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March 18th, 2018 – 5th Sunday of Lent

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All parishioners are invited to a Parish Meeting on Sunday, March 18th @ 4 pm in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center, Helen O'Connor Hall. At this meeting the Financial Report for 2017 and Budget for 2018 will be presented. Also, this will be an opportunity to receive reports on the Pastoral life of the Parish in 2017 and to celebrate all that God is doing among us. Hope you can attend.

LENT FOOD DONATIONS/FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Since 2012 clients of Greener Village Food Bank have doubled. On ONE busy day last week 142 client/family units were assisted. Let's fill some grocery boxes this week with donations of pasta and sauce and/or canned tomatoes. Thank you.
Donation boxes are located at each entrance to the church.

**REGIONAL RECONCILIATION - ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 7:00 PM.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – CWL SPAGHETTI SUPPER
SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH**

Enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Supper with Fresh Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Desserts, Tea & Coffee. \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Sponsored by St. Dunstan's Council of the Catholic Women's League.

Everyone welcome!

Development and Peace (D & P) Share Lent 2018! Solidarity Sunday We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brother all over the world – from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our share Lent campaign 'Together for Peace', invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

March 18th, 2018 – 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel: John 12:20-33

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

† MASS INTENTIONS †

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| Wed | 21 st | 6:30 pm | Timmy Toner |
| Thur | 22 nd | 12:05 pm | Mary Gormley |
| Sat | 24 th | 5:00 pm | Gloria DiGiacinto |
| Sun | 25 th | 9:00 am | Special Intention |
| | | 11:30 am | Bernadette Armstrong |

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 March 24th & 25th

| <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> |
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| 5:00 Veronica Saliendra Lilia Cozzarini | Marie Costello (H2) Penny Hutley-Dobson Felipe Serrano |
| 9:00 Jayne Nicki Bob Scott | John Denning (H2) Heather Maillet Bob Scott Marg Denning Peter Maillet Kate Black |
| 11:30 John Brennan Jennifer Flynn | Marcel Arguinarena (H2) Noreen Vaillancourt Robert Michaud Bob Monterio Margaret Savidge |

For the weekend of March 10th & 11th

Offertory (operating)

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| Envelope | \$ 5,373.00 |
| Loose | \$ 921.55 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) | \$ 1,425.00 |
| Total | \$ 7,719.55 |
| Budget | \$ 8,888.00 |
| Variance | (\$ 1,168.45) |
| Other (Bldg Fund, Cemetery, Poor, etc) | \$ 654.00 |
| Kitchen Reno Donations to date | \$ 22,931.75 |

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.

Readings for March 25th

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| 1st Reading | Jeremiah 31:31-34 |
| 2nd Reading | Hebrews 5:7-9 |
| Gospel | John 12:20-33 |

NECROLOGY

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| Mar 18 | Mary Ellen Ryan | 1973 |
| | Msgr Donald Churchill Duffie | 1989 |
| Mar 19 | Helena Camilla Fitzpatrick | 1989 |
| | Mary Norma White | 1991 |
| | Denis Jean LaHaie | 1993 |
| | Alma Margaret Whalen | 1999 |
| | Baby Janak | 2001 |
| 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 |



With Gratitude & Thanksgiving: Well-known composer of contemporary Catholic liturgical music, David Haas In Concert June 1st 7 pm \$20 at the door. Music Ministers Workshop and Retreat, Saturday June 2nd at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Riverview. 9 am – 2 pm (lunch provided). \$35 (advance registration). Deadline to register May 15th. For more info or to register visit www.diomoncton.ca See posters on church bulletin boards for more information.

**Lenten Stations of the Cross: RESDHEDULED
 LITTLE ROCK for Wednesday, March 21ST
 @ 12 noon (due to the weather)**

Palms from previous years may be dropped off at the Parish office. They will be used to make next year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Easter Flowers ~ Parishioners are invited to make a donation for flowers for the church Altar for Easter in memory of loved ones. Please write "flowers" on the front of your regular envelope and write the name(s) of your loved one(s) on the back ... or place a special envelope in the offering, or stop into the parish office.

Note from Fr. Bill: During this time of restructuring and revitalizing in our Diocese, we are being invited to pray with the Sunday Gospel each week by using the method of 'Lectio Divina'. We had an information and practice session with this method of prayer with 30 people attending. There are pamphlets describing what Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is and the steps to follow when praying it as an individual or in a small group. Pamphlets are available on the Adult Faith Formation Bulletin Board in the Parish Center. It is easy to follow. If you would like to join a group to pray this once or twice a week, leave your name at the Parish Office.

Annual Book Sale in support of Twitti School in Zambia, Saturday, April 28 -8am - 3pm at George Street Middle School. Donations of good quality used books are welcome, ie gently used Children's literature, young adult fiction, fiction/non-fiction for adults. Call 454-0233 or 292-2056. Books may be left at George Street Middle School during the week leading up to the sale.

RELAUNCHING OF THE HOSPITALITY BROCHURE "BELONGING AT ST. DUNSTAN'S"

Over the past few months our "Belonging at St. Dunstan's" brochure has been revised and updated. We, as a Parish, continue to grow and welcome new parishioners and support and encourage the continued involvement of our faithful and long term parishioners. This brochure is a way for you to become more aware of the councils, committees and ministries that you could be a part of and the contact information for them. There is also a form in the brochure called 'Welcome Card'. You could fill this out if you would like to be contacted for further information and direction regarding the parish. We have in place people who will follow up with you when you fill out the form. Completed forms can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the offertory at Mass. The brochures are at each entrance of the Church. New and longer term parishioners are invited to take a look, discern your involvement and let us assist your 'belonging' at St. Dunstan's.

HOLY WEEK

7pm – Holy Thursday, followed by Adoration until midnight in the MBFC

12 noon & 3 pm Good Friday

8 pm – Saturday, Easter Vigil

Blessing of the Food - Holy Saturday 1 pm.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I have the pleasure to invite all of you to the *Chrism Mass*, a unique celebration in the Liturgical Year. At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saint John, Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

If you are a regular to this annual celebration, I look forward to welcoming you back. If you have never experienced the *Chrism Mass*, I warmly encourage you to come for the first time. Each year I meet people who are delighted to have done so.

It is a pleasure for me to preside this concelebrated Eucharist during which I bless the Holy Oils to be used for the coming year and receive the renewal of promises made by the priests the day of their ordination.

At the end of this Mass, the Holy Oils will be distributed to parish representatives. Afterwards, all are invited to a reception in the Cathedral Rectory. I look forward to welcoming you.

Let us pray for each other during this season of grace. Blessings on your Lenten journey towards Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Robert Harris

Bishop of Saint John

Regional Youth Group – (for youth grades 6 and up) Session 5 of 6. Join us for an evening of "Cath-olympics" and see how the games and our faith relate. Games, competitions and teamwork!! Please feel free to bring a friend. **Friday March 23rd from 7– 9pm** at the **Monsignor Boyd Family Centre**. For further information please contact your parish coordinator **OR Margot McAloon-Parker at 444-6025.**

An Evening of Adoration - The Catechism calls the Eucharist the Source and Summit of our Faith. Adoration ending with Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation. Friday, April 6 at 7:00 PM in the STU Chapel.

UPCOMING RETREATS AT VILLA MADONNA

To register: call Villa Madonna at 849-5125 or email: villamadonna@nb.aibn.com

Men's Spirituality Really Matters - Wednesday, March 7th - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Join Bill Kolodnicki, member of *Illuman*, to explore the work of *Illuman* and Father Richard Rohr. *Illuman* focuses on providing men all over the world an opportunity through ritual, teaching, and communicating to explore what really matters to them. Discussions will be held on real life challenges, our roles in society, and how to support each other. The Men's Rites of Passage (MROP) is a program developed by Fr. Richard Rohr. *Illuman* has been entrusted with maintaining the integrity and expansion of this work. \$40 includes 2 breaks and lunch). **OPEN TO ALL MEN!**

Rediscovering the Art of Dying, Lenten Project - March 12 & 13, 2018 facilitated by Nuala Kenny, Medical Doctor, renowned Ethicist, Professor, and Sister of Charity of Halifax. The Christian notion of a good death is death not as a good end but as a good transition; one that requires faith, proper acceptance and readiness. **Who Should Attend:** Clergy, Physicians, Lay Ministers, those who work in Pastoral/Palliative Care **Cost:** \$75 commuters (includes breaks & lunch each day); \$150 (one nights' accommodation/meals beginning with lunch Monday and ending with lunch Tuesday).

Conscious Aging Workshop ~ Tuesday, April 3 ~ Thursday, April 5, 2018 ~ Cultivate Wisdom, Connect with Others, Celebrate Life facilitated by Bill Kolodnick. Bill is a certified IONS Conscious Aging Workshop Facilitator. He has a passion to learn and looks eagerly to learning from each person he meets. This powerful workshop provides the space and the opportunity for you to explore your potential for growth, sense of purpose, service and fulfillment in the later chapters of life. **Cost:** \$230 per person; \$330 per couple (incl. 2 nights' accommodation/meals); \$150 commuters (incl. meals/breaks). Open to All!

24 Hour Guided Directed Retreat - Wednesday, May 2 ~ Thursday, May 3, 2018. AN INITIAL EXPERIENCE OF THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS Hearts on Fire ~ Inner Peace Through God's Transforming Love

Registration: 4:00 pm Wednesday, Retreat begins at 4:30 pm Wednesday and ends at 4:30 pm Thursday May 3. This silent retreat will be an opportunity for specific guidance in various structured approaches to prayer. Retreatants will have an opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. In between assigned prayer periods, retreatants are free to enjoy the indoor and outdoor space as desired. This retreat will also include the celebration of Eucharist. **\$35 registration; \$75 upon arrival. Coordinators:** Pam Daigle & Betty Poley

Peacemaking - Not for the Faint Hearted ~ Weekend Guided Retreat with Gloria Ulterino ~ Fri, May 4 ~ Sun, May 6, 2018

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference a series of North American conferences, brings 50,000 teens and their leaders closer to Christ every summer. Steubenville Atlantic 2018, in Halifax, is presented in partnership with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Conference dates are July 6-8, 2018. All aged 14-18 are welcome. **Cost:** \$325 (transportation included) **26 early bird registration seats left** at \$300 before March 9th. If you are interested in attending Steubenville Atlantic, please contact Margot McAloon-Parker 444-6025,

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