

Diocesan News

Jan. 30 - Christian Meditation – 10 :00 a.m. at the Villa Madonna. Everyone welcome.

Feb. 1 - Open Mike/Jam – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Hampton Senior Resource, Centre-DeMille Court, Hampton. \$3.00 Admission. Canteen. 50/50. For more information call Len at 832-5009.

Feb. 3 - Saturday Soup - Join us every Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity's Family Centre, 11 Canon Street. Enjoy a meal of soup, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee. Free will donation.

Feb. 4 - Sunday Exposition/Adoration at St. Joseph's Church, Loch Lomond, :00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Benediction and Confession.

Feb. 7 - Mass for Life at 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church. Praying for the respect of all human life. Everyone welcome.

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Horizon Health is seeking volunteers to give two to four hours a week to make a difference in patients' lives. Volunteers are needed in Saint John Regional Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, and the Ridgewood Veterans' Wing. To register, call the volunteer office at 648-6523 or e-mail Leigh.Giberson@HorizonNB.ca

Canadian Cancer Society is looking for volunteer help to sell our beautiful daffodil flowers in five grocery store locations. The Daffodil Campaign runs from March 21st – March 29th. To sign up for volunteering, contact Heather Kamerman at 634-6729.

Pre-Authorized Debit System - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque.

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.

Register Update:

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

New in Parish ____ email: _____ Moving out of ____

Moving within the Parish ____

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MISSION STATEMENT

From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.

Pastor: Father Owen Burns

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

Parish Council Chair – Pat Carey

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - contact office.

Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

January 27th- 28th, 2018, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

February 3rd-4th, 2018 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7 1-4 6-7 1 Corinthians 9 16-19 22-23 Mark 1 29-39

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

Announced Masses

Tues.	Jan. 30	7:00 p.m.	Walter McLean
Wed.	Jan. 31	9:00 a.m.	Allan Fraser
Thurs.	Feb. 1	7:00 p.m.	Mary Beth Aasen
Fri.	Feb. 2	9:00 a.m.	Margaret Alliston
Sat.	Feb. 3	10:00 a.m.	Barb Myles
Sat.	Feb. 3	5:00 p.m.	Theresa & Ray Bertin
Sun.	Feb. 4	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
		11:15 a.m.	Linda Nugent

Scheduled Events — Jan. 28th - Feb. 4th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Jan.28	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Mon. Jan.29	Girl Guide/Sparks	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tues. Jan.30	RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Wed. Jan.31	Little Rock Scripture	9:30a.m.	Room#1
	Brownies	7:00pm	Hall
Fri. Feb.2	World Day-planning	10:00a.m.	Rm#1
Sat. Feb.3	Hall set up -Rel Ed	3:00 p.m.	Hall
	Blessing of the Throats	10:00 a.m.	Church
Sun. Feb.4	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall

Sacrament of Baptism

All parents and godparents are required to participate in a baptismal preparation class. To register for the Sacrament of Baptism and the preparation class contact Dianne in the church office 849-5111.

Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of Throats will take place after Mass on *Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00 a.m.* Candles are a natural symbol for Christ, the light of the world. As a Christian, Blaise beheld the light of Christ. **The prayer is:** Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from the ailments of the throat and from every other sickness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, January 21 st	\$ 4,465.00

Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Jan. 28 – Sessions K-8 (no session Grade 9)

Feb. 4 - Sessions K-6 & Grade 9 (no sessions Gr.7-8)

Feb. 11 – Lent Family Day, parents and children meet as a group 10:05 – 10:50 a.m.

Feb. 18 – Sessions K-8

Confirmation retreat with NET 2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Mandatory for all confirmation candidates

Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise Our parish children, who are preparing for First Eucharist, will be considering ways in which gathering together for a family meal is like coming to Mass to be with God’s family. Everyone is asked to take a moment at your next family meal to ponder some of its similarities to Mass and to thank God for those at table with you. Please offer words of encouragement to our First Eucharist children and remember them in your prayers.

Eucharist Ministers for Home Communion are needed. The required time for this ministry is once a month. If willing to help in this ministry please call Paula, 849-2186.

Win a beautiful quilt!

The Peru Committee will be selling tickets in the foyer following the masses on Feb. 3/4 on a lap quilt created by Nola McGinn. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. The draw will be held on February 10th. Proceeds will support the work of the Sisters of Mercy in Peru.



Newcomers Welcome

Are you new to St. Mark’s Church? Would you like to find out more about the activities and different ministries that take place in our church. Call Andrea MacLean-Holohan 847-8127 from our Newcomers ministry, she would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Please pick up your 2017 Tax Receipts located on the table next to the Pettingill Road side entrance.



LENT

Did you know that Lent is only 3 weeks away!?! Coming this Lent, we have 2 programs for adults and youth 16+ to assist you on your Lenten journey! There is no charge, and all materials are

provided. Interested in helping as a small group discussion leader? Please email Wendy at stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession

Beginning February 20th on Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for 5 weeks in the hall. Sin, guilt, disappointment...these are all an unpleasant but universal reality of the human experience. We all must deal with them, but we can’t do it alone. The remedy is immediately available and miraculously effective – the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This isn’t a rule, a formality, or an old-fashioned ritual – it’s an intimate experience of God’s mercy. And it has the power not only to cleanse us from sin, but to heal us and transform our lives. **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession** provides the Church’s teaching about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including a practical “walk through” of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and God’s passionate desire to be with you. Facilitated DVD-based program. Pre-registration recommended but not required. For more info or to register email stmarksreled@bellaliant.com.

Bible Basics for Catholics

Beginning February 17th on Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for 6 weeks, in the hall: You ought to know the Bible better than you do, and you probably feel vaguely guilty you don’t. Come on, admit it. Guilty that we don’t really read the Bible that much. Some of us have tried. We’ve made resolutions to read the whole Bible through in a year or follow some other plan. At best we get through Genesis, maybe Exodus, but once we hit the laws and sacrifices of Leviticus, it’s game over. Sound familiar? Then this is for you! This is not a traditional Bible study (although it will help you with that!). This short book study will introduce you to the “big picture” of the Bible, through exploration of 8 key events from Genesis to Revelation. If you are looking to just dip your toe into exploring your Bible and learning more about the Scriptures, this is a great place to start! We will meet for coffee and a light breakfast and explore the book together. Pre-registration is required for this one (we have to order books). For more info or to register email stmarksreled@bellaliant.com.