

Diocesan News

May 23 – International Aids Candlelight Memorial Mass to be held at the Cathedral
At 7:00 p.m. Reduce stigma, ensure access, increase resources and promote involvement.

May 26-28 - Seven all new Kundalini Yoga experiences plus time to relax, explore the grounds, or just BE. Retreat includes two nights single accommodation and all meals beginning with supper Friday through Sunday lunch. Cost: \$360 + HST single accommodation; \$500 + HST couple. To Register: Contact Debra at dbdebraji@gmail.com or Ruth at yogaink@icloud.com

June 2-4 – The Atlantic Marian Gathering will take place in Halifax at the Mount St. Vincent University. It is promising to be a wonderful spirit filled weekend with many graces and blessings. Email mariangatheringhalifax@gmail.com or see more details in the brochures available at each church entrance.

June 17 - Art exhibit featuring the arts and crafts created by the clients of our Day Hospice Program will be available for sale at 14 Howard St. 12 noon – 4:00 p.m. Baking and natural hand crafted soap available for sale. Admission is a free will offering. Donations over \$10 will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

June 19 – 25 – Six day guided retreat – Women at the Well ~ Quenching Our Thirst at the Well of Blessing. Facilitated by Fr. Philip Chircop. For additional information visit Villa website at www.villamadonna.ca or call 849-5125.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Saturday, September 16th, to Tuesday, September 19th. Cost per person, includes travel, accommodations (Lord Berri), all entrance and tour fees, snacks/bottle water and BINGO on the bus. A full day at St. Joseph's Oratory with Mass and a guided tour, as well as a guided bus tour with Jumpstreet Tours of old Montreal, beginning at the Notre-Dame Basilica. To register or for more information, please call Marlita Chase at 444-1643 or 450-2519 or email marlitachase@hotmail.com.

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 _____
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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

May 13th – 14th, 2017 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6 1-7 1 Peter 2 4-9 John 14 1-12

May 20th -21st, 2017 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8 5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3 15-18 John 14 15-21

May 14, 2017-5th Sunday of Easter

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

Announced Masses

Sat. May 20 5:00 p.m. Kathleen and Neil Kelley

Sun. May 21 9:00 a.m. Bill Dolan
11:15 a.m. For Parishioners

There will be no weekday Masses next week to allow for Fr. Don to attend the annual priest retreat

Scheduled Events – May 14th – May 21st

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. May 14	Pathfinders	3:30p.m.	Rm 5-7
Mon May 15	Girl Guides/Sparks	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Prac.	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tues. May 16	Seniors Potluck	12noon	Hall
	Seasons of Hope	7:30 p.m.	Family Rm.
Wed. May 17	Brownies	6:30pm	Hall
Sun. May 21	Pathfinders	3:30 pm.	Rm 5-7

A **Seniors Potluck** will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 12 noon in the church hall. Bring your favourite dish or dessert, bingo to follow, all our welcome.



33 Days to Morning Glory

St. Mark's is pleased to offer a 6-week devotion to Mary through the book *33 Days to Morning Glory*. The program will guide participants to trust themselves to Jesus through Mary, and will explore Mary through the eyes of 4 saints, including 2 modern day saints: Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Theresa of Calcutta. Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m. in Room #1. Book, materials and refreshments provided. No registration fee. Runs May 23 – June 27, with consecration day being July 1. To register or for more information, contact Kathy Goudreau at kathygoudreau@gmail.com or [651-7494](tel:651-7494). The program will take place if a minimum number of participants register. A wonderful way to grow in your faith!

Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162

Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Sessions resume Sept 17th, 2017. Catechists are needed for all year levels. Please contact Wendy if you are able to serve in this vital ministry!

Attention All Graduates



Graduation season will soon be upon us! St. Mark's like to recognize and encourage the educational journeys of our parishioners. We are inviting graduates and their families to submit the name and school of their graduate, and *loan* us a graduation picture for the weekend of June 17/18. We will display these photos (photos will not be damaged in any way) and names on the altar for all the Masses that weekend, and when we return them, we will include a small gift from the parish. We want to have as many of our graduating parishioners as possible, so that we can acknowledge their achievement and pray for their continued success. Please contact Wendy if you have a graduate from high school, community college, university or another institute of higher learning at stmarksreled@bellaliant.com or you can drop photos off at the office during regular hours (please ensure your full name and telephone number is on it). If you do not have a photo to lend, please contact Wendy so we can still include your graduate.

Mother's Day Prayer: *We thank you Lord for the mothers in our lives. We are grateful for and treasure all of the women in our lives that love and care for us. We remember our grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters and friends. We thank you especially for your Holy Mother Mary. Amen*

PENTECOST – Prayer of the Faithful. It is the tradition at Saint Mark's to pray the intentions on Pentecost Sunday (June 3rd & 4th) in different languages. Parishioners who speak a language other than English are asked to contact the office or Ann Connolly 847-3884.

Special Collection – May 21st

A special collection will be taken up on **May 21st** for Papal Charities.

Revitalization Feedback Meeting

Thursday, May 25th – 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will provide parishioners with an opportunity to submit input regarding the proposed models for the revitalization of the Diocese of Saint John. Parish Council will forward any feedback received to the Diocese on your behalf. Copies of the proposed models are available at all the church entrances. Please note that parishioners may also submit their input directly to the Diocese on-line at www.DioceesofSaintJohn.org.

Yard Sale-Care and Concern

Ministry

May 27th 9:00 a.m. – noon



When you are cleaning your attic, basement, and closets, remember we can use books, ornaments, household items as well as clothing. **NOTE:** No baby furniture ex. cribs or car seats. No electronics ex. computers or TV's. Items must be clean and in working order.

Drop off Thursday & Friday, May 25th and May 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ONLY. Helpers are needed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, please call Rose, 849-7364, or the office if you are available to help.

Pentecost Sunday, June 3rd/4th

Parishioners are asked to bring a **RED** potted flower (ie. Geraniums) to Mass on the weekend of June 3rd/4th in memory of a loved one. The plants will be brought to the altar in procession with the gifts of bread and wine and later planted on church grounds to continue to remind us of the Holy Spirit. Parishioners are invited to wear something **RED**.

Our Parish Pastoral Council election is scheduled to take place during all masses on May 27th & 28th. We are seeking four new members to serve three year terms which commence in September. If you are interested in serving in this important ministry, please consider allowing your name to be added to the ballot this year! Please contact Council Chair, Pat Carey, via e-mail at pacarey1@gmail.com, or by phone at 849-8719, no later than May 17th.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, May 7 th	\$ 5,293.35