

Diocesan News

Feb. 1 - Mass for Life - A Mass for the respect of life will be offered at 7:00 p.m. at Divine Mercy Catholic School Chapel, 30 Douglas Street. Everyone welcome. Refreshments following.

February 2, *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*, has been designated *World Day for Consecrated Life*. Within our 175th anniversary year, we remember with gratitude the twenty-three communities of Consecrated women and men who served our diocesan church over the years in the areas of health care, education, parish work, social work and more.

Feb. 12 - Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.

Monday Night Country and Blue Grass every Monday Night at Stella Maris Church, 201 Bayside Drive, Saint John. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; music begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for a chance at a \$20.00 Door Prize. Come along and bring your musical instrument, your voice and your friends. It's Open Mic Night every Monday. A Canteen will be available.

Queen of Peace Catholic Prayer Meeting: Every Thursday evening, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Saint Peter's Parish Church Hall, side entrance, Clarendon Street, Saint John, NB. All welcome. For information , call Lorraine Shonaman - 847-2054 or Joan Marks – 635-5727.

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 _____ 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 Don Breen

**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 28th – January 29th, 2017, 4th Sun. in Ord. Time
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1 26-31 Matthew 5 1-12
February 4th – February 5th, 2017, 5th Sun. in Ord. Time
Isaiah 58 6-10 1 Corinthians 2 1-5 Matthew 5 13-16

January 29, 2017 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

Announced Masses

Sat.	Feb. 4	5:00 p.m.	Paul Leger
Sun.	Feb. 5	9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	For Parishioners Ronald Steeves

Scheduled Events - Jan. 29th – Feb. 5

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Jan. 29	Pathfinders	6:30 p.m.	Family Rm
Mon. Jan. 30	Girl Guides	6:30 pm	Hall
	Exploring Alpha	7:00 p.m.	Room #5
	Adult Music Prac.	7:00 pm	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Little Rock	7:30 pm	Room #1
Tues. Jan. 31	Seasons of Hope	7:00 p.m.	Family Rm
Wed. Feb. 1	Little Rock	9:30 a.m.	Room #1
	Brownies	6:30 pm	Room #5-7
Sun. Feb. 5	Pathfinders	6:30 pm	Family Rm.

Condolences:

Bonnie and Georges Richard, Pat and Kevin Gormley, Sheila and Jack Gardner and families on the death of Bonnie's, Pat's, and Sheila's mother Albertine McGraw

Several donations have been made to the Building Fund in Memory of John Fullerton, Debbie Doherty, Scott Donovan Albertine McGraw and Terry Lawlor

Saint Mark's Home Visiting Ministry offers weekly Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office, 849-5111, or Paula Binette, 849-2186 to arrange for a visit.

New Parishioners – We welcome you in our midst, and knowing where you live. A note placed in the collection basket, or even a call to the office would be appreciated. For parishioners moving away, we hate to see you go, but still would like to hear from you before departure.

Religious Formation - 849-5111

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

Jan. 29 – Sessions K-9

Feb. 5 – Sessions K-8 (No sessions Grade 9)

Feb. 12 – Sessions K-9

Grade 2 children and parents – family catechesis
10:05 upstairs in the church

Grade 9 candidates and parents meet at 6:30 p.m.
for brief meeting in the Hall

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.

Exchanging the Gift of Peace - This week the young people who are preparing for Confirmation will reflect on the meaning of God's gift of peace and its expression in the Church's liturgy. We are given the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, who empowers us to be instruments of peace and reconciliation. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers?



Alpha

We are exploring the possibility of offering Alpha at St. Mark's. A meeting to gauge interest in running Alpha will be held Monday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #5 (please use the back office entrance). For more information, please contact stmarksreled@bellaliant.com or call Wendy at 849-8162. To explore, please visit www.alphacanada.org



Last year's palms may be brought to the church and left in the foyer or at the side entrances. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

2016 Tax Receipts are ready for pick-up in the foyer.

CWL Membership



Saint Mark's Catholic Women's League welcomes every woman of our parish to become a member. The Catholic Women's League of Canada offers women an opportunity for ***Faith, Fun and Fulfillment*** in the service of God and Country. We realize that in this busy world it may not always be possible for you to attend meetings. Be assured that your support is as important as your attendance. Members, you can renew your membership by putting your cheque into an envelope marked CWL and dropping it into the collection basket. For those interested in learning more about The Catholic Women's League, members will be available in the foyer after each Mass or you can call Jeannie Lane 849-1319 or Ellen Robart 847-5131.

Blessing of Throats - Blessing of Throats will take place at all Masses next weekend, Feb. 4th & 5th. 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. This blessing, like all sacramental, is a sign of our faith. It is a symbol of our desire to be ablaze with faith like Saint Blaise.

Painting for Peru: win a beautiful gift for your sweetheart painted by our own parishioner David Cool. Tickets on sale after every Mass until Feb. 12; \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Draw date is February 14 and the painting will be on display in the foyer.

Adult Faith Formation workshop will be held at St. Mark's on Saturday, February 18th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Topics are basic introduction to the bible and prayer using the Bible. For more information, call Denise at 847-7258 or e-mail annies06@nb.sympatico.ca.



Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, Jan. 22 nd	\$ 4,322.68