

St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

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June 24th, 2018 – Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

As we begin to merge our parishes of Sts. John and Paul, St. Columba and St. Dunstan's, we have been asked as part of our first steps in moving forward, to gather each month for prayer and socializing. Our second gathering will be hosted by Sts. John and Paul Church in New Maryland. We are all invited to gather for Benediction and Evening Prayer at Sts. John and Paul Church (727 New Maryland Highway) at 6:30 pm THIS Sunday, June 24th followed by a reception with refreshments and conversation in the family center. All are encouraged to attend.

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 www.campsheldrake.ca Contact office at 506-622-8907 campshel@xplornet.ca

DIVORCE CARE AT ST. DUNSTAN'S - Find Help, Discover Hope and experience Healing, Support Group.
We will be offering a 13-week program on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in the MBFC Room 123.
Call Jeanette @ 458-9546.

Note on our weekly offertory: The Parish Finance Council would like to remind us that our goal each year is to operate without a deficit.

As you know from our weekly reporting of our offertory that we are under our projected offertory budget most weeks and our operating deficit has steadily increased. As of May 31, 2018 our Operating Deficit for the first five months of this year is \$29,026. We hand this information onto you with a deep gratitude for your continued generosity to our parish with all of the many other needs you attend to.

Please note that we are now using 'low gluten' hosts which are 20 parts to 1,000,000 or .002 % gluten. For those who cannot tolerate even this small percentage, we will now have the precious blood available in a cup that no other communicants receive from. Just ask the minister of communion for either the low gluten consecrated host or the cup and they will offer it to you.

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1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

2nd Reading: Acts 13:22-26

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Wed 27th NO MASS
 Thur 28th 12:05 pm Edna Crossman
 Sat 30th 5:00 pm Alphonse Christie
 Sun 1st 9:00 am Peter Sheehan
 11:30 am Mary Theresa Donovan

1st 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 www.billings.life/en 450-9343

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule June 30th and July 1st

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 Mary Holland Tina Christie	Penny Hutley-Dobson (H2) Gracie Mersereau Linda Roach
9:00 David Macneil Hughena Macneil	Jayne Nicki (H2) Peter Maillet Heather Maillet Godwin Njoku Bob Scott
11:30 Ella Allen John Brennan	Alynn Morrison (H2) Robert Michaud Ramon Martillano Marie Costello Gracie Mersereau

For the weekend of June 16th & 17th

Offertory (operating)

Envelope	\$ 4,822
Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)	\$ 1,425
Loose	\$ 1,019
Total	\$ 7,266
Budget	\$ 8,888
Variance	(\$ 1,622)
Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc.)	\$ 620
Kitchen Reno Donations to date	\$ 29,482

(Operating deficit to May 31, 2018 is \$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. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

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 it. Welcome to St. Dunstan's.

NECROLOGY

June 25	John Anthony Deveau	1976
	Louis James Ahern	1997
	Brian Joseph Goodine	2006
	Mary Elizabeth Kent	2012
June 26	Bertha Mary Marion	1992
	Peter Joseph Hughes	1995
	Carmen John Hedley Kilburn	2005
	Katherine Gertrude Russell	2008
	Theodore Joseph Gaudet	2014
	Gerald Kenneth Robinson	2014
June 27	Joseph Parmigiani	1976
	Rev Raymond H Burgoyne	1986
	Frank Burgoyne	1986
	David Joseph Boucher	1991
	Rev Roy Francis MacLean	1991
	Phyllis Evelyn Roberts	1996
	Anne Marie Murray	2001
	Carolyn Layden-Stevenson	2012
June 28	Margaret Gallagher	1984
	Gerald William MacNeil	1992
	Hilary Willard Howes	2003
	Mary Theresa Marshall	2005
	Christina Ryan	2007
	Opal Parker	2013
June 29	Marie Theresa Lucille Walker	1985
	Ralph Harriamn O'Brien	1996
	Jeffrey Gino Parmigiani	1998
	Gerald Joseph McAlinden	2008
June 30	Emily Louise Llambias	1978
	William Joseph Burns	1990
	Lloyd Rideout	1991
	Alexander Byrne	1995
	Thomas Joseph Doherty Sr	1995
	David Barry Parmiter	1998
	J. Alphonse Christie	2017
July 1	Gertrude O'Neill	1976
	Peggy Young	1993
	Solange Marie (Sally) Dalpe	1999

*Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Noreen McQueen*

Readings for July 1st

1st Reading	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel	Mark 5:21-43

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedules for July to September are available in the parish office.

CWL Annual Retreat, Villa Madonna Retreat House, Rothesay. Tuesday, October 9th-Thursday, October 11. Facilitator Father David Ferguson. Cost \$184.00 (includes all meals and lodging). Commuters \$108.00 (includes all meals). All ladies welcome – do not have to be a CWL member. To register, contact Louise O'Connor fegan@nbnet.nb.ca phone 1-506-648-9059. Deadline to register Monday, September 24. Currently 50% booked.

*Effective Friday, June 1, 2018, the Catholic Bookstore in Saint John will be closed on **Fridays** during the months of **June, July and August**. Our new summer hours will be Tuesday to Thursday 10 am – 5 pm.*

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, A K-10 school is accepting applications for Grades K-5 for September 2018. For information call 459-3518 or e-mail tcbarry@nbnet.nb.ca

NOTE FROM FR. BILL:

Recently the Bishop announced the Parish Changes for the Diocese and had his 'Pastoral letter for Revitalizing the Diocese of Saint John for Discipleship and Evangelization' read at each Mass throughout the Diocese. Copies of the pastoral letter are at the entrances of the church.

The following change is happening for St. Dunstan's:

Fredericton South, New Maryland and Fredericton Junction (2 Priests).

The parishes of St. Dunstan's (Fredericton) and Sts. John and Paul (New Maryland) will be merged into one new parish effective September 1st, 2018. St. Dunstan's Church and Sts. John and Paul Church will serve as worship sites. St. Columba's Church (Fredericton Junction) will be a mission church of this parish.

The following is our diocesan 'Vision for a Revitalized Church'

Vision of a Revitalized Church Living out our Baptismal Call:

- An evangelizing community that gives Jesus Christ to the world.
- Full churches for Sunday Mass
- Intergenerational community of children, teens, young adults, middle-age, seniors.
- The Centre of the community life service those on the margin and most in need.
- A community of growing disciples who share their faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus Christ.

Evangelizing in the World: A Call for Listening and Respect (Fr. John Jennings)

A little bit of history never hurts a person. We all have a history it is the story of how we came to be, who we are at this moment. Societies, cultures, nations also have histories. The Christian Church has a history as well.

The very early Christians were a tiny part of the population within the Roman Empire. For the first two centuries they came primarily from Jewish communities in the Empire. Their faith, their prayer practices and their religious customs were drawn from their Judaism. The scriptures on which they based their faith were the Jewish Scriptures, what we call the Old Testament.

Gradually, these early Christians began to develop their own practices and prayer life. As they did so, however, they continued to see themselves as based on their Jewish roots. The Old Testament remained theirs, even as they began to develop a Christian or what we would call our New Testament. Both these Scriptures remained sacred to the Christians – this is our Bible. Whether Old or New, the two are based on our Jewish origins.

These early Christians recognized that if they were disciples of Jesus, they were also evangelizers, sharers of the message of good news they had received. Jesus called them to "make disciples of all nations." (Matt 28:19) As evangelizing communities of disciples they began to reach out sharing the good news with the non-Jewish population of the rest of the Empire, i.e. the gentiles. Theirs was a faith and a culture different from that of the Christians. And it was the dominant culture of the whole Roman Empire. If disciples were going to share their good news, they would have to do it in this dominant Greek and Roman culture of the time.

This need to evangelize in a new and different culture was an experience repeated over and over again through the history of the Christian community. For 2000 years this has been the challenge to the Christian Church. And beginning with the apostle Paul and those early Christians, the Church has sought to meet people where they are, in their culture.

In *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis recognizes this character of openness in Catholic Christian evangelization. As we seek to share the good news, we seek to share it in a way that makes sense to the persons and cultures who receive it. As Francis puts it: "Each people in the course of its history develops its culture with legitimate autonomy [independence].... The human person is always situated in a culture. God's gift becomes flesh in the culture of those who receive it." (Pope Francis. *The Joy of the Gospel* 115-16)

To share the good news with sensitivity and respect for the cultures we encounter is to be "catholic", universal in view. In the words of Francis: "The history of the Church shows that Christianity does not have simply one cultural expression,... it will also reflect the different faces of the cultures and peoples in which it is received and takes root." (Pope Francis *The Joy of the Gospel* 116). We are called to be evangelizing disciples, with an openness to share this gift in ways that respect and build on the cultures of the peoples who receive it. In doing so, we are truly catholic in our discipleship.

You Are the "Imago Dei"

From Fr. Richard Rohr's Daily Reflections (Wednesday, June 20, 2018)

Searching for and rediscovering the True Self is the *fundamentum*, the essential task that will gradually open us to receiving and giving love to God, others, and ourselves, and thus to live truly just lives. Grace builds on nature; it does not avoid or destroy nature. You are created in the image of God from the very beginning (Genesis 1:26-27). This is the basis for God's justice: Since everyone is made in the image of God, then we need to recognize, honor, and respect the image of God in everyone. No exceptions.

You (and every other creation of God) begin with your unique divine DNA, an inner destiny as it were, an absolute core that knows the truth about you, a true believer tucked away in the cellar of your being, an *imago Dei* that begs to be allowed, to be fulfilled, and to show itself. You were chosen in Christ before the world was made to stand before God in love marked out beforehand as fully adopted sons and daughters (Ephesians 1:4-5). This is your True Self or soul.

Jesus revealed and accepted a paradox: human and divine are not separate, but one! Why do we resist this destiny? For most of us, this seems just too good and too dangerous to be true. There is so much contrary evidence! Are we afraid to bear the burden of divinity? It is precisely the divine part of you that is great enough, deep enough, gracious enough to fully accept the human part of you. If you are merely human, you will tend to reject your embarrassingly limited humanity.

Maybe we realize subconsciously that if we really recognized our True Self which is the Divine Indwelling, the Holy Spirit within us if we really believed that we are temples of God (see 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16), then we would have to live up to this incredible dignity, freedom, and love.

Paradoxically, immense humility, not arrogance, characterizes the True Self. You simultaneously know you are a son or daughter of God, but you also know that you didn't earn it and you are not worthy of it. You know it's entirely a gift (see Ephesians 2:8-9 and throughout Paul's writings). All you can do is thank Somebody Else, occasionally weep with joy, and kneel without any hesitation.

The single and true purpose of mature religion is to lead you to ever new experiences of your True Self. If religion does not do this, it is junk religion. Every sacrament, every Bible story, every church service, every sermon, every hymn, every bit of priesthood, ministry, or liturgy is for one purpose: to allow you to experience your True Self who you are in God and who God is in you and to live a generous and just life from that Infinite Source.

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