

Your Excellence,
In the occasion of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Diocese of Saint John, I am pleased to forward to you the following message:

The Most Reverend Robert Harris
Bishop of Saint John

His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to learn of the celebration on 1 October 2017 commemorating the hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of New Brunswick. He assures you, the clergy, consecrated men and women, and all the people of the Diocese of Saint John of his spiritual closeness during this historic jubilee. As you offer thanks to Almighty God for his many graces, the Holy Father prays that you may experience a new outpouring of grace to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and to embolden you to be his witnesses in your homes and communities. He especially prays that this anniversary observance may be a time of revitalization for the parishes of the Diocese, so that each may be "a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach" (Evangelii Gaudium, 28). In this way, all the baptized will give an ever more convincing testimony to the transforming power of God's love and mercy, and draw others to share fully in the life of the Church. Entrusting all of you to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, the Holy Father willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio

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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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

October 14th – 15th, 2017 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary time

Isaiah 25 6-10a Philippians 4 12-14 19-20 Matthew 22 1-14

October 21st – 22nd, 2017 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary time

Isaiah 45.1 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1 1-5ab Matthew 22 15-21

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Announced Masses

Tues.	Oct. 17	7:00 p.m.	Daniel Row
Wed.	Oct. 18	9:00 a.m.	John Fullerton
Thurs.	Oct. 19	7:00 p.m.	Ernie Blanchard
Fri.	Oct. 20	9:00 a.m.	Ed & Sarah Lund
Sat.	Oct. 21	5:00 p.m.	Rose Brideau (Anniv)
Sun.	Oct. 22	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
		11:15 a.m.	Roseann LeBlanc (Anniv.)

Scheduled Events – October 15th – 22nd

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Oct. 15	Baptism	11:15a.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Rm5-7
Mon.Oct.16	Adult Music Prac.	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Little Rock	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Tues.Oct.17	Flu Shot Clinic	9:00 a.m.	Room#5-7
	Seniors Potluck	12noon	Hall
	RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Wed. Oct. 18	Little Rock	9:30 a.m.	Room #1
	Brownies	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Taize	7:00 p.m.	Church
Sun.Oct.22	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall

World Mission Sunday Collection – October 22nd

Taize Prayer

On October 18th at 7:00 p.m. St. Mark’s Church, 171 Pettingill Road is hosting an evening prayer with songs of Taize. All are welcome to an ecumenical evening of songs, chants, and prayers in the style of Taize. This meditative style of worship originated in the town of Taize, France, and remains popular with people around the world, especially young adults. Join our St. Mark’s music ministry as we host this special event. For further information contact Brenda Renaud 849-0125 or brendalee.renaud@gmail.com

The special collection for the Religion Education Program last weekend amounted to \$1,060.65, we look forward to hearing from others in the coming weeks who have not yet made a commitment. Envelopes are available on the table in the foyer.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, October 8 th	\$ 4,640.45

Religious Formation - 849-5111

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

Oct. 15 – Sessions K-8 (no session Gr. 9)
Oct. 22 – Sessions K-6 (no session Gr.7, 8 & 9)
Oct. 29 – Sessions K-9
Nov. 4 – Steubenville Launch Party
Ages 14-18 in the Hall at 6:00 p.m.

NEEDED Urgently:

Catechists are still needed:
Grade 6 – 2 catechists
Grade 7 – 1 catechist
Family Day’s – 4 volunteers still needed.



Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace This week, the children of St. Mark’s parish preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be considering what it means to turn away from God’s love. They will learn how sin can be overcome by God’s grace. In your own life, have there been times when God’s grace helped you to overcome your own sinfulness and brought you peace and forgiveness? Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus: A Small-Group Retreat - Join us for a 10 week small-group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, Consoling the Heart of Jesus. Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the saints and blessed like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Mother Teresa; and have all the tools you’ll need to “become a saint, a great saint, and quickly”. Book and all materials provided. We meet Mondays beginning October 23 in Room #5 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome – there is no charge! For more information or to register please contact Kathy Goudreau at kathygoufdreau@gmail.com or 651-7494.

The Library will be open each Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Please stop in and see what books and movies are available to borrow. Lots of selections for children and adults.

Peru Book Sale

The Peru Committee will be holding its annual sale of gently used books, CDs and DVDs at St. Mark's in November. More details to follow next week! Boxes for your donated items will be placed in the foyer and on the bench opposite the Office starting on Tuesday, October 10. Proceeds from this sale will support the work of the Sisters of Mercy in Peru. Although we are saddened that our relationship with St. Luke's has ended, we feel called to continue our support for the people of Peru and are looking forward to partnering with the Sisters of Mercy. For more information about the Sisters, please check the bulletin boards, or the Peru cabinet in the foyer.



Seasons of Hope

As you know, mourning the loss of someone you love is never easy, but there is hope. Our St. Mark’s parish community will host *Seasons of Hope*, a unique support group. This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God’s consolation through scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing our faith. The program will run each Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for 6 weeks from October 24th – Nov. 28th. To be held in the family room in the church. Resource cost \$15.00 (if able) All welcome. For more information or to register call Mavis Drummond at 847-8318 or Jack Evans at 847-7139.

Seasons Of Hope Bereavement Support Group are in need of a couple of helpers. Interested in lending a hand? Love to hear from you, please call Mavis 847-8318 or the office at 849-5111.

CWL Memorial Lights

CWL is offering **Memorial Lights** for \$10.00 (or a donation) in memory of deceased relatives and friends after all Masses October 14/15 and October 21/22 weekend. These lights will be lit on a cross outside the church from Nov. 2nd (Feast of All Souls) to Nov. 26th. There will be a special blessing by Father Burns on Nov. 2nd when the lights are turned on.

Congratulations, prayers and best wishes to:

Lloyd and Lorraine Saulnier who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

A Seniors Potluck will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at 12 noon in the church hall. Bring your favourite dish or dessert. It will be Halloween theme, wear a costume if you wish. Bingo to follow.