Diocesan News

Apr. 3 - Divine Mercy Sunday - there will be a special "Holy Hour of Divine Mercy" at Holy Trinity, 348 Rockland Road beginning at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Parish Family Centre.
Apr. 6 - Mass for the respect of life at 12:00 noon at Stella Maris Church, 201 Bayside Drive, Fr. Osborne and Fr. Stephen concelebrants. An invitation to pray for human life from conception until natural death.
Apr. 10 - Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Adults $7/Children $3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.
Apr.16-17 - Saint-François-de-Sales Parish is hosting a parish retreat. The retreat will take place at Saint-Francois-de-Sales church and will be given in French. Father Mario Doyle, a Redemptorist priest from Moncton, leading the retreat and Serge and Lucie Champagne guiding us through prayer and music. The cost of the retreat, including meals and breaks, is $80 per person for the two days. Registration can be done by Contacting Saint-Francois-de-Sales parish or by email at gaetane1953@hotmail.ca.
Apr. 20 - 1-Day Guided-Directed Retreat – Please join us at the Villa Madonna on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, from 9:30am – 4:30pm as we continue to celebrate the **Resurrection of Jesus.** This retreat, facilitated by Fr. Bill Brennan and members of our local AASEA, offers time for quiet, personal prayer, a guided meditation, and the opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. The day will conclude with mass con-celebrated by Fr. Bill and Fr. Mike LeBlanc. The cost for the day is $35.00. For information on registration, go to www.aaseasaintjohn.ca or call Doug Hubbard at (506)738-2034.

Prayer for Our Troops - Of all the gifts we could give a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and others deployed in harm's way, prayer is the very best one. ***We pray for: Darren Persaud***

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

April 2nd – 3rd, 2016
Acts 5 12-16 Revelation 1 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20 19-31
April 9th – 10th, 2016
Acts 5 28-32 40b-41 Revelation 5 11-14 John 21 1-19

2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"
JOHN 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

Announced Masses

Tues. Apr. 5	7:00 p.m.	Anthony McKenna (Anniv)
Wed. Apr. 6	9:00 a.m.	Angus Gillis (Anniv)
Thurs. Apr. 7	7:00 p.m.	Roger Landry
Fri. Apr. 8	9:00 a.m.	Evelyn Webber
Sat. Apr. 9	5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Brownlow
Sun. Apr. 10	9:00 a.m.	Cathie Burbridge
	11:15 a.m.	For Parishioners

Condolescences to:
Jean-Marc and Erika Levesque, Monique and Peter King and families on the death of Jean-Marc's and Monique's father Gerald Levesque

Scheduled Events - Apr. 3rd - Apr. 10th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Apr. 3	Youth Music practice	12:15pm	Church
	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm
Mon.Apr. 4	Girl Guides	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Prac.	7:00pm	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Wed.Apr. 6	Brownies/Sparks	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Liturgy Committee	7:30 p.m.	Room#5
Thurs.Apr. 7	Discussion meeting for implementing a Youth Group	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
Sat. Apr. 9	Spring Bazaar	10:00a.m.	Hall
Sun.Apr.10	Youth Music practice	12:15pm	Church
	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm

A sincere thank you to all those involved in the various ministries during Holy Week and Easter. Thank you for making our Easter Celebrations so beautiful!

Parish Pastoral Council Elections will be held on the weekend of May 28th - 29th. If you or someone you know is interested in being a candidate please call the parish office, 849-5111.

Required Weekly	$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, March 27th	$ 5,096.67
Easter Offering	$4,321.32

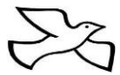
Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
Email: wendy.ellis@bellaliant.net

Apr. 3 - Sessions K-9
Grade 2 children and parents –family catechesis
10:05 a.m. upstairs in the church

Apr. 6 - Reconciliation Grade 2-9 6:30 p.m.
Grade 9 are required to attend if they are to be confirmed

Apr. 10 - Sessions K-8
10:05 a.m. Grade 9 – confirmation practice with candidates and parents



Confirmation—April 16th-17th

Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, April 16h, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 17th, 11:15 a.m. *There will be no Confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. Mass* so if time is a factor please attend this Mass.

Gr. 8 Ministry Service – A few Grade 8 young people and parents are needed to assist in serving at the confirmation and first eucharist receptions. Please call Wendy Ellis at 849-8162 if you are able to assist.

1st Eucharist Dates - Sunday, May 1st 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Peter Little who was received into the full communion of the Catholic Church and celebrated with him the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

- and to the baby that was baptized at the Easter Vigil

- Samuel Woodworth

- and to the four babies baptized on Easter Sunday
- Gavin Armstrong, Mya Breen, Jacob Beaulieu, Jordan Mattie

The Easter Candle remains near the altar until Pentecost inclusive, to emphasize the presence of the risen Christ in His Church. It is he who gives us His Spirit.

Spring's-A-Bloomin Bazaar

St. Mark's Catholic Church, invites you to get into the Spring of things at "Spring's-A-Bloomin' " Bazaar, *Saturday, April 9th 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.* in the church hall. Admisson: Free-Will Offering .The Bazaar will provide over fifty vendors offering art, food, cosmetics, jewellery, crafts, etc. Come out and have lunch and enjoy the day.

If you are able to volunteer in any way for this event please contact Mary Alice Glasgow 849-6392.
All proceeds go to the Building Fund.

Implementing a Youth Group

A discussion and brainstorming session will take place Thursday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m. regarding the youth at St. Mark's. This meeting will consist of ideas being shared on how to implement a youth group within our Parish. The meeting will take place in room 1. Everyone is welcome to attend! For further information contact Kayla Johnson (kaylajohnsonbusiness@gmail.com (506) 654-6272).

Youth Group Fundraiser – Please donate your recyclable bottles to the Youth Group. Tag your bags "St. Mark's Youth Group" and the redemption centre by the Co-op will do the rest. Any contributions to our Youth is greatly appreciated.

Syrian Refugee Initiative

St. Mark's Syrian Refugee Initiative has been awarded a Volunteer Recognition Award by the Town of Quispamsis. The award will take place on Tuesday April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at town hall. This is an affirmation from the town on your generousity to sponsor a refugee family. Parent-Teacher interviews are taking place this week which will help us to understand where the boys need help. We are setting up a tutoring program for the boys after school to help them complete homework and improve English skills. Volunteers are welcome. Salam was given a sewing machine which was much appreciated. I have discovered that she worked at sewing and perhaps knitting before she was married. Sneakers and/or soccer gear for ages 6,8 and 12 and shoe sizes 13 – 6 would be appreciated.
Thank you, Coordinator - Jean MacDonald 849-7647.