

# St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

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**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Third Sunday of Lent**

*Fredericton Regional Lenten Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm at St. Dunstan's Church. All are welcome!*

**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.**

**The Door Is Open'** for you at St. Dunstan's on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 9 pm. Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Shawn Daley will be present to welcome anyone desiring a one-to-one conversation and/or the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). There will be reflective music, and an environment of silence to assist your prayer.

**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 Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

**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](mailto:karen@morris-photographics.com).

Deadline for registration is Friday, March 24.

We're still looking for families who can provide meals and accommodations for two (or more) NET team members on Saturday evening, April 1, and Sunday morning, April 2. Please contact Karen by phone (454-7966) or email ([karen@morris-photographics.com](mailto:karen@morris-photographics.com)) before Friday, March 24.

**Catholic Book Store Easter Sale,** Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre, Room 120. Easter Cards & gifts, Books, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation gifts & cards, Rosaries, Bibles, and general merchandise and gift items. If there is something special you would like to purchase, you may call Christina at the Book Store (1-800-676-7279) and she will bring it with her. Also, **Sue's Chocolate Creations** will be there with some yummy 'Chocolate Treats'!

**Children's Faith Formation classes resume this Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am.**

**A reminder to keep our Church scent free as many people are sensitive or have allergies.**

# March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Third Sunday of Lent

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	Florrie Hughes
Thur	23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:05 pm	Funeral-Robert 'Bruce' Rogerson
		7:00 pm	Regional Reconciliation
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	12:05 pm	Marcelle Larkin
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	Jenny Christie
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	David Lawson & Francois Thebeau
		11:30 am	Mona Duffie
		7:00 pm	Armand Richard

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday's 4:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Legion of Mary** – Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration** following noon Mass until 2 pm

**Natural Family Planning info:** [www.billings.life/en](http://www.billings.life/en)  
or phone 450-9343

## Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5:00 Mary Holland	Evelyn Pollard (H2)
Lilia Cozzarini	Penny Hutley Dobson
	Felipe Serrano
9:00 Bob Scott	Jayne Nicki (H2)
Cassidy LaFrance	Pauline Arnold
	Marg Denning
	John Denning
	Kate Black
11:30 Doreen Cormier	Jeannine Cochrane (H2)
Ella Allen	Claire Leach
	Robert Michaud
	Natali Caswell
	Chris McAloon
7:00 Paola Marusic	Tim Dilworth (H2)
Carole Dilworth	Linda Roach
	Agnes LeBlanc

## March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Offertory (operating)	\$ 5,314.70
Budget	\$ 8,888.00
Variance	(\$ 3,573.33)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc)	\$ 565.00

**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 26<sup>th</sup>

1st Reading	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13
2nd Reading	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel	John 9:1-41

## NECROLOGY

Mar 20	Lewis Blake Wilbur	1978
	Joseph King	1979
	Fred McGinnis	1982
	Beatrice Julia Mahoney	2013
Mar 21	John Leo McSorley	1989
	Giselle MacKillop	1992
	Isobel Mary Simcock	1994
	John Robert Bowles	2012
Mar 22	Rev Joseph Cyril Floyd	1977
	Cindy Lee Pickard	2003
	Dorothy Marie Walker	2008
	Patrick Barthe Coulombe	2010
	Armand Joseph Richard	2016
Mar 23	Frederick Currie	1984
	Geza Charles Kuun	2007
Mar 24	Marie Cecile Brideau	1982
	Mary Agatha Ubsdell	1999
	Israel Wilbur (Buster) Martin	2002
	Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Lees	2014
Mar 25	Sonya E Khoury	1982
	Frederick Elmer Campbell	1985
	Mark David Logue	1996
	Pierre Joseph Boudreau	1999
Mar 26	Donald Spencer Higgins	1975
	Gerald Cain	1990
	Arthur Boudreau	1991
	Joseph Paul Murray	2001
	Robert Benjamin Sullivan	2001
	Manuel Chibante	2009

## Faithful Departed

**Robert 'Bruce' Rogerson**, wife of Debbie

## Available dates for the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10)

**April 2 & 23 / May 7, 14, 21 & 28 / June 25**

**July 16, 23, 30 / Aug 16, 27 / Sept 3, 17**

**Oct 8, 22, 29 / All weeks in Nov & Dec**

**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 started March 14<sup>th</sup> and will run to June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30 -8:30 in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center Room 123. To register please call Jeannette @ 458-9546.

The new schedules for **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers** are available to pick up in the parish office for those who do not receive by email. Please remember, **YOU** are responsible to find a replacement if you are not able to do a scheduled time. Many thanks for your continued involvement and support of this Ministry.

**The AASEA (Atlantic Association of the Spiritual Exercises Apostolate) 1-day Silent Directed Lenten Retreat** at the Villa Madonna Retreat House on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 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. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch, morning and afternoon snacks. Call to register Sandra 506-833-8457.

#### *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.

**The St. Dunstan's Development & Peace Group will be leading the "Way of the Cross" on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!**

*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.*

#### **Little Rock Scripture Studies Lenten Series**

The Netflix biographical miniseries on Pope Francis is being shown each Tuesday morning and Thursday evening at the MBFC, concluding on April 4 and 6. There are four 50-minute episodes in Spanish with English subtitles. No registration is required. Details may be found at the entrances to the Church or at the MBFC. **PLEASE NOTE: Because of technical difficulties during the first showing on March 14, both Episodes 1 and 2 will be shown in their entirety on Tuesday, March 21, beginning at 9:15 for that morning only.** Contact: Jayne Nicki 453-9899 or [jaynicki@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:jaynicki@nbnet.nb.ca).

**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). If you are interested in attending Steubenville Atlantic, please contact Margot McAloon-Parker 444-6025, [fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org](mailto:fredreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org). For further information, please check out: [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/archdiocesan-offices/pastoral-life-new-evangelization/steubenville-atlantic](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.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).

**Meals on Wheels** need volunteers to help delivery meals to seniors, disabled or convalescing members in our area. Please call 458-9482 to volunteer or for more information.

**The March CWL Meeting is RESCHEDULED for March 21<sup>st</sup>** 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. Our guest speaker 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). 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** - Clients of Greener Village Food Bank are challenged to provide for themselves and their families on low or fixed incomes. Therefore coffee is considered a seldom afforded luxury. Due to the lack of coffee brewing accessories, instant coffee is the preferred variety. **On the Fourth Sunday in Lent** please consider *donating instant coffee* or another product you would prefer. Food donations boxes are located at each entrance to the church.

**Development and Peace (D & P) – Caritas Canada 50 years of Share Lent! Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.** This week, we meet with Cécile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. "Thanks to RCK Radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights." This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's monthly donor program? More information can be found online at **[devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround)**. **Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.**

**1st SATURDAY DEVOTIONS-** April 1st at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Confessions @ 9:15 am–10:30 am, Rosary @ 10:30 am & Mass @ 11:00



## Revitalization & REALIGNMENT - What is this? What does it mean for us?

by Fr. John Jennings

We've been talking a lot about *Revitalization & Realignment*. What's the connection between the two? What does *Realignment* mean for us in the Diocese of Saint John? Let's begin by noting that *Revitalization* is intended to help us grow as disciples of Jesus. In fact, it's aimed at becoming what Pope Francis calls for in *The Joy of the Gospel* (27) "I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything..." This is a vision of church as a community of disciples, working to share the message and carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in our world. This vision is what *Revitalization* is all about.

But what is *Realignment* about? What does it mean for us? The short answer to these questions is that to *realign* is to become a church capable of carrying out this vision. For our diocese in 2017, it means we must examine how we are structured and how we are able to grow. *Realignment* will allow our local church, our diocese, to be a community of disciples on mission.

Both *Revitalization* and *Realignment* are directed to the whole Diocese of Saint John. They are not projects of individual parishes, nor of only part of the diocese. This is a project of the whole diocese. Every parish will be impacted. Not a single parish will be unaffected. Put in another way, the status quo is not an option. The structure of the whole diocese will change with *Realignment*.

For 175 years, our ancestors - the Catholics of this area - have held the vision of living their faith and passing this faith along to the next generations. They planned and worked to make this dream a reality for their children and their children's children. They gave of themselves to build communities of disciples who shared their faith with others. In doing so, they responded to the settings and the times in which they lived. As times changed, so did their way of being communities of disciples. Sometimes this meant adding new communities. Sometimes it meant that communities merged with others or even ceased to exist. Change is a reality of life and growth.

*Realignment* of our diocese is the examination and response to the changes of our own time. It means we're responding as our ancestors responded, addressing the need for change and looking to the future with hope. The population of our province is shrinking and at the same time, it's aging. Like the general population, our parish communities find fewer persons who are active. At the same time, we have fewer priests in our diocese. They too are aging and many of them are nearing retirement. More than this, the parish of the 21<sup>st</sup> century exists in a new reality. We need to work much harder at evangelization, to put more energy into sharing the Good News, both within and beyond our walls.

As Pope Francis has said, we are called to be a missionary church. He sees the church as an "evangelizing community". That means a community that shares the Good News and calls and forms every single member to be a missionary. To this end, Pope Francis calls for a reform of our structures "to make them more mission-oriented." (See: *The Joy of the Gospel* 25-28)

*Realignment* in the Saint John Diocese requires us to look at our current parish structures and ask ourselves: how can we realign our parishes in a way that strengthens us as evangelizing disciples? What must we do to have full churches, celebrating vibrant liturgies? How can our parishes offer a broad range of opportunities for faith formation to children, youth and adults? How can we develop communities with an outreach that touches our world, sharing the Gospel in both word and action?

What does all this promise for our future? It means our whole diocese will be different. It will have fewer parishes and missions. Parishes will be larger and will be served by a number of priests. As well, these parishes will have a support staff of lay persons. All of this is intended to provide more services, assisting the formation and growth of communities of disciples, reaching out to all ages.

A revitalized church in the Saint John Diocese will have parishes with sufficient people, material and financial resources to be missionary evangelizing communities. To turn again to Pope Francis, he has called upon us to make our parishes "environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented." (*The Joy of the Gospel* 28)

We should be very grateful to our ancestors for responding to the needs of the church in their time. If we don't look to the future with hope we will be letting them and ourselves down.

<http://www.sttheresaparish.ca/diocesan-revitalization> (this link is also on St. Dunstan's website) [www.stdunstansparish.ca](http://www.stdunstansparish.ca)



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**Breast Cancer Survivors Fredericton**  
meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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