

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*
Fredericton Junction *New Maryland* *Fredericton*

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July 12th, 2020 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Note from Fr. Maria and Fr Bill,

Hope you are all staying safe and well. As you are aware, several weeks ago the government regulations in regards to COVID 19 have changed to allow for more that 50 people to gather for a religious service as long as the 6-foot social distancing can be maintained and other safety protocols are followed.

This will mainly affects St. Dunstan's Site which can accommodate more than 50 people safely. At Sts John and Paul Site and St. Columba Site we will set up a speaker in the Church Hall to accommodate those who arrive once the Church is filled to 'safe' capacity. At St. Dunstan's Site we will probably be able to accommodate those who decide to attend.

Of course, it is important to remind us all that we continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass so that safety remains a priority in discerning whether to attend or remain home. The decision to not attend Mass is deeply respected for the sake of keeping yourself and others safe. For those who discern to attend Mass, we will be moving to our regular weekend Mass schedule as follows:

Saturday @ 5pm -St. Dunstan's Site

Sunday @ 9 am at St. Columba

Sunday @ 9 am @ St. Dunstan's Site

Sunday @ 11 am @ Sts John and Paul Site

Sunday @ 11:30 am @ St. Dunstan's Site

However, we do need to follow all of the safety procedures as follows:

1. We need to have the name and phone number of every person who attends as 'follow up' information should an incident happen.

-We will no longer be placed in Groupings of 50 people identified by a color. You are free to choose the Mass you desire to attend.

-We will keep the lists we have for St. Columba and Sts John and Paul Site and your name will be checked as you enter the church and are screened. If you are not on the list, just come to Mass and your name and phone number will be added.

-For St. Dunstan's Site, you will be asked to fill out an information sheet with your name (and each family member's name who is attending with you) and a contact phone number. You will be asked to place it in a box when you arrive. It will be helpful if you fill this information out before you come to Mass and bring it with you. The sheet is attached.

2. You will be asked the following screening questions.

- Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever/feverish, cough, sore throat, head ache, runny nose, a new cough or worsening chronic cough, new onset of fatigue, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell; in children, purple marking on the fingers and toes?
- Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a confirmed case of Covid-19?
- Have you been diagnosed with Covid-19?
- Have you returned from travel outside of Atlantic Canada within the last 14 days for any reason other than work purposes in another province?
- Have you had close contact with anyone from outside of Atlantic Canada in the past 14 days?
- Have you been told by a public health official that you may have been exposed to Covid-19

3. You will need to wear a mask throughout the Mass unless for health reasons you can not wear a mask or you are under 2 years of age.
4. You will be asked to sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.
5. You will be seated in orderly fashion from front to back.
6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the Mass as you leave. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only.

Thank you for all of those who have taken on special 'attendant' roles to assist us in gathering safely according to these protocols in compliance with government regulations. Be safe and well!!

Blessings, Fr. Maria and Fr. Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 12th 9:00 am Father Jack Dolan
 Sun 19th 9:00 am Danny Kenny

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 12th 11:00 am Kalie Anne Robichaud
 Sun 19th 11:00 am For the People

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 11th 5:00 pm Michael Nicholas
 Sun 12th 9:00 am Zoe Morin
 12th 11:30 am Veronica & Norman Campbell
 Sat 18th 5:00 pm Mildred Logue
 Sun 19th 9:00 am Edward Bowes
 19th 11:30 am Margaret Hardiman

Mass Intentions: Contact Marlita Chase (Parish Office 444-6001). Indicate at which Church Site that you want the Mass celebrated. stdun@stdunstansparish.ca.

NECROLOGY

July 12	Bradley Marshall Williams	2000
	Louis McDonald	2011
July 13	Lindsay Erin Browne-Daley	1992
	Helen Julia Grannan	2001
July 14	Ina M Boyne	1996
	Mary Alice Dawson	2008
July 15	Margaret Ellen Reid	1996
	Jacilyn A. Dionne	2012
July 16	Eleanor Louise Mary Cole	1990
	William Arward Moorcroft	1997
	Robert Nicholson Matheson	2003
	Sarah Ann Goodine	2009
July 17	Lucia Corsetti	1980
	Cecile Marie F Doiron	1980
	Henry Joseph Cormier	1984
	M Wendy Dickinson	1984
	Florence Myrtle Ball	1985
	Leo Hebert Rowan	2004
	Frances M. Leger	2004
July 19	Elizabeth (Bessie) Wilby	1987
	Collette Doucette	1988
	Edith Marie Doucette	1988
	Monica Thibault	1995
	Blanche Hilda Doherty	2002
	Catherine Simcock	2005
	Anna Marie Kilfoil	2018

Sanctuary Lamp

Week of July 12th

***In Loving Memory of
 Bill Belier, father of Pat***

Readings for July 19th

1st Reading Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
 2nd Reading Romans 8:26-27
 Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Volunteers needed for Masses at St.

Dunstan's Site: We need 6 attendants at each Mass to welcome, screen, collect your contact information, offer direction about sanitizing, offertory and seating as you arrive for Mass. This is all an essential aspect of gathering safely according to government guidelines as we live this pandemic reality.

If you are interested and able to assist please choose one of the three Weekend Masses and you will be assigned on a rotating basis so as not to be tied up each weekend. There will be training for the role and it will require arriving for Mass 45 minutes before Mass begins. To sign up please phone or email the Parish Office and give both your phone number and email.

Outreach to Those in Need: During this Pandemic our local Food Banks, Fredericton Community Kitchen and Homeless Shelters are making tremendous efforts in providing for those in need. Our parish has been able to contribute to these through our Poor and Needy Fund that you contribute to regularly. We have been able to assist other efforts as well focused on the most vulnerable at this time. If you would like to contribute to any these programs just go to their website and follow directions on making donations to them.

15th Sun Ord Time

12 Jul 20

Sowing & Reaping: What are My Hopes?

I'm not a farmer. In fact, I would not even call myself a gardener. However, by the kindness of others and good fortune, I find myself growing two tomato plants as well as about 20 basil plants. The first were given to me already rooted and growing, the second are a result of seeds I planted. Both "crops" are doing quite well.

I am sure that neither of the two crops knows quite whether they live in a desert or in a swamp. My care is rather unreliable, but perhaps that is an indication of how anything grows. Its good growth is from the soil and the environment in which it is planted. Put another way, it results from God's care and nurturing. It's God's gift. The farmer or the gardener is only a very secondary factor.

Jesus often used farming as one of the settings for his parables. These were stories aimed at teaching his disciples the message of the Good News, God's Reign is all around us and in us. Jesus used many settings for this purpose, fishing, household experiences, shepherding and farming to name a few.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus used a story of a farmer who sowed seed in his field. (Matt.13:4-9). He did this by broadcasting the seed, i.e. by throwing it about by hand. As the parable unfolds we see that the scattered seed fell on a variety of types of soil, some good, some not so good, some very poor. The result was as varied as the types of soil. The ground on which the seed falls might be varied, but it is still soil receiving the seed.

Part of our very nature is that we are seekers. In common we have some basic needs – air, water, food among others. We also have a basic need for seeking contentment and fulfillment. Human beings seem to quest or search constantly. One of our sources of meaning and fulfillment rests in what we Christians (and Jews and Moslems and so many others) call our relationship with God – our spirituality.

We crave spirituality, even when we do not use the term. We crave a relationship with God, even when we do not call it "belief in God". We are seekers by nature. We are so like that soil, unique and different but each awaiting the seed in our own way.

In our Christian faith, we hold that God loves us and seeks a loving relationship with us, all of us. The very person of Jesus, human and divine, is God's way of reaching out to our deep longing, our search or quest to make sense of life. What does it all mean? The beginnings of a response to this basic human question lie for us in the person of Jesus and more fully in the Reign of God that comes close as Jesus proclaims it in word and action.

A world in which the Reign of God is planted is a world in which there is life more than death, healing more than hurting, harmony more than division, peace more than war. Ultimately the Reign of God is the grail or the goal of the quest on which every human being embarks in life. This quest is to grow a spirituality that feeds this loving relationship with God and all that surrounds us.

Q/ What do I seek in life? What are some of the challenges I face? Who assists me in my quest?

John Jennings

An Invitation from Bishop Riesbeck:

We are inviting people to participate in a Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Solemnity of Pentecost. Click or copy and paste the link below and you may participate beginning, Friday, May 22nd.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FM0c17rFJQ>

Other Links:

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook:

Other Links:

Daily TV Mass – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass>

Weekdays at 9 am and 1 pm.

Diocese of Saint John for messages and updates from Bishop Riesbeck as well as the Daily Readings.

<http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org>

The following is a link to *The New Freeman*

<http://www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org/News/TNF-05-22.aspx>

2019 Income Tax Receipts – Please call or email the office if you would like to have your receipt mailed to you 444-6001.

Please continue to tune into the **Live Stream Mass** through our Website on Sunday at 9 am. It will also be uploaded to the Homepage so you can view it at another time. To live stream, google St. Dunstan's Church Fredericton and look for a 'click here' button right below the two Video Screens. The Mass will be uploaded to one of those Video Screens.

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St. Mary Magdalene Facebook

CAN WE HELP?

During these days we all need to be conscious of what people are living with so we can be of assistance. We never know when we may need to know contacts for ourselves or others who need help, protection, safety and direction. Our Parish Bulletin is an instrument available to us to be informed. Domestic Violence is one such area to be well informed about and so please become familiar with the following:

The following community organizations are connections to provide support and guidance on how to recognize domestic or intimate partner violence, how to seek assistance if you are a victim, a child or a bystander who wants to help. The following organizations have professionals trained in how to assist and link people to the appropriate resources within our community. People who are in the midst of a threatening or violent event are reminded that 911 is the first option.

- Transition House for Abused Women and Children: 459-2300 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 457-2770 (Daytime Business Line)

- Gignoo Transition House: 458-1224 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 458-1236 (Daytime Business Line)

- Chimo Helpline (Provincial Crisis Line): 450-4357 or

<<http://www.chimohelpline.ca>>www.chimohelpline.ca

Offertories: Jul 05	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$4,738	\$685	\$396	\$3,657
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,430	\$50	\$952	\$2,427
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$226,969	\$10,787	\$36,361	\$179,821
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$345,371	\$17,518	\$48,351	\$279,502
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$118,402)	(\$6,731)	(\$11,990)	(\$99,681)
Poor & Needy	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$90
Building fund	\$325	\$0	\$30	\$295
Other	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$0
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	144	22	19	103
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

Options for your offertory contributions available to you at this time.

1. Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) you can make your donations through a debit at your bank on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. There is a PAD form below. You would have to fill out, scan and return via email along with a scanned copy of a voided cheque. Form available at <https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

2. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You can e-transfer your offertory at any time with this option, if you do online banking. You would use the following email address: stdun@stdunstansparish.ca

Website: Michael Minifie, Business and Facilities Manager is designing a new Website that will be St. Mary Magdalene Parish Website. We will inform you when it is in operation. This will reflect our new parish reality rather than having a St. Dunstan's and a St's John and Paul website. In the meantime, as you know, we are using the St. Dunstan's Website for all of our on-line and live stream events.