

Our New Parish

St. Columba † *Sts. John & Paul* † *St. Dunstan's*
Fredericton Junction *New Maryland* *Fredericton*
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Office Hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

September 2nd, 2018 – 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday @ 5:00 pm @ St. Dunstan's Church Site
Sunday @ 9:00 am @ St. Columba Church and St. Dunstan's Church Site
Sunday @ 11:00 am @ Sts. John and Paul Church Site
Sunday @ 11:30 am @ St. Dunstan's Church Site

Our Journey Begins: This is an exciting weekend as we step into the future together as a new parish. We have been getting to know each other over the past few months and have shared our rich story of parish life in our three communities that are forming this new parish reality. There is so much blessed history that has supported the faith journeys of thousands for generations in our three parishes that are now merged. This is a very solid foundation on which we now continue to create parish life together. It will be helpful to remember that this weekend is simply a beginning and we will continue to do so many of the things we have been doing. We will step by step that discern and implement prayerfully and creatively new endeavors.

We have put together our first Sunday Bulletin and more information will be added week to week as we put in place contact persons for various ministries, councils and committees. Our new Interim Pastoral Council will meet this Thursday, September 6th and our new Interim Finance Council will meet September 20th. One item on our agendas will be to discuss how we bring together our various committees that have the same focus. i.e. Liturgy, Religious Education, etc. These Councils are made up of all the members of our latest Pastoral and Finance Councils of the three previous parishes who are able to stay on and see us through this merging transition. We will be having Children's Faith Formation (Religious Education) in each of our three sites and will organize it in the same way we have been in each of the three previous parishes. As for naming our new parish, a process that will engage everyone will be put in place in September. All of the Churches (buildings) will keep their names. The heading for our bulletin (Our New Parish) will remain until we have the new name.

This is an exciting time and the enthusiasm and joy that is being expressed by so many are sure signs of the Holy Trinity among us.

St. Dunstan's Church Site Office closed on Monday, September 3rd, 2018 Labour Day.

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1st Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 9th 9:00 am Therese Russell

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 9th 11:00 am

St. Dunstan's Church Site

NO Weekday Mass Sept 5th & 6th

Sat 8th 5:00 pm Special Intention

Sun 9th 9:00 am Marjorie Garneau

11:30 am Nancy Dobbeltsteyn

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

stdun@stdunstansparish.ca.

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration 1–2 pm at St. Dunstan's Church Site

Eucharistic Adoration Sts. John & Paul Church site on Thursdays 1-8 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm at St. Dunstan's Church Site

Legion of Mary Tuesday mornings at 11 am St. Dunstan's Church Site

Natural Family Planning www.billings.life/en 450-9343

The New (interim) Pastoral Council will meet on September 6th @ 7 pm at St. Dunstan's Church Site (Monsignor Boyd Family Centre)

The New (interim) Finance Council will meet on September 20th @ 7 pm at St. Columba.

Bulletin Notices for our new Parish may be forwarded to Marlita Chase (Parish Office) by phone 444-6001 or email stdun@stdunstansparish.ca by Wednesday noon.

St. Dunstan's Council of the CWL Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 11th @ 6:30 pm in the MBFC, Rm 120. Additional notices on back page.

NECROLOGY

Sep 3	Dr Frank Ramey	1987
	Jean Marie Breton	1994
	Rita Henneberry	2000
	Kathleen Ruth Murtaugh	2001
Sep 4	Susan C Plouffe	1972
	Louis Thomas Chiasson	1975
	Beatrice M Poirier	1980
	Harold V Flanagan	1984
	Osborne Ralph Fullarton	1995
	Gabrielle Marie Elgee	1996
	Harold Thomas Partington	2008
Sep 5	Margaret Mary McEvoy	1971
	Alphee Smyth	2005
Sep 6	Mary Phyllis McCarthy	1995
	Dora Doreen Stillman	1996
	Isabel McInnis	2003
Sep 7	Elwood Lawrence Gallagher	1977
	Madylin Louise McQuade	2001
	Leycester DeVere D'Arcy	2006
Sep 8	Joseph Charles Turgeon	1978
	Louis Jean Bourque	1990
	Charles W McLenahan	1993
	Marie Jessie Porter	2014
	William Patrick Porter	2014
Sep 9	Eileen Gay	1988
	Henriette Jane Hickey	1990
	Gerard (Jerry) Theriault	1996

Faithful Departed

Joseph Kenneth "Ken" Perry, husband of Joan

Brian Pearce, nephew of Mary Rioux

Bernabe Saliendra, brother of Veronica and Neo

Margaret Hughes, sister of Bernardine Carter



Sanctuary Lamp

***In Loving Memory of
Louis McDonald***

Readings for September 9th

1st Reading	Isaiah 35:4-7
2nd Reading	James 2:1-5
Gospel	Mark 7:31-37

Knights of Columbus Monthly Community Breakfast:
170 Regent Street, on **Sunday, September 9th**, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cost: Adults \$ 7.00, children \$ 3.00, families \$ 20.00. Everyone welcome.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPT 8 & 9

STS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SITE

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Albert & Margaret Murray	Georgina Jones (CO)
<u>Offertory</u>	Isabell McDonald
Joe & Lauren Bouchard	Albertine Allport

ST. COLUMBA CHURCH SITE

<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Lynn Butler	Keith Muzzerall
<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
Makayla Mott	Jennifer Phillips
Jennifer Phillips	Jerry M Cann
	Al Landry

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH SITE

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
5pm Mary Holland	Linda Roach (H2)
Phyllis Daigle	Frances Briand
	Marie Costello
9am Bob Scott	Sonny Grass (H2)
Esther Archibald	Pauline Arnold
	Kate Black
	Marg Denning
	John Denning
11:30 Bev Woznow	Marie Costello (H2)
Ella Allen	Rose-Anne DiGiacinto
	Maria Flores
	Claire Leach
	Robert Michaud

Summary of your donations August 25/26, 2018

St. Columba Church Site

Collection \$ 631.95

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Collection \$ 512.15
Direct Deposit \$ 866.00
Total \$1,378.15

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Offertory (operating)

Envelope \$ 4,943
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) \$ 1,425
Loose \$ 1,135
Total \$ 7,503
Budget \$ 8,888
Variance (\$ 1,385)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc) \$ 1,480
Kitchen Reno Donations to date \$ 30,532
(Operating deficit to May 31, 2018 is \$29,026)

St. Dunstan's Church Site Sunday 11:30 am Choir practice begins Wednesday, Sept 19th @ 7:30 pm. Choir starts Sept 23rd. New members always welcome! Contact Vivien at 471-5065 or Helen 454-3035.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

ST. DUNSTAN'S Church Site – Registration (K to Gr. 9) will be Sunday, September 9th and September 16th following the 9 am and 11:30 am Masses in the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre - Mary Sullivan Room 120. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 23rd @ 10 am.

STS. JOHN & PAUL Church Site- Catechism program is starting on September 16th at 10:00 am. Please note that classes will be held in the church for the first few weeks. For inquiries or to register please

email reledstjohnandpaul@gmail.com.

ST. COLUMBA Church Site – Registration August 25th and Classes will begin on September 9th. The Classes will be held after the 9am Mass.

A Note on Discernment:

As we embark on this exciting and challenging journey as a New Parish, we will need to make wise and discerning choices. The following are some words of wisdom from our Scriptures that might inspire us as we spend some prayerful and reflective time with them:

“To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are of God.” **Job 12:13**

“Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.”

Proverbs 4:5-6

“Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold.” **Proverbs 3:13-18**

“A person of understanding delights in wisdom.”

Proverbs 10:23

“An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.” **Proverbs 18:15**

“Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips. That your trust may be in God, I have made them known to you today, even to you.” **Proverbs 22:17-19**

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” ~ **James 1:5**

Celebrating New Birth – Truly God's Work

A number of years ago a call came from the maternity ward of the hospital. A young dad was calling to report the birth of his first child. "Cindy has just given birth, a little girl. Can you come up and see us?"

A short time later I arrived at the hospital and went up to maternity. Walking down the corridor I saw the young man standing in the doorway of his wife's room. In obvious excitement, he grabbed my arm and hauled me into the room, exclaiming: "Come and see what we've made!"

A new birth is an exciting thing. It deserves to be proclaimed and celebrated. That new dad was doing precisely that. Just the look on his face expressed the excitement. As he looked at his wife his love for her and the wonder of what had taken place was obvious.

I am sure that after the excitement, will come other sensations – anxiety and worry about how to care for this little one. But also there would be joy and gratitude for what God had worked through his wife and him. A new birth is a wondrous thing, truly God's work.

This weekend our diocese gives birth to a whole series of new parishes. From clusters of three or four communities, we see new parishes just beginning. This is a moment marked by great faith and hope for the future. It is a time to celebrate.

As we move into the future in our new parishes, there will be some anxiety and uncertainty. There may even some sense of loss as we leave what we had for something new. But this is a time for hope and promise as we see the birth of new opportunities in our new parish communities. A new birth is a wondrous thing, truly God's work.

Our Scriptures offer us wonderful stories that reveal God's work in our lives. The Old Testament story of the Exodus is presents us with a classic image of where we are now. As Moses led the people of God out of Egypt and had them embark on the trek to the Promised Land there was surely some excitement and also relief that they were leaving the bondage in which they had been held. This was trek to freedom filled with hope and promise.

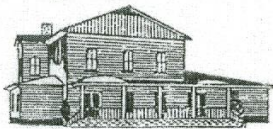
As they left Egypt they did not know all the struggles and blessing that they would encounter as they trekked through the desert. There would be hope, but there would also be setbacks. There would be times when some would lament what they had left behind and they would argue that they go back. But others recognized that God was with them and would stay with them. And God did. It was in the desert, in the midst of their challenges that they came to recognize they were a People of God. Their new birth in freedom was a wondrous thing, truly God's work.

Today our diocese and our parish are experiencing new birth. The hope and promise of this new birth of this new birth is that we can build active, vital and life-giving communities of faith open to all. Revitalization means the promise of full churches, with liturgies that include all generations – children, youth, adults and seniors. Our new parishes aim to be inclusive and welcome to all, members and strangers. We are called to offer faith formation, prayer opportunities, and outreach for all. Are we there now? No, but we will be working towards this goal in the years to come. May we recognize that this journey begins a wonderous thing, truly God's work.

- ❖ **St. Dunstan's Council of the CWL Supper Bridge**, Tuesday, September 18th @ 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 13th beginning with Mass at 9:00 am followed by breakfast in the Helen O'Connor Hall in the MBFC. Tickets \$8.00 on sale in the Parish office. Catered by the Knights of Columbus. Guest Speaker this year is Imelda Perley. Everyone is welcome to attend this event!

Special Mass for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Saturday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

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SOURCE: An Evening of Adoration

On Friday, September 7th at 7:00 pm at St Theresa's Church, please join us to adore Christ in the Eucharist, the 'Source and Summit of our Christian faith.' This event is an evening of prayer, reflection, worship, and healing. Invite your friends and family to this powerful event. More info Jamey: neil.guerrero@gmail.com

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