

REFUGEE UPDATE - Salad Ali arrived from Indonesia this past summer. He had been there for 5 years after fleeing Somalia. He had been shot in the leg in Somalia by the local insurgents. He was only 14 at the time. He is enjoying his new life in Saint John! He has just started English classes at the YMCA. He is just learning to cook. In Somalia his mother did the cooking and in Indonesia he bought food sold in the streets. He would like to bring his mother and 2 brothers to Saint John but they are still in Somalia so do not qualify as refugees. Mohamed Dalien is still in Turkey where he fled from Syria. His father, mother and sisters live in Saint John. They have not seen him in 5 years. We are hopeful that he will arrive this fall. We have also welcomed 2 Eritrean men who had fled to Israel. They are Coptic Catholics and I am hoping to bring them to mass some Sunday. They have both registered at the YMCA and will attend English classes to improve their English. They recently surprised me by giving a man with a homeless sign \$5. The homeless helping the homeless! This is a lesson for all of us. *Jean MacDonald, Refugee Committee, jeanrylon@gmail.com*

SYRIAN DINNER- Saint John and Area Refugee Group are having a fundraising dinner and silent auction on Friday October 25th at 6:00 pm. It will take place at Rocmaura Nursing Home. Tickets \$20 call 849-0429 for tickets.

Diocesan News

Oct. 27 – The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum 91 Leinster Street, Saint John, N.B presents Promise at Dawn – Director Eric Barbier, France, 2017 – French - English subtitles - from Romain Gary’s childhood in Poland to his adolescence in Nice to his years as a student in Paris and his World War II adventures as a bombardier. Shows begins at 7:00 p.m. \$10.00.

Oct. 27 – Harvest Supper at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Rothesay from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sirloin tip roast with potatoes, squash, carrots, peas, tea, coffee and dessert. Adult \$15 and child 6-12 \$7.00 children 5 & under free.

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 next week in 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/Postal Code _____
 Phone _____
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 New in Parish ____ Moving out of ____
 Moving within the Parish _____

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MISSION STATEMENT

Go and Make Disciples

VISION

Be the face of Jesus in the world; where church matters and a relationship with Jesus Christ is central to every person

Pastor: Father Owen Burns

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Strategy, Parish Support Team Chair – Michele Connors

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - **contact office**
 Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

October 12th – 13th, 2019 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5 14-17 2 Timothy 2 8-13 Luke 17 11-19

October 19th – 20th, 2019 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17 8-13 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.2 Luke 18 1-8

October 13, 2019 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17:18)

Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

Announced Masses

Tues.	Oct. 15	9:00 a.m.	Amy Toner
Wed.	Oct. 16	6:30 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Arickodass
Thurs.	Oct. 17	9:00 a.m.	Jim McMackin
Sat.	Oct. 19	5:00 p.m.	Lucy Saulnier
Sun.	Oct. 20	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	For Parishioners Special Intention

Scheduled Events — October 13th – 20th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Oct.13	Music Prac.7pm Mass	5:30 p.m.	Church
Mon.Oct.14	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Music Prac.5pm Mass	7:00 p.m.	Church
Tues.Oct.15	Seniors Pot Luck	12noon	Hall
	Parish Support Team	6:30 p.m.	Room #7
	Youth “You” program	6:30 p.m.	Room#1
	Music Prac. 10amMass	6:30 p.m.	Church
	Ultreya	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Wed.Oct.16	Little Rock	9:30 a.m.	Room #1
	Brownies/Sparks	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Bible Timeline 1	7:15 p.m.	Room#1
Thurs.Oct. 17	Alpha	6:30 p.m.	Hall
Sat. Oct.19	Home Eucharist Ministry meeting	9:00 a.m.	Family Room
Sun.Oct.20	Music Prac. 7pm Mass	5:30 p.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall

A Seniors Potluck will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at 12 noon in the church hall. Bring your favourite dish or dessert. **Following lunch** a guest from the Financial & Consumer service will be presenting information on Frauds and Scams. Bingo to follow. Come and bring a friend!

To All Cursiestas: There will be an Ultreya on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mark’s Catholic Parish Hall, 171 Pettingill Road, Quispamsis. For more information, call Charlie LeBlanc at 654-0822. Please use the back entrance.

Religious Formation – 849-5111
Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Catechism Sessions have begun and we are still looking for two helpers for Kindergarten and Grade 1! If you are able to assist, please contact Wendy stmarksreled@bellaliant.com as soon as possible. Please pray for our catechists and young people!

Whole Parish Catechesis

About the Gospel: Jesus meets ten lepers who beg to be healed. After being cured, only one man, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for healing him. Jesus tells this man that his faith has saved him.

Exploring the Sunday Readings:

For Adults: Is “thank you” a phrase you employ often, or rarely? What are the top ten reasons you are grateful?

Family Corner:

In Church : Before Mass begins, look around you for people who appear to be guests in your church. Greet them warmly or offer a Sign of Peace during Mass. Consider inviting this person to sit with your family if he or she is sitting alone.

Family Prayer: Lord, we thank you for all of the ways that you have healed and helped us. We will try harder to not take you for granted. Amen.

Question of the Week: What is something that you took for granted this week?

Copies of a letter providing an update regarding the status of St. Mark’s Parish Pastoral Council are available in the church foyer, or visit our parish website: www.stmarksparish.ca

Book Donation for Peru Committee

Finally finished all your summer reading? Wondering what to do with all of those books? Want to use them to make a difference in the lives of others? Why not donate them to the Peru Committee? A box for your donations has been placed on the bench opposite the office. Our sale will take place in November, with all proceeds benefiting the work of the Sisters of Mercy in Peru.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, October 6 th	\$ 4,691.55

Giving

Did you know that providing heat and lights for our church and rectory is expected to cost about \$30,000 in 2019 – roughly 10% of our total operating costs?

Having well maintained buildings allows us to fulfill our mission – “Go and Make Disciples”. Our liturgy celebrations, faith formation programs and community gatherings are **all** hosted in, and around, these buildings.

Your generous support will ensure our buildings are well maintained and available for use.

Are you able to help?

If so, please prayerfully consider:

- Increasing your current weekly giving;
- Moving to Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) instead of using weekly envelopes;
- Designating more of your weekly donation to support our day to day operations.

CWL Memorial Lights

Saint Mark’s Catholic Women’s League is offering **Memorial Lights** for \$10.00 (or a donation) in memory of deceased relatives and/or friends after all 3 weekend Masses on October 19th/20th & October 26th/27th. Members will be available at all 3 entrances. These Memorial lights will be placed on a cross located just outside the front door of the church and will be turned on Nov. 2nd (Feast of All Souls Day) to Nov. 29th. There will be a special blessing by Father Burns on Nov. 2nd when the lights are turned on.

Care and Concern Ministry

If you or someone you know are in need of help this Christmas, please contact the St. Mark’s Parish office at 849-5111 or call Rose at 849-7364.

Thanksgiving Day is a day set aside to give thanks to God for the many blessings of the year.