

Christmas Treat Sale
Fundraiser In support of the Youth
of the Diocese of Saint John

Each tray includes a selection of treats including: Candy Cane Shortbread Bars • Cherry Balls • Fudge Lemon Squares • Date Squares • Dipped Pretzels • Chocolate Mint Brownies • Shortbread Cookies • Peanut Butter Squares • Gingerbread Men. Tray sizes are: Small - serves 1-2 - \$8; Family - serves 4-6 - \$20; Platter - serves 10+ - \$40. We will take orders up to end of day Sunday the 27th.
To Order Contact: Mary Alice 653-6829; Joseph 721-8258; Wendy 849-8162 Or email stmarksreled@bellaliant.com.



FLU SHOT –A Flu Shot Clinic will be held at Saint Mark’s on Tuesday, November 29th **4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Adults \$25.00, seniors over 65 and children 18 and younger are free. Please call SuperStore Pharmacy 847-7014 for an appointment. Drop-ins are welcome.

Diocesan News

Nov. 30 - CHRISTMAS CASH BINGO - will be held at St. Pius X Church, Somerset Street at 6:00 p.m. and regular games at 7:00 p.m. \$20/person \$1,000 Jackpot - tickets available at the door.

Dec. 1 - Evening Prayer at Carmel Chapel, 105 Burpee Ave. at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to the sounds of song, psalm, silence and prayer. Instrumentals by a local musician marks the gathering time with its own beauty. A peaceful 30-40 minute experience.

Dec. 4 - The Sussex Choral Society presents its annual Christmas concert 7:30 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sussex. Directed by David Mitchell, with accompaniment by Karen Gallagher, this year’s concert features soloists Joseph Goodwin and Lisa Linden, as well as the Sussex Corner Elementary School Choir and Tammy Morris. Tickets are \$15, available at Winterwood Food Store, Back Stage Music, and at the door.

Dec. 10 – Christmas dinner at St. Peter’s Church - turkey dinner with all the trimmings on 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adults 10 \$ Children under 12 \$5.

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

November 26th – 27th, 2016 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2 1-5 Romans 13:1-14 Matthew 24 37-44

December 3rd- 4th, 2016 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

1st Sunday of Advent

“For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 11th 2:00 p.m.- St. Mark’s

December 5th 7:00 p.m. – St. Alphonsus, Hampton

Announced Masses

Tues.	Nov. 29	7:00 p.m.	Ronald Steeves
Wed.	Nov. 30	9:00 a.m.	Dee Hache
Thurs.	Dec. 1	7:00 p.m.	Bruce Palmer
Fri.	Dec. 2	9:00 a.m.	Marilyn Evans
Sat.	Dec. 3	5:00 p.m.	Rheal Arsenault
Sun.	Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	Wayne Buchanan (Anniv.)
		11:15a.m.	For Parishioners

All our welcome to be with Bishop Robert Harris and the priests of the Diocese to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral residence.
There will be no mass at St. Mark's on Thursday, December 8th

Scheduled Events-Nov.27th – Dec.4th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Nov.27	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.
Mon. Nov.28	Adult Music practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Girl Guides	6:30 p.m.	Hall
Tues.Nov.29	Flu Shot Clinic	4:00 p.m.	Room #5-7
	Season of Hope	7:30 p.m.	Family Rm.
	RCIA#2	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
Wed. Nov.30	Brownies	6:30 p.m.	Rm5-7
Thurs. Dec. 1	33 Days to Morning Glory	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
Sun. Dec. 4	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.

Lectors – Sunday Missals are ready to be picked up in the Ministries Room.

Sign-up sheets for Ministries for Christmas Masses are in the foyer.

2017 Sunday Envelopes Ready for Pick-Up

A-H next to the chapel, I-Z on Pettingill Road side.

Religious Formation - 849-5111

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

Nov. 27 – Sessions K-8 (no sessions for Gr. 9)
Dec. 4 – Sessions K-8 (no sessions for Gr. 9)
Grade 2 – mandatory family Catechesis upstairs 10:05 a.m.
Grade 9 – 11:15 a.m. – Candidates to renew Baptismal Promises
Dec. 10 – Gr. 2 1st reconciliation 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 11 - Sessions K-8 (no sessions Gr. 2 or Gr. 9)

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace This week our parish children, who will soon be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will gather for their final preparation session. They will learn about the meaning of conversion and how a return to God's love is celebrated in this sacrament. Parishioners are encouraged to reflect on their own experience of conversion or turning back to God. Please pray for the children as they celebrate their First Reconciliation.

Pro-Life Collection will take place on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Those with Sunday envelopes will find a special envelope in their box provided.

Baptism – The following babies were welcomed into the Faith Community through the sacrament of baptism:
Leo Michael Waye and Hunter William David McGuigan-Mazerolle

Condolences to:

- * Father Ken Weir on the death of his mother Barbara Weir
- * Steve and Sharon Nason and family on the death of Sharon's father Edward Crockett
- * Alan Freemantle, Lisa Magee and family on the death of Alan's mother Georgette Freemantle
- * Norah and Ron Soobratee and family on the death of Norah's mother Patricia McCarthy

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day

11:15 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S AND
FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, Dec. 31st – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1st – New Year's Day
11:15 a.m.



Christmas Board

Christmas Board – A list of clothing and groceries is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Choose an item, write your name and phone number on one half of the tag and place in the box provided. Return the item wrapped with the other half of the tag attached by Dec. 6th. If you or someone you know are in need of help this Christmas please contact the office at 849-5111 or Rose at 849-7364.



The El Zohbi's

Our recent Caroling Evening, as well as being a very entertaining evening, hosted by our Church Choir and storytelling by Bob Doherty, was a plus for the El Zohbi's. The evening proceeds were divided between St Luke's in Peru and our Syrian family. This amounted to \$278.30 and an anonymous donor gave \$221.70 to bring the total to \$500.00. Treats for the evening were provided by committee members from both groups and the choir members. Many thanks to everyone! *Jean MacDonald*



175th Anniversary Banner

175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Saint John banner is on display in our church. All the churches and mission churches appear on this banner.

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, Nov. 20 th	\$ 4,248.45
Priest Illness	\$ 2,215.80