

**Diocesan News**

**Mar. 20** - The monthly Mass for those living with cancer will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Anointing of the sick will be offered.

**Mar. 21** – Fr. M.A. Harris Council #6766 Knights of Columbus meeting to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (back entrance) at 7:00 p.m. for officers and 7:30 p.m. for the general meeting. Bring an item for the K.V. Food Basket

**Mar. 24** – Father Henry Ramage Knights of Columbus Council Bingo each Friday in Stella Maris Church hall; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early Bird Games at 6:30 p.m. Regular Games begin at 7:00 p.m. Bingo Packets are \$20 at the door.

**Mar. 30** - Forget NETFLIX - DO SOMETHING AMAZING – Bring a friend and experience energetic music, skits and passionate worship at a NET (National Evangelical Team) Canada Worship Youth Rally, *youth aged 14-18* at St. Joseph’s H.O.P.E Centre starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. Please contact Mary Alice Glasgow to register 653-6829, sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org by Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada**

**Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

This week, we meet with Cécile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. “Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights.” This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s monthly donor program? More information can be found online at devp.org/shareyearround. Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.

**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

**March 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 17 3-7 Romans 5 1-2, 5-8 John 4.5 – 42

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – 26, 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16 1b, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5 8-14 John 9 1-41

**March 19, 2017 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” JOHN 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”.

### Announced Masses

Tues.	Mar. 21	7:00 p.m.	Marie Cavanagh
Wed.	Mar. 22	9:00 a.m.	Frank Peters
Thurs.	Mar. 23	7:00 p.m.	Fran Roach
Fri.	Mar. 24	9:00 a.m.	Bridie Gorman
Sat.	Mar. 25	5:00 p.m.	Chantal Chevrier
Sun.	Mar. 26	9:00 a.m.	Gerald Foreman
		11:15 a.m.	For Parishioners

### *Chrism Mass*

***Blessing of the Holy Oils -Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate  
Conception. All parishioners are welcome to attend.  
There will be no Mass at St. Mark's on this date***

### **Scheduled Events Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Mar.19	Lights/Camera/Faith	3:00 p.m.	Room #1
	Pathfinders	3:30p.m.	Rm5-7
Mon.Mar.20	Girl Guides/Sparks	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Prac.	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tues.Mar.21	Lenten program	7:30p.m.	Hall
	Seniors Lunch	12noon	Hall
Wed.Mar.22	Brownies	6:30pm	Hall
	CWL mini retreat	6:30 p.m.	Church
Fri.Mar.24	CWL Way of the Cross	9:30 a.m.	Church
Sun.Mar.26	Penance Celebration	2:00 p.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	3:30p.m.	Rm5-7

### **Condolences:**

\*Most Rev. Bishop Harris and brother priests on the death of one of their own Father Louis Vermeersch

\*Mark and Beth Fenwick and family on the death of Mark's father Kenneth Fenwick

Donations have been made to the Building Fund in memory of John Fullerton and Ernie Blanchard

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 4,023.39

### **Religious Formation - 849-5111**

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

**Mar. 19** - Sessions K-9

**Mar. 26** - Sessions K-8 (no sessions Grade 9)  
Grade 2 children and parents – Family Catechesis  
10:05a.m. upstairs in the church

**Mar. 29** – Gr. 9 Confirmation retreat with N.E.T.  
\*\*\* (mandatory)\*\*\*

**Apr. 1** - Gr. 2 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist workshop 10a.m. – 12 noon  
Gr. 2 Parent meeting 11:30 a.m.

### CWL-Stations of the Cross

The Catholic Women's League will be celebrating the stations of the cross every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass during the Lenten season. We will be using different prayer formats for each week. Everyone is welcome to participate.



### **A Women's Mini Retreat Sponsored by St. Mark's C.W.L.**

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Church, Pettingill Rd.

An Evening of Listening....

Reflecting ....Pondering

To Deepen Your Love of the Lord

No Admission Fee – Good Will Offering

*All women of the parish and the community at large are  
welcome to participate*

**Attention Lectors:** To help in the preparations for Easter celebrations, please send current email and/or phone number information to John Kelley; [johnkell@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:johnkell@nb.sympatico.ca) or 847-4612.

### Seniors lunch

**A Seniors Lunch** will be held on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon in the church hall. Meal and dessert will be provided. Bingo to follow, all our welcome.

**Development and Peace collection will take place on  
April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> weekend**

### LENT RECONCILIATION

St. Mark's ,Sunday, March 26, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus, Monday, March 27, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

**Who** would enjoy a loving atmosphere of learning and laughter? Would a fuller prayer life help you in any way? Please join us as we journey through Lent exploring: What type of prayer speaks to us as individuals? How do I begin? Who is listening? When do I find time? Practice Improves. What colour am I? Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark's Church Hall. Bring: your bible (if you have one), a smile (if you can) and an open heart and mind (by grace). Cost: FREE. For more information contact Mavis Drummond 847-8318.



### New Date for Adult Faith Formation Bible Workshop

This workshop takes place on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the St. Mark's hall. Topics are basic introduction to the Bible and Prayer using the Bible. Please note that pre-registration is requested in order to properly prepare. Call Denise at 847-7258 or e-mail [annies06@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:annies06@nb.sympatico.ca).



**The Peru Committee** wishes to thank all those who supported our Lenten project, Postcards for Peru. Although our project has officially ended, you may still support our sister parish by placing your donation in a "Peru Committee" envelope, and dropping it in the collection. If you have not yet completed a postcard, the remaining cards are now available on the Peru cabinet in the church foyer. Postcards are provided at NO CHARGE to you, and we encourage as many as possible to send a greeting to our brothers and sisters at St. Luke's Parish. Postcards will be displayed in the church until March 26<sup>th</sup> then sent to Peru.

**Easter Baskets For Those In Need** – A list of needs is on the board in the foyer. Please sign one half of the sheet and place in the box provided. Please return food items by the weekend of April 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>.