

FAMILY DAYS

We need volunteers for our new Family Days! What is a Family Day? Families will gather together, along with the teaching team, 4 times a year: Fall, Advent, Lent and Easter. There will be gathering prayer, some music (led by our fabulous Music Ministry!), and then activities and family discussions around the theme for the day. Families will pray and learn together. The teaching team will guide participants to explore the theme, but will not be “teaching” a lesson. Sessions are at 10:05 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. All materials and support will be provided. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Wendy at stmarksreled@bellaliant.com or at 849-8162. Please pray for our faith formation ministry!

Diocesan News

Sept. 17 - Sunday Exposition/Adoration at Villa Madonna from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 21 – Canadian Mental Health Association is now accepting registrations for our fall education programs. *Mindfulness*, a six-week program designed to teach individuals the benefits and practices of mindfulness and how to focus on living deeply in the present moment. To pre-register please call 633-1705.

Sept. 27 - BINGO will be held at St. Pius X Church Hall on Somerset Street with the early bird games beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by Regular games at 7:00 p.m. \$20/person.

Sept. 29 - Our Spiritual Journey for the encouragement and enjoyment of adults, a wonder of creation . . . in their own spiritual journey . . . and especially the activity of God, the Divine One, Permeating all. Six Friday morning sessions, 9:00 a.m. to noon, beginning Sept. 29th. Sessions are ecumenical and welcome men and women of diverse experience of life and God. To be held at St. Alphonsus Church Hampton. For more information or to register: 506-642-3152 or doreenm7@hotmail.com or audite119@aliant.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 _____

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

September 16th – 17th, 2017 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27.30 – 28.7 Romans 14 7-9 Matthew 18 21-35

September 23rd – 24th, 2017 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55 6-9 Philippians 1. 20-24, 27 Matthew 20 1-16

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s” - ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

Announced Masses

Tues.	Sept. 19	7:00 p.m.	Marg Rioux
Thurs.	Sept. 21	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Fri.	Sept. 22	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Weir
Sat.	Sept. 23	5:00 p.m.	For Parishioners
Sun.	Sept. 24	9:00 a.m.	Dick & Doris Burgoyne
		11:15 a.m.	Doreen McKenna

NO MASS WED. SEPT. 20

Scheduled Events –Sept. 17th – 24th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Sept. 17	Baptism	11:15pm	Church
Mon. Sept. 18	Adult Music Prac.	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Little Rock	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
Tues. Sept. 19	Seniors Potluck	12noon	Hall
Sat. Sept. 23	Peeling Vegetables	9:00 a.m.	Kitchen
Sun. Sept. 24	Turkey Supper	3:00 p.m.	Hall

**Annual Turkey Supper
September 24th**



Many items are needed for our annual turkey supper. Food tags are posted on the easel in the foyer as well as envelopes for money donations for purchasing the turkeys. On the food tags you will find the name of the item and the date it should be delivered to the church. The left side of the tag goes with you, the right side of the tag is put in the box provided. If you have any questions please call Fran Hickmott: 654-7200 or the office at 849-5111.

Volunteering at the Turkey Supper

You are invited to come and support the annual parish turkey supper! There are a variety of ways youth and adults can help: waiting on tables, servers, kitchen tasks, peeling vegetables and cleaning tables etc. Many hands will make a successful day. Visit the foyer to sign-up! If you have any questions please call Fran Hickmott: 654-7200 or the office at 849-5111.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, September 10 th	\$ 4,406.90

Religious Formation - 849-5111

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

Sept. 17 – Sessions K-8 (no session for Gr. 9)

Sept. 24 - Sessions K-9

Gr. 4 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses – presentation of Bibles.

Gr. 9 – Mandatory parent meeting for Confirmation candidates and parents 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

upstairs in the church

Oct. 1 – Fall Family Day 10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the hall

NEEDED Urgently:

2 Grade 3 catechists (to work together)

2 Grade 5 catechists (to work together)

2 Grade 6 catechists (to work together)

4 Family Day helpers (to work as a team)

These teams are needed right away so that registered children can begin the program.



New On-line Registration for Religious Education

NEW – Religious Education Registration now open on-line! Please visit our website or use the following URL:

<https://www.stmarksparish.ca/religious-education-registration>.

Catechists Needed

Catechists needed for grades K-8! We provide all the materials; the manuals walk you through each session, and you are never alone – all our catechists work with a partner. You need not have any special skills beyond a desire to help our young people grow in faith! You will get to know a pretty great group of kids, and explore our Catholic faith together.

The time commitment is about 2 hours for each week you have sessions: 1 hour to read and prepare at home, and then the actual session time. Sessions are Sunday morning, from 10:05 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We know you have a lot going on, so we try to build in some “weeks off” for the catechists. Sessions run over the 32 week period from Sept. 17th to Apr. 22nd. There are 18 sessions for Gr. K-6 and 12 for Gr. 7 and 8. If you are able to help with this important ministry, please contact Wendy as soon as possible at stmarksreled@bellaliant.com or at 849-8162.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Why is there such a collection?

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese/eparchy by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, has described this Collection as an invitation to “all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the Church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and the contributions of their time and talents. The Collection for the Needs of the Church is an opportunity for Catholics to truly help their diocese/eparchy participate in the regional episcopal assemblies and the CCCC. Any additional revenue which is raised is used by the diocese/eparchy for its own pastoral programs and other activities.”

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place September 23rd/24th weekend. This annual charitable initiative furthers the collegiality and synodality of the Bishops’ ministry in leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God’s children, disciples of Christ in Canada.

Book Sale

The Peru Committee will be holding its annual book sale mid-November; more details to come. Please save your books for our fundraiser. Drop-off dates for book donations will be announced soon.

A Seniors Potluck will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at 12 noon in the church hall. Bring your favourite dish, bingo to follow, all our welcome.



**CWL Regional Meeting – September 30th
10:00 a.m. – St. Joseph’s Hope Center**

With the vote to disband all four CWL Diocesan Councils in the province, meetings have been scheduled so that all CWL Parish Council members have the opportunity to hear and take part in the discussion of the procedures for the restructuring of The Catholic Women’s League in the province of New Brunswick. You are encouraged to attend this important meeting because the results of these meetings will form the future of your League in New Brunswick. If you have any questions please call Provincial President Marie Rackley at 696-8464 or email at m.mrackley@hotmail.com.