the world and life as God's gift. Such a gift is a sacred trust and so Christian spirituality honors this trust in its care for all creation. The center-point of this spirituality is the Spirit of the Risen Jesus among us and within us as the community of God's People.

Theologian Richard McBrien emphasizes that to hold a Christian spirituality "is to live always in respectful relationship with others; with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ and in the human community at large.... [Christian spirituality] is consciously in touch with the presence of the Spirit as the power which heals, reconciles, renews, give life, bestows peace, sustains hope, brings joy, and creates unity." (Richard McBrien. *Catholicism* Vol.II, (Winston Press, 1980) 1058) Living a Christian spirituality in relationship with others is a reflection of our relationship with our God.

A vital, alive parish community is one that plants and nurtures a lively and alive spiritual life among its members. As evangelizers, these parishioners, share this well-grounded spiritual life beyond parish walls. They take it to the work place, the school, the neighborhood and to all places where they gather. We do so, not to convert but to enrich the lives of the people we meet. In doing so, we become the "missionary disciples" we are called to be evangelizing and sharing Good News with our lives.

Something to think about: On 1 September, 2018, as we bring our two or three or more clustered parishes together we become a single new parish, sharing our talents, gifts and resources as a community of missionary disciples.

Weekday Mass – St. Anthony's at 10 am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday which is the Cancer Mass at 7 pm)

Weekday Mass – St. Theresa's Parish at 12 noon on Wednesday and Friday

Weekday Mass - Our Lady of Fatima Parish at 11 am on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Annual Shrine Mass:** The Annual Shrine Mass will be celebrated in Howard at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Sunday, July 29, at 1 pm. Bishop Robert Harris will be the celebrant. All clergy and parishioners from all parishes are cordially invited to attend. hoping to see you there. Lunch served.

**Job in the Parish of Sainte-Anne-des-Pays Bas -- Bilingual Church Secretary:** 12 hours per week, choice of timetable with the priest to come. This is an administrative role which requires preparing the weekly Parish Bulletin, letters, and contacting suppliers. Support for catechesis and Pastoral Council. You must be able to work without supervision and have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word. Contact the Office 444-6015.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, A K-10 school is accepting applications for Grades K-5. 459-3518 or e-mail tcbarry@nbnet.nb.ca

Shrine Sunday at Skiff Lake Sunday, August 12, 2018 ... More information to follow.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP AVAILABLE DATES

Please arrange through the parish office 444-6001 ... \$10.00 Week of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Week of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Week of October 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Every week in November

Week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

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